The Father's House

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INTRODUCTION

The end-time move of God (at least for the remnant church) will take place in and through the Father's House of Prayer. The ultimate experience for the *called and chosen generation* is "The Father" and His House of Prayer. His House is a house of intercessory worship, warfare worship, and prayerful worship *in the Spirit*.

The Father's House is not about "church," religion, or religious traditions. It is filled with glory, presence, power, fire, breath, inspiration, and a powerful flowing river that issues out from the throne of God.

The Father's Kingdom House is above, beyond, and supersedes all the dimensions of forms that have become a bondage to the people of God. Forms and structures are necessary; however, if they become "law" rather than stability and guiding posts, they will eventually become bondage and death, preventing the river from flowing freely from the throne of God through "His House."

THE BOSOM OF THE FATHER

When Jesus walked among men, it was proclaimed that He resided in the bosom of the Father.

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. (John 1:18)

Inspired by the Holy Ghost, John declared where Jesus' "home" was. The bosom of the Father is where the heartbeat of God is found. It serves as the Father's throne room, the center and core of all eternal existence; the bosom is the Father's House! Even though Jesus walked among men, He never left the Father's House. He dwelled in the Father's bosom, He functioned by His Father's heartbeat, acted as His Father did, spoke as His Father spoke, and walked where His Father walked. He lived in sync, harmony, and alignment with the Father's heartbeat in all things. This is the Father's House!

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:2-6)

Jesus ascended to heaven to prepare a place for us in the *Father's House*. The term "mansions" does not refer to palaces or grand residences; rather, it relates to spaces, rooms, and dimensions. The Father's House features many dimensions, tiers, and layers of exhilarating heights and depths. Those who dwell in the Father's House will eternally experience the abundant thrill of all the rooms and dimensions of the Father's glory and abiding presence.

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. (John 13:23)

Jesus chose twelve disciples; however, one of them had an intimate relationship with Jesus that the others did not share. This one was John. He was privileged to lean on the bosom of Jesus. It was here that John experienced the rhythm of Jesus' heartbeat. Once you have encountered the rhythm of the heartbeat of God you can never, you will never, walk away from Him again. Finding the father's House is the discovery of God's bosom and the rhythm of His heartbeat that expresses and defines His will and purpose.

When Jesus was on the cross, John was the only disciple who stood by Him while all the other disciples fled in fear of losing their lives. John had found "the bosom." He had discovered the heartbeat; he was not about to desert the one he loved and He who loved him.

The bosom is a place of love, a space of union, intimacy, fellowship, oneness, and connection. It was while John stood by the cross with Mary, the mother of Jesus, that a miraculous transformation occurred in his life.

When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. (John 19:26-27)

John took Jesus' place as "a son" of the womb that had given him birth. This presents a phenomenal image of the "sons of God" who discover and dwell in the bosom of God, the Father's House! Powerful!

WHO DWELLS IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE?

And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. (Matthew 21:13)

Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. (Isaiah 56:6-7)

The HOUSE OF PRAYER (The LORD's House — The Father's House) is a house of worship and prayer. It is a house for those who *join themselves* to the LORD and who *serve and love the LORD's name*. It is a house of prayer for all who have *chosen Jesus as their Sabbath Day* and who have *taken hold of New Covenant*.

These are the ones who have received the promise of being brought to the LORD's Holy Mountain, Zion, the Father's House. There, the sacrifices of obedience unto the LORD will be accepted upon the altar of the hearts of God's people. The joy of the LORD will fill the House of Prayer with sounds of worship and the fragrant incense of prayers ascending to the LORD God.

The end-time move of God will occur within and through THE HOUSE OF PRAYER! The word "prayer" in Hebrew is "tefillah," which means *intercessory worship*. In other words, the House of Prayer is a site of prayerful worship. The ultimate move of God will unfold when we step away from our religious routines of so-called "worship" and allow ourselves to rise into the heights of the Spirit through intercessory worship; a seamless blend of prayer and worship where we cannot discern where prayer ends and worship begins, or where worship ends, and prayer begins; it will all flow together as one like a mighty river!

TRUE WORSHIPPERS OF THE FATHER'S HOUSE

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (John 4:23-24)

Jesus spoke about "True Worshippers" that the Father is searching for to occupy minister in His House of Prayer. True worshippers are not bound to religious orders, structure, or forms. True worshippers worship "The Father" in Spirit and in Truth. What does that mean?

Worship in Spirit:

To worship in Spirit means that the worshipper's spirit is filled and inspired by the breath, anointing, and power of the Holy Ghost. God is Spirit, and He can only be truly worshipped in, through, and by the Spirit.

Worship in Truth:

Worshiping in Truth means that the worshiper is sincere, honest, and pure of heart in their submission to the Truth of God's word; it means to be free from falsehood,

deceit, and guile. The Truth of God's Word envelopes and clothes the worship of the true worshippers that have discovered the Father's House. The Spirit and the Word (the Truth) will always align and never contradict each other.

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. (1 John 5:6-7)

The Spirit is Truth, and the Truth is Spirit. Jesus said:

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (John 6:63)

The Word (The Truth) that Jesus spoke was Spirit and life. This is also what the worship of true worshippers looks like; worship that is filled and inspired by the Truth and the Spirit. This worship is life indeed!

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (John 16:13)

The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Truth. Again, take note that the Spirit and the Truth are always united and always agree. (see also John 14:17, 15:26)

THE PRAYER AND WORSHIP OF THE FATHER'S HOUSE IMPACTS THE WHOLE EARTH:

The fragrant incense rising from the House of Prayer will impact the whole earth in the end-times.

And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and

thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. (Revelation 8:3-6)

The Golden Altar, located in God's throne room, is filled with the incense of the prayers of the saints who pray and worship in tune with God's heartbeat. Under the Law of Moses, within the Tabernacle, which served as a prophetic type and shadow of the heavenly tabernacle, the Golden Altar of incense was positioned at the heart of the tabernacle. This symbolized the heartbeat and bosom of the Father.

In the end times, the prophet John saw an angel standing at the Golden Altar before God's throne. The angel took the smoky, fiery incense from the altar and cast it down to the earth. This resulted in voices, thunder, lightning, and earthquakes, echoing the prayers of the saints in the Father's House. The prayers of the saints represent worship and supplications that have ascended before God over time. In God's presence, there is no time; there is no past or future—everything is present. Therefore, all the prayers of the past are "present" before Him. They are, as it were, piled up before Him like coals of fire, fragrant incense, and ashes of sacrifice. At the appointed time, God will take the fiery coals and ashes from the Golden Altar of prayerful worship in His House and will cast them to the earth. The impact of the prayers of the saints is beyond imagination! Never give up; you may not see the results of your prayers, but God is storing every word, every cry, and every act of worship to use according to His plan and purpose.

- **Voices** / to lighten (shine), that is to show or reveal, disclosure, to address for any purpose.
- Thunderings / to roar (loud sounds or rumbling and crashing after lightning strikes), symbolizing union as the clouds crash together.
- **Lightning** / bright shining flashes of powerful light, to strew, to spread. This symbolizes the light of truth calling people to separate themselves unto God.
- **Earthquakes**/shaking and tremors symbolize the opening of prison doors, setting captives free, and providing deliverance.

The coals of incense sent to the earth also convey various prophetic meanings regarding God's judgments on the earth and His dealings with humankind. However, in this study, we primarily relate these prophetic meanings to our personal spiritual lives and the impact this experience has on us and the world surrounding us.

John witnessed all this just prior to the explosive sound of the seven angels' trumpets. One by one, in succession and according to God's will, the angels sounded their trumpets, bringing about impactful and devastating events upon the earth. However, when the seventh trumpet sounded, we see a glorious outcome from all the calamities and woes that preceded.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 11:15)

This is the ultimate end of all things; the establishment of the Kingdom of God and His Christ who shall reign forever and ever!

Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. (1 Corinthians 15:24)

This is the power found in the Father's House of Prayer! It is here, in the bosom of God, within the heartbeat from His throne and glory presence, that the kingdom is established, and the King is crowned the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

The foundation of the House of Prayer is Tefillah, symbolizing intercessory worship. The capstone is meditative prayer, a mindful form of meditation and worship directed toward the throne of God and the One who sits upon it.

THE PROPHETIC JOURNEY

It is the Tabernacle of David that the prophet Amos prophesied would be restored in the end-times.

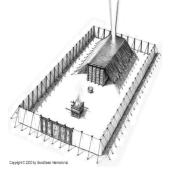
After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. (Acts 15:16-17).

The words spoken during the great council meeting in Jerusalem are drawn from Amos 9:11. The Tabernacle of David serves as a bridge connecting one dispensation to another. In David's time, his tabernacle linked the era of Moses' Tabernacle with the beginning of the Temple era. Moses' Tabernacle represents the Son of God (and the New Testament era), while Solomon's Temple symbolizes the Heavenly Father (and the millennial age of God's Kingdom established). David's Tabernacle acted as the bridge between the two. Today, we stand at this moment on that bridge! God desires to see humanity's longing for Him transformed into action as we create a dwelling place of worship and prayer unto our God, driven by our love for Him! From this place of love (David means love), the son relationship with the Father is born. Solomon was the only one in Old Testament times whom God called "my son."

And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. (1 Chronicles 28:6)

The "son of love" became the "adopted son of God." From the bosom of love, sonship was born!

The three prophetic dwelling places of God's glory prophetically depict our journey to sonship, to the bosom of God, to the Father's House.



TABERNACLE OF MOSES



DAVID'S TABERNACLE



TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

Prophetic of...

JESUS CHRIST THE CHURCH

MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART THE BRIDE/ZION HEAVENLY FATHER
THE SONS OF GOD

New Testament

Restoring of David's Tabernacle

Rest – Millennium

This diagram testifies to what God desires to work within the hearts and lives of those upon whom His Name has been called! The ultimate goal of our spiritual journey is to 'return to the Father', back to the Father's House.

THE MULTI-DIMENSIONS OF PRAYER

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (Ephesians 6:18)

The Apostle Paul admonishes the church in Ephesus to pray always with "all prayer". Prayer is not fully experienced in one way, manner, nature, dimension, or intensity. The House of Prayer is a house that hosts many levels. Between the foundation and the capstone are levels and dimensions of prayer that are uniquely different. Each level represents a different type and aspect of prayer. Prayer is not only one-dimensional; it is multi-dimensional. God Himself is multi-dimensional. The nature and character of God is high, low, long, and broad. It is also hot and cold.

The House of Prayer is the Father's House. – Jesus said, "In my Father's House are many mansions (rooms, spaces, and abodes) (John 14:102).

The Father's House of Prayer comprises many rooms, spaces, dimensions, and experiences. It is filled with various forms of prayer, melody, music, songs, and demonstrations of the Spirit. Living in the Father's House is never boring, monotonous, repetitive, or dull. Within His House, many rooms and dimensions of experience are revealed.

And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake. (Ezekiel 1:27-28)

Ezekiel's description of God's glory is manifold: the color of amber, fire roundabout, circles of fire from the loins up and from the loins down, brightness, a rainbow with multiple colors, clouds, and rain. What a glorious description of an indescribable scene. Nonetheless, we catch a finite glimpse into the multiple scenes, colors, lights, movements, and elements discovered in the presence of God's eternal glory. Prayer in the Spirit is experienced in this place of movement in various dimensions of God and His power.

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. (Ephesians 3:17-19)

The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire. (Psalm 18:13)

The voice of the LORD God is witnessed as hail stones and coals of fire. So also is the voice of prayer. By viewing the glory, nature, character, presence, and power of God, we catch a vision of what the spiritual life and, moreover, a believer's prayer life looks like. Prayer is experienced as heights, depths, breadths, lengths, horizontal and vertical circles, up and down, to and fro, and ice and fire. Prayer is silent, and prayer is loud. It is impossible to place prayer within a box of confinement, hence, limiting God's spirit and His movement.

The fullness of God is multidimensional. To be filled with it means experiencing the various and manifold dimensions of His character, nature, power, word, wisdom, and glory-presence. Experiencing it also involves engaging with the different levels of the House of Prayer.

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: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Ephesians 3:9-11)

The manifold wisdom of God (various in character, diverse, multifarious — many varied parts and aspects) is a mystery that was eternally purposed in and through Jesus Christ but revealed to the principalities and powers in heavenly places through the church. This truth is explosive in nature. Consider this: you and I are called to demonstrate and make known the manifold wisdom of God to the spiritual powers in high places. We can only achieve this by and through the Spirit of God. Prayer is one means of demonstrating the manifold wisdom of God.

THE OUTCASTS OF ISRAEL - INHABITANTS OF THE FATHER'S HOUSE

...for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. The LORD God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him. (Isaiah 56:7-8) (John 2:16 make not my Father's House a house of merchandise)

Zion, Jerusalem, the bride of Christ, comprises the <u>gathered outcasts of the church</u> <u>world</u> – the rejects, the misfits, the unpopular, the misunderstood, the frowned upon, the mocked and ridiculed ones.

The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. (Psalm 147:2)

The word OUTCAST means to thrust away, drive away, push down, chase, and to overthrow.

Many of God's people feel like outcasts, but don't worry—Jesus Himself was an outcast among His own people. Yet, He is gathering His chosen to Himself, forming a community—a HOUSE OF PRAYER—people who create a dwelling place raised for His presence and glory; a tent, as it were, built for His Name. This is the habitation of prayer and worship in the Spirit.

It seems that the further we advance in our relationship with God, the less we fit into the mainstream, shallow, worldly, backslidden Laodicean church culture. However, you'll find a sense of belonging in the house of prayer—whether it's your own personal and private temple or the gathering of the saints. Prayer and worship are where you truly belong. Prayer and worship in the Spirit is what creates a distinction

between those practicing a religion and those experiencing a relationship with God whilst swimming in the river from His throne (Ezekiel 47:5).

Jesus cleansed the Father's House of Prayer twice—first, at the beginning of His ministry and second, at His triumphant entry before His crucifixion. These two cleansings symbolize the two spiritual cleansings and deliverances He desires to perform in our lives. The first cleansing took place at the start of our journey when we received Him as Savior. Now, however, He longs to enter as KING. For this to occur, another cleansing and deliverance is required. The Father's House of Prayer must be swept clean so that His Kingdom can be established!

Do not be dismayed; those who pursue the vision of the House of Prayer will be outcasts in both the religious world and the surrounding secular world. However, David, whose name means love, who was also an outcast within his own family and among his own people, was the one whom God chose to raise the Tabernacle of David, a house of intercessory worship that housed the presence and glory of God. God used David to "cleanse" Zion's Hill of the Jebusites and raise a House unto the glory of God; a house of 24/7 worship and prayer! This is our calling! Out from David's Tabernacle came Solomon's Temple, the Father's House.

THY KINGDOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE!- THE CHOSEN GENERATION

The "chosen generation" are called to "shew forth the praises of God."

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: (1 Peter 2:9)

The chosen generation does not pursue religious rituals or establish doctrinal barriers; rather, they seek God, His presence, and His likeness upon His Holy Hill of Zion.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and

righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah (Psalm 24:3-6).

It is time, it is the season to raise the Tabernacle of David; the time to build the house of prayerful worship as the LORD stirs, awakens, and brings in the remnant of His called and chosen.

After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. (Acts 15:16-17)

God is calling, are we listening?