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THE ORDER OF A SON

Every Elijah needs an Elisha, Every Paul needs a Timothy. Every father needs a son. Every Church needs a generation prepared to step into her God-intended destiny. The true hope of the Church is the preparation of the sons in the house.

Since the publication of *You Have Not Many Fathers* in 1996, thousands in ministry and numerous churches worldwide have been forever changed by its contents. A flood of testimonials, from clergy and laity alike, continue to attest to ministries and lives that have found order and direction and have been transformed by its teachings. Due to this outpouring it became apparent that there was a great need for a sequel to discuss how to pass on father/son order to ministry sons and implement these teachings in a church setting.

The book, *You Have Not Many Fathers*, discusses what is perhaps the most powerful and important message for the Church in our day. In a systematic and insightful way, it uses the Word of God to show what the biblical order of fathers and sons is. It also discusses why the reestablishment of such order is essential for the fulfillment of God's purpose in our lives and in the Church as a whole.

Through biblical patterns and personal revelation, the author not only helps the Church understand its present anemic position but also defines the restoration of godly order that will bring the Church to its completed purpose. As a result of this pioneering work and the clear purpose and call of the Spirit, the spiritual necessity of coming into father/son order has become evident to many.

You Have Not Many Fathers answered the question about what father/son order is; whereas this book seeks to answer questions as to how this order can be brought to pass in the local church. How can Church leaders and heads of local churches take what is so foundational to God's plan and make it practical in their settings? How can those in ministry teach father/son order in a clear and systematic way in the local church? How can it be taught in such a way that it will not only be accepted but also applied? Of equal importance, how can those in a position of oversight help it become a lifestyle and not just a doctrine?

As all in leadership are so keenly aware, there is a vast difference between having people accept a teaching and having them conform their lives to that teaching.

In the past few years and through a number of avenues, the Lord has brought various pastors and church heads in contact with the topic of father/son relationships. The interchanges with these various leaders can be summed up in the same question: “How can father/son order become a reality in my church?” Many also said: “I believe and understand the necessity of establishing these relationships within my congregation—they’ve changed my life—but how can I bring my church into this order?”

It has become apparent that not only do church leaders need materials to help their local churches understand father/son relationships, but they themselves need to understand that there is an order and pattern as to how this revelation can be ministered and received by the church. To this end the following chapters have been devoted to helping church leadership understand the process of bringing this desired order to their local settings.

What follows is born out of a quest for biblical relationships in ministry. It is the result of father/son order ministered by the Spirit to many pastors who have witnessed the ability of this order to empower and revitalize their ministries and churches. Those who have experienced the blessing of father/son order are ever cognizant of the favor and grace of the Lord that is imparted to us through this relationship.

An increasing number of Church leaders are realizing that in order for their vision and purpose—given to them by God—to survive their lifetime, it must become generational. However, they are at a loss as to how to implement this biblical order.

That is the reason for this book. Springing from lessons learned in local churches as well as questions and problems raised by various pastors, the information in this book will assist the local church and its leaders to be brought into biblical father/son order.

In the book, *The Order of a Son*, you will find a tool for discipleship, preparation for Set Ministry, generational order, proper order for walking out your ministry, direction through setting goals, the hidden truth of the Body of Christ, etc. True fathers will: empower sons to receive their godly inheritance, teach their sons to forge lasting relationships, show the true biblical blueprint for better evangelism, help their sons to step into the call of God, teach sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. The mark of mature ministry is one that desires sons and not just followers.

In *THE ORDER OF A SON*, Dr. Mark Hanby shows clearly, simply and powerfully how the anointing of the father is passed down to spiritual sons helping them to become mature fathers. Without the true ministry of fathers to sons, there can never be a double-portion blessing to continue the Lord’s work and the Church will most certainly die in the next generation. Dr. Mark Hanby provides a biblical base that will enable the Church to meet her future now—in her sons.

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