

THE TWO KINGDOMS

There has always existed on this earth, and in heaven, the potential for 2 kingdoms. We can step in and out of them easily and all too quickly. Lucifer was in 1 kingdom and stepped into another. Adam was in 1 kingdom and stepped into another. Enoch was in 1 kingdom and stepped into another. Abraham was in 1 kingdom and stepped into another. I have been in 1 kingdom and stepped into another.

It is that simple. And it is just as simple to go back.

Adam and Eve were the first parents, the first people, the first fruits of mankind. They were created to be the Bride of Christ, a helpmate. We see Adam as the shadow of Jesus, and Eve as the shadow of mankind. The book of Revelation sums this up in 22:17, The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."

We were created to be one with Christ, just as Eve and Adam were one body. We were created to be forever one with Christ just as a man and a woman become one flesh that nothing can separate. They were the type of who we are in Christ Jesus.

They were to be the parents of an entire race that would abide with and follow God, would love God for all eternity as His bride. The angels were His friends, we were His bride. Adam and Eve were created to live forever, to never die...just as nothing ever died in the Garden. They were created to eat live food, and that life was to become part of them...the living sustaining the living. They ate nothing that had died but things containing life; seeds, fruit, vegetables....

They were created with a spiritual reality even though they were natural beings. They were spiritual beings in natural bodies. They were 100% alive, thinking with their entire minds. Their hearts were one with God and each other. They were in total relationship with the Lord and each other. There was nothing between them or between them and God...they were naked, transparent and totally vulnerable.

They walked and talked with angels. They walked and talked with the Lord every morning. They saw, heard, felt and knew the glories of heaven.

I want you to get the fullness of what they/we were created to be...but what they actually were experiencing... before sin. The entire Bible is written to get us back to that point. Every story, every parable, every detail is written to reinstate us back to our original state...a state they lived in. The sacrifice of the Son of God was to pay our debt so we could get back to that estate we were created to be in.

Now I want you to look closely at their "assignment" in God. Like us, they had a job to do. Everyone has an assignment for their lives. But what is this work that they were required to do?

First, let's analyze when they were created.

We have always been taught that man was created at the end of the 6th day. But that is not exactly true. Adam was created long before Eve. He worked, and then Eve was created at the end of the 6th day.

When exactly was that? Well, the evening and the morning is how God calculates the day. We calculate it from midnight, but God calculates it from sundown to sundown.

God created all the animals of the earth on the evening (is this why so many are nocturnal?), or the beginning (sundown) of the 6th day. At sunrise, He created Adam. The first thing Adam was given to do was name all the animals. So God brought all the animals before Adam and he assigned them names.

It is interesting that Adam named all the creatures of the earth. He did this as the animals paraded past him – he did this publicly. Each one heard the name of the other. When Adam fell, we became creatures of the earth. Revelation 2:17 tells us that Jesus will give us a new name, and He will do this privately, no one will know our name except us. Jesus is the 2nd Adam, 2nd man, and He redid every detail of Adam's assignment in the garden right down to giving us a new name. Hallelujah, He gave us a do-over.

It was during this time, right after Adam's creation that the Lord told Adam, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." Genesis 2:16, 17.

At the end of the day, he caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep, took from Adam a rib, with which God then fashioned wo-man.

Adam and Eve awoke on the Sabbath evening, the beginning of the 7th day, the day of rest.

Jesus tells us that man was not made for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath was made for man. (Mark 2:27)

Genesis 1:28-30 God blessed them: God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air and every living creature that crawls on the earth." Then God said, "Here! Throughout the whole earth I am giving you as food every seed-bearing plant and every tree with seed-bearing fruit. And to every wild animal, bird in the air and creature crawling on the earth, in which there is a living soul, I am giving as food every kind of green plant." And that is how it was. (The Complete Jewish Bible)

Genesis 2:1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them. On the seventh day God was finished with his work which he had made, so he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. God blessed the seventh day and separated it as holy; because on that day God rested from all his work which he had created, so that it itself could produce. (The Complete Jewish Bible)

God rested on the 7th day, not because He had to, or because He was tired, but He was done. He had created everything that was needed for His creation to also be creative. And Adam and Eve had the nature of God – the creative nature of their Father. And they were instructed to:

1. Be fruitful
2. Multiply
3. Fill the earth
4. Subdue the earth

5. Eat of every seed-bearing plant, tree (save 1) and seed-bearing fruit

What an assignment! Be fruitful, fill the earth, subdue the earth and eat of the plenty of every plant, fruit and tree.

To subdue means to overcome, to quiet and bring under control.

We have always been taught that it means solely to subjugate and conquer. But it really means to overcome and quiet. This, to me, brings an entirely new slant on the issue. God's way was never to "CONQUER" but to overcome and quiet, bring under control, bring peace. It is a religious and antichrist spirit that runs about conquering everything and everyone in sight.

I want to apologize to Eve for all the things I have said about her. If you have followed my newsletters, you will know that I have never cut Eve a break for eating that fruit. However, the Lord has showed me something I had not seen before. It was to Adam that He gave the one simple rule – Do not eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. To not eat, simply means to not take that sin into themselves, ingesting it into their being. It was a very simple rule. But Adam did not tell Eve exactly this rule – he added to it, he complicated it. Adam told Eve that she could not eat of it, or EVEN TOUCH IT lest she die. He took a simple rule and added to it making it a burden. This was the same burden that Jesus accused the scribes and Pharisees of adding. Many religious leaders are guilty of the same sin today.

Eve sinned because Adam added to God's instruction. In trying to live up to the added burden of religion, she fell. In contrast, Jesus did nothing He did not see the Father doing. He did nothing of Himself. Everything He taught was of God. He added nothing to the word He heard...He added nothing to the work He did. His burden is indeed light.

It sounds harder, for instance, that not only are you not to commit adultery, but you are not even to look at a woman (or man) with lust in your heart. Does this make the commandment harder to obey? No. It makes it easier. If we do not have the thought, we do not have the temptation and therefore will not follow through. When the thought is nurtured in our heart, it's a done deal. But if we do not allow the thought to grow, do not feed it, we literally overcome that sin, we quiet our spirits and bring our lives under control. Grace allows us to take the thought captive.

Voila. We are living Kingdom life in this one area of our life.

What does this look like in practice? Well, we all know I love food, I love to eat. I learned it was a reward. So I invented things to be rewarded for. But I am not as active as I perhaps could be, so do not burn it up as well as I should. So, instead of making this into a DIET RELIGION which tells me to deny God's bounty created for my pleasure, I have decided to overcome this element, quiet my spirit, and bring this area of my life under control. I will eat what I like but smaller amounts. A glass of wine is fine, but being a drunkard is being not in control. It is being "outside" the Kingdom of God because we are in the kingdom of whatever controls us. It is a matter of deciding where we want to live.

Now, let's just take a minute and look at where Adam and Eve lived.

First, they lived in Eden which is Hebrew for place of PLEASURE. It was a garden that contained every tree that was pleasing to the eye and good for food. The tree of life was in the middle of the Garden. One river flowed from Eden and separated into 4 headwaters.

The name of the first river was Pishon which means increase. It flowed around the whole land of Havilah where there is gold. Havilah is Hebrew meaning DANCE, BRINGING FORTH, TREMBLING. Pishon brought increase to the bringing forth of the land, and in that land was gold, aromatic gum and onyx.

Gold is non-perishable and typifies INCORRUPTIBILITY. It is the adornment of angels (Rev. 15:6) and saints (Psalm 45:13). When gold is beaten into a transparent leaf, the only light it allows through is blue photons. Blue stands for REVELATION.

Frankincense and Myrrh both come from aromatic gums. Frankincense is used in worship, and was used in a holy oil to anoint the priests of the Lord. It burned day and night before the Lord in the Temple. It was placed in the Holy of Holies. Myrrh is the first mentioned principle ingredient in the holy anointing oils. Esther spent 6 months in a cleansing, healing bath of myrrh oil. Gold, frankincense and myrrh were the 3 gifts the wise men brought to Jesus at His birth.

Onyx was used to make seals of authority set in rings. It was worn by the High Priest on his breast plate, and can be found in Revelation as part of the city of Heaven. The name Asher was carved in the Onyx stone. Asher means blessed, happy, prosper, straight, honest, guide, lead, and relieve. Onyx means fire and splendor.

The river of Pishon stood for increase, flowing around the whole land of dancing and bringing forth that which was filled with incorruptible, eternal gold, healing, anointing, and blessedness. It stood for everything that was in Eden, the Garden of God. It stood for everything that is Kingdom Living. Here we find immortality, incorruptibility, the seal of authority, the foundation for the city of New Jerusalem, healing, worship, prayer, relationship, communication, blessing, anointing, and we have the Lord with us.

In 1 Corinthians 15:54, we are told that God's people will put on incorruptibility and immortality. God's people will return to this land of Eden, and they will do it by following the Ancient Paths.

What really excites me is to know the God of this Garden. This is the God Adam and Eve personally knew on a face-to-face basis. They knew God by His name, by His nature...they knew Him personally.

Abba Father (Rom 8:15), **Advocate** (1 John 2:1), **Alpha and Omega: The First and the Last** (Rev 22:13), **Ancient of Days** (Dan 7:9), **Anointed One** (Ps 2:2), **Author of Life** (Acts 3:15), **Author of our Faith** (Heb 12:2), **Blessed and Holy Ruler** (1 Tim 6:15), **Bread of Life** (John 6:35), **Bridegroom** (Isa 62:56), **Bright Morning Star** (Rev 22:16), **Chief Shepherd** (1 Peter 5:4), **Comforter** (John 14:26), **Consuming Fire** (Deut 4:24), **Counselor** (Isa 9:6), **Creator** (1 Peter 4:19), **Deliverer** (Rom 11:26), **The God of my Life** (Ps 42:8), **The God of Knowledge** (1 Sam 2:3), **The God of Truth** (Ps 31:5), **The God of Patience and Consolation** (Rom 15:5), **The God of Glory** (Ps 29:3), **The Faithful God** (Deut 7:9), **The Awesome God** (Neh 9:32), **The God of the Heavens** (Ps 136:26), **The God of everlasting time** (Gen 21:33), **The God of Compassion** (Deut 4:31), **The God Who opens our eyes** (Gen 16:13), **The All-Sufficient God** (Gen 17:1), **The God of our Salvation** (Ps 68:19), **The God of the Righteous People** (Deut 32:15), **The God of the Covenant** (Jud 9:46), **The**

Gracious God (Jonah 4:2), **The Jealous God** (Ex 20:5), **God with us** (Isa 7:14), **Everlasting Father** (Isa 9:6), **Faithful and True** (Rev 19:11), **Redeemer** (Job 19:25), **Gentle Whisper** (1 Kings 19:12), **Guide** (Ps 48:14), **Head of the Body** (Col 1:18), **Heir of all Things** (Heb 1:2), **The Lord will Provide** (Gen 22:13-14), **The Lord my Sanctifier** (Ex 31:13), **The Lord our Healer** (Ex 15:26), **The Lord is Peace** (Jud 6:24), **The Lord who is Present** (Eze 48:35), **Judge** (Isa 33:22), **King of the Ages** (Rev 15:3), **Lawgiver** (Isa 33:22), **Light of the World** (John 8:12), **Living Stone** (1 Peter 2:4), **Living Water** (John 4:10), **Lord of Lords** (1 Tim 6:15), **Love** (1 John 4:8), **Shield** (Ps 3:3), **Mediator** (1 Tim 2:5), **Merciful God** (Jer 3:12), **Messiah** (John 4:25), **Only Begotten Son** (John 1:18), **Our Peace** (Eph 2:14), **Deliverer** (Ps 18:2), **Wonderful** (Isa 9:6), **Purifier** (Mal 3:3), **Teacher** (John 20:16), **Redeemer** (Job 19:25), **Refiner's Fire** (Mal 3:2), **Resurrection** (John 11:25), **Ruler over Kings of the Earth** (Rev 1:5), **Savior** (Luke 2:11), **Source** (Heb 5:9), **Way** (John 14:6), **Wisdom of God** (1 Cor 1:24), **Witness** (Isa 55:4)

This was the God that walked with them in the cool of the morning through the Garden. They knew who He was. They walked in the peace of the Sabbath rest, the seventh day. They did the work that God had given them.

What was that Sabbath rest? What is the Sabbath rest we are supposed to be in?

First, there is the Sabbath which is the seventh day of the week. Deuteronomy 5:12-15 tells us:

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Observe the day of Shabbat, to set it apart as holy, as ADONAI your God ordered you to do. You have six days to labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Shabbat for ADONAI your God. On it you are not to do any kind of work - not you, your son or your daughter, not your male or female slave, not your ox, your donkey or any of your other livestock, and not the foreigner staying with you inside the gates to your property - so that your male and female servants can rest just as you do. You are to remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and ADONAI your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore ADONAI your God has ordered you to keep the day of Shabbat.

No work could be done on the Sabbath. Not by our animals, our servants, not by a stranger on our property.... We are to remember we were slaves in the land of Egypt and it was God who rescued us and brought us out with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. And we are to keep the Sabbath holy.

We are to spend the Sabbath counting our blessings, that we are no longer slaves in the land of Egypt. But what exactly is Egypt. Oh, I have heard that it represents everything flesh...but what exactly is it.

The very word "Egypt" stands for Two Lands. It stands for division. The Egyptians, Ethiopians, Canaanites, Phoenicians and Hittites were all descendents of Ham. The Egyptians were descendents of Ham's son Mizraim, which means "double straits". They were a land of two nations – the lower and upper dynasties unified under 1 god-king. Egypt represents a divided kingdom, a land that enslaved its strangers that were once welcomed with open arms. Egypt represents the other kingdom, the kingdom Adam and Eve stepped into when they left the Kingdom Living of Garden-life in Eden.

There are many similarities that can be drawn here.

Just as the Lord divided the light from the darkness in the creation of all things, He also divided the children of Israel from the Egyptians through their deliverance. He called the children of Israel out of Egypt just like He called His Son out of Egypt, just like He is now calling us (sons) out of symbolic Egypt. God destroyed the god-king of Egypt and his army to save the children of Israel and bring them into Kingdom Living in the Promised Land, just like He destroyed Enoch bar Cain and the entire Adamic race dividing the righteous from the unrighteous with the water of the flood. And maybe this is a stretch but interesting nevertheless. I have always wondered why water and blood came out of the wound in Jesus' side. God is once again dividing the righteous from the unrighteous – His people from the world – those in Kingdom Living from those outside the Garden – by water of the Word...and by the blood of the Lamb.

Everything was in Eden just as we have everything in Kingdom Living. We have the fullness of God and the fullness of blessing. We need to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and eat life. We need to exist, live and thrive in the Sabbath just as Enoch, Abraham and Jesus did.

The Sabbath was a sign, a covenant, between man and God.

Exodus 31:12-17 ADONAI said to Moshe, "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'You are to observe my Shabbats; for this is a sign between me and you through all your generations; so that you will know that I am ADONAI, who sets you apart for me. Therefore you are to keep my Shabbat, because it is set apart for you. Everyone who treats it as ordinary must be put to death; for whoever does any work on it is to be cut off from his people. On six days work will get done; but the seventh day is Shabbat, for complete rest, set apart for ADONAI. Whoever does any work on the day of Shabbat must be put to death. The people of Isra'el are to keep the Shabbat, to observe Shabbat through all their generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the people of Isra'el forever; for in six days ADONAI made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day he stopped working and rested.'"

The weekly Sabbath is one of the appointed feasts of the Lord as is said in Leviticus 23:1-2.

Isaiah 58:13-14 If you hold back your foot on Shabbat from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call Shabbat a delight, ADONAI's holy day, worth honoring; then honor it by not doing your usual things or pursuing your interests or speaking about them. If you do, you will find delight in ADONAI - I will make you ride on the heights of the land and feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Ya'akov, for the mouth of ADONAI has spoken."

How important is this to God?

- 7 day week ending in the Sabbath
- 7 years culminating in a Sabbatical Year
- 7 Sabbatical Years of 7 years culminating at the Year of Jubilee
- 7 weeks of 7 days to the Feast of Weeks/Shavuot/Pentecost
- 7 months of feasts ending in the ultimate Sabbath, the Feast of Tabernacles
- 70 periods of 7 (Dan 9:24-27) "End of the Age" prophesy
- 7 year period at the "End of the Age" (Dan 9:24-27) The 70th 7 year period

- 70 years symbol of Completion (Jer 29:10-14; 30:3, 7, 11, 24; 31:31-34, 38-40)

Shmita, the Sabbatical year, the fields were to be left fallow and all agricultural activity, including planting, plowing, pruning and harvesting, was forbidden. The land was made to rest. It is interesting that 7 years of Sabbaths = 364 days, the equivalent of 1 year, Shmita.

During the Yovel, Jubilee Year, all land was to be returned to its owner, or their heirs, and all slaves were to be freed.

These are the holy Sabbaths of the Lord. Combined they stand for no work, the land to lay fallow, the land be returned to its owner or their heirs and the freedom of slaves.

During the Shmita and Yovel, the fruit from trees could be eaten. Everything and everyone was in a time of restoration, freedom, and divine provision, depending solely on God for their sustenance. This was the Garden of Eden where Adam lived. This was Kingdom Living. And note, even though there was no need for money, there was plenty of gold lying around for their use.

But there was another choice in Eden. There was the serpent in the tree ready to lead Eve away from Kingdom Living, and from the God who would save her. And the remaining description of Eden tells about the potential fall of mankind...a fall they could have avoided.

The name of the second river is Gihon which winds through the entire land of Cush. Gihon means to burst forth while Cush, thought to mean a dark countenance, more accurately means As If He Is Getting Smarter. Cush was the son of Ham who brought in the counterfeit religion that became Babylon – as if he is getting smarter. It is interesting that the darkness and false religion was already in existence with the fall of Lucifer and his fellow rebellious angels. But here lies the promise that life-giving water would burst forth into the darkness.!!! It is also interesting that this is the second river named. It not only bears witness to this happening, but the number 2 stands for division, separation and Jezebel, the mother of harlots. It is interesting to note once again that the word Egypt stands for the Two Lands, division. When we separate from God, it is the first step into our own destruction. Here is a completely different Kingdom from Eden, the kingdom of separation and division.

The third river is the Tigris (Hebrew Hiddekel which means sudden) that runs east of Asshur. Asshur means straight up. Asshur was the capital of Assyria before Ninevah where Nimrod built the tower of Babel and his kingdom. It is interesting that this is the third river. Following the rivers, we seem to be progressively walking further from the Promised Land into division, right into a false religion by the time we get to Hiddekel. Cush was the father of Nimrod...division is the father of a religious spirit and rebellion.

The fourth river and final river is the Euphrates (Hebrew Parat which means fruitful). This river marked one of the boundaries of the Promised Land given to Abraham (Genesis 15:18). This river will dry up in preparation for the Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:12). And Revelation 9:14 speaks of 4 angels, bound at the great river Euphrates, who will be released. But what is most striking about this river is the fact that it consistently floods. No matter the efforts invested to plant crops in its fertile soil, the river

always floods. The inevitable results are destruction and washing away any potential fruits. Euphrates deceptively promises a fruitful and bountiful harvest, but like a thief in the night, it brings sudden destruction.

The very moment Adam and Eve sinned, they stepped from one Kingdom into another. They stepped from Kingdom Living in God's Kingdom of blessing and multiplication into the kingdom of curse and lack. They gave up their authority (the signet ring of onyx), their healing (myrrh), their anointing (frankincense) and their wealth. They forfeited immortality and incorruptibility (gold) in exchange for slavery, disease, condemnation, poverty, mortality and corruptness.

This was the kingdom you and I were born into. This is the kingdom our generations have blindly accepted. It is not the Kingdom our Creator provided.

Enoch stepped out of this kingdom into Kingdom Living. It wasn't a sudden thing. He began to walk into Kingdom Living when he was 65 and he maintained until God took him at 365. It is interesting to note that he was the 7th generation from Adam and he was part of the geneology of Jesus.

Abraham was called out of Ur to walk into the land that God would give him and his descendants. It is interesting that Ur is the place where Daniel and his companions were thrown into the fire. Ur was the abode of Nanna whose consort was En-Su. En-Su was the Lord of Wisdom and was equally called by his more accepted name, Sin. According to legend, Abram was a prophet who was thrown into the fire of Nimrod, just as centuries later Daniel was thrown into the fire of Nebuchadnezzar. Ur was the place where people were sacrificed in a room of fire. Abram, the 77th generation from Adam, was called out of the fire of Nimrod to walk into the land that God would give his descendants. At the moment of his obedience, Abram walked from one kingdom into the other...Kingdom Living.

Abram entered into a new covenant with God. He was promised that his name would be made great, that he would be given the land where he walked, that he would have descendants without number, that he would become the father of many nations, that he would receive blessing and redemption. He was promised that the families of the world would be blessed through the physical line of Abraham.

It took one man to walk from one Kingdom to another to plunge mankind into the land of curse. It took one Man to walk from one kingdom to the other Kingdom to restore our opportunity to live in Kingdom Living. We can live in the land of blessing regardless of where we are because God will always bless His people. We simply need to walk from the curse into the blessing.

But what most people do is exactly what Israel did. God brought them out of slavery in a mighty way, gave them detailed information for Kingdom Living, took them right up to the border of the Promised Land filled with houses they did not build, crops they did not plant, etc. But the children of Israel did not take the step to move forward into the benefits of Kingdom Living, they trembled in fear, choosing instead to return to slavery.

We too, have done exactly that very same thing. We accept Christ as our Savior, walk into Kingdom Living, and then turn right around and step back into the familiar kingdom of curse. I am as guilty of this as the rest of the Christian world.

We do this because we do not understand the magnitude of true salvation. Jesus has given us the keys to this Kingdom. The keys to step, as in take action, from the land of the earth-curse to Kingdom Living. We do this by following Kingdom principles in every area of our life.

I want to give you two examples that show exactly what the two kingdoms are about.

Israel was worshipping Baal and Yahweh. Elijah called for the king to bring 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Ashtoreth to Mount Carmel.

400 is an interesting number. 400 people gathered around David during his escape. 400 false prophets told Ahab that Yahweh would deliver his enemies into his hands. The captivity of the Hebrews lasted 400 years. It stands for 2 (Jezebel) x 200 (Insufficiency). Meanwhile the 450 prophets of Baal represents 45 (inheritance) x 10 (law).

The prophets of Baal built their altar and sacrificed their animal. They prayed without ceasing from morning until well after midday with no results, no indication that they had been heard. They convulsed, they threw themselves into frantic agitation, contorting themselves into possessed movements. They shouted louder, they cut themselves with swords and spears, giving themselves up as living sacrifices of blood. They prophesied frantically until the time of the evening sacrifice. Nothing happened.

They lived in the cursed kingdom. They worked themselves up into a frenzy. They sacrificed their own sweat and blood, their own voices of false prophesy, their own efforts of sacrifice...all to no avail. That is what a religious spirit demands. A religious spirit is a relentless taskmaster. It demands our ultimate performance. It demands our shame and embarrassment. We need to do everything FOR the religious spirit... performance, work, attention, and honor. It demands that we sacrifice ourselves in any way possible, even to the cutting of ourselves to give our own blood. Eventually, it will demand that we give up everything, even our own life.

This is the ruler of the cursed-earth-kingdom. This kingdom, Adam and Eve chose to enter, leaving behind God's Kingdom. God then withdrew His blessing from the land of their exile.

They demanded a king – Lucifer – instead of a GOD who cared for them, who loved them.

In contrast, Elijah basked in the sun. He ate, drank and waited, until the prophets of Baal and Ashtoreth were finished with their show. Then he rebuilt the crumbled, abandoned altar of God, dug a deep trench around the altar, cut the bull into 4 pieces, drenched the entire thing with 4 large jars of water...and he did this 3 times. Then he just asked God to be who He was and prove His own name.

Again we see that there was a separation by water. We also see that the 4 pieces of the bull and 4 jars of water represent the 4 sections/rivers of the Garden of Eden.

What a difference. A religious spirit insists on defending the name of their god at all costs. A religious spirit insists that we adjust to their version of holy, that we appear to be holy, do holy things, speak holy words (christianese), especially if it is at great cost to us. A religious spirit demands that you demand the same from everyone around you, that same falsely holy level you appear to have attained. A religious spirit will suck the life out of you and everyone around you by demanding more and more performance.

In contrast to the scribes and Pharisees, who fasted in sackcloth and ashes, sat at the head of every table and enforced the ever increasing burden of Sabbath keeping, Jesus was called a wine-bibber and friend of tax collectors. He healed on the Sabbath, and allowed His disciples to eat plucked heads of grain on the Sabbath.

We have done the same thing with Jesus. We go to the cross, accept His salvation, and then step back into the earth-curse kingdom because we don't change our ways, our thinking. It is a mindset. Oh, we might stop drinking, doing drugs or sleeping around, but we continue to live according to the world's rules and systems.

And part of this kingdom's rules is that we only get food from the sweat of our brow. Another curse is that our children – our future – come forth through pain and agony.

It is time we stepped back into the Kingdom of God and live in the land of blessing and fruit.

Adam and Eve stepped out of the 7th day, the day of rest, back into the 6th day.

Have you walked back into the 6th day after your salvation at the cross? I know I did. I am now walking into the 7th day and I am going to stay there with all its perks. A full compensation package !!

The newsletters will begin to cover the keys to the Kingdom as God instructs. We are entering the year of double blessing, and like the Israelites, we will go out on the day before Sabbath and gather a double portion.

The next newsletter will deal with finances. We will discuss other areas throughout the year, but we will start with the one closest to all our hearts. The one we all have need of in these times of trouble. Isn't the Lord good to bring these things out during our desperate need when we are most likely to listen. Now, if you are planning to seed into my ministry, bless you, I thank you, but hold off until after the next newsletter. Learn how to seed correctly so that the windows of heaven will open up to you. The principles of giving and provision will set you free from the financial prison of this world.

God bless you all, abundantly

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