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Recovering the Generational Blessing

“Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

The question we should all be asking ourselves is, “Am I desiring to walk in the ‘new things’ God is doing in the earth?” Many only recognize the repetition of former things as the hand of God and fail to see anything new or different beyond how He operated in the past. They cite scripture to prove what He ‘did’ ... yet fail to see what He is ‘doing.’ Some, unable to recognize spiritual things when they’re happening, perceive it as something wrong or demonic and blindly miss the present purpose of God.

If we are truly in the seventh day of God, we steadfastly look for the transfer of power from the old regime to a new order of doing Kingdom business. Therefore we do not sit back and judge or analyze what is happening because we question whether it may *even* be of God, but rather we are ardently pursuing Him ... His every breath becomes a cloud of glory to enter into ... His pillar of fire illuminates the door to Kingdom possibility ... and through the dimness, our eyes behold His ultimate purpose for us—our Kingdom destiny!

These are not days of regret or impatience but rather days to establish a new order of doing Kingdom business. It really is a ‘new thing’ that God wants to do. God shows ‘new things’ before their appointed time. Another generation may finish what we are seeing and bring it into manifestation by completing the work. *“They without us could not be made perfect or complete.”* We have appreciation for the revelation and our actual involvement in Kingdom business is establishing what was once known as a ‘new thing.’

A father in ministry deftly throws a spiritual word into his son’s future and when the sons pass by in their generation, they finish their portion of the work. This is the dynamics of a generational blessing. The Apostle James identified something that was laid up for his day—beholding the Tabernacle of David as the type for the New

Testament Church. The revelation established the Gentile's liberty in Christ as beyond the limitations of the law and into a higher dimension of grace.

A ministry father propels the elements of truth that are part of our future destiny into our path and at the determined time, we not only recognize it for what it is but *recover* it. The Apostle Paul wrote 'new things' such as the finished works of Christ, a new order of priests and the bride of Christ. He aimed many of his revelations so far into the future that some of them are first being recognized and utilized today. These are 'new things' springing forth now — its just that Paul spoke of them so that when we in our generations walk by what he saw in the Spirit, we would distinguish its dimensions and say, "*this is that,*" comprehending its structure by what he spoke. It was a prophetic word in Paul's day but it becomes a workable structure, a House in the seventh day. Our eyes are trained to spot 'new things' because we are eagerly looking for its manifestation.

The generational blessing has become a proceeding word from a father to a son, speaking 'new things' of his son's purpose and future destiny. Paul did this for his sons when he wrote of a new order of priesthood, the ministry of the saints and the day of rest, etc. He spoke these things into future generations—speaking of things he saw on the horizon of a new day, two Millenniums in the future ... knowing that another generation would pass these foundational landmarks and recognize its significance by the words he wrote. Yet, there was a time in history that even the blessing was a 'new thing.'

The Scripture does not record Abraham blessing his son Isaac. As the son of promise, Isaac inherited all that his father Abraham possessed. Abraham walked in 'new things' and Isaac was content to remain where he was. Isaac re-dug the wells of his father and only because of a need did he dig new ones. God uses situations to fashion destiny—therefore a situation between Esau and Jacob forced Isaac to do a 'new thing.' Isaac initiates the first generational blessing and from then on, the founding fathers gave a birthright *and* a blessing to their sons.

It is very possible that Isaac established the generational blessing primarily to nullify the inheritance and birthright Jacob purchased from Esau ... but God uses it to further His purpose. Isaac favored his firstborn son Esau but Rebekah wisely favored Jacob because of the Word the Lord had spoken to her when she inquired about the tremendous struggle in her womb. Although the older was stronger than the younger in physical stature, God had endowed the younger son with strength that would manifest in ruling power. A lack of power was evidenced in Esau—selling his birthright for stew. Esau did not hunger for the spiritual implications of his birthright—craving stew for the moment more than his future posterity. Jacob hungered to come into the birth order of God's blessing — a passion for the divine ... and God loved him.

Everyone knew Esau sold his birthright — actually calling him Edom after this incident. Regardless of what Esau did to lose his birthright, Isaac initiates a 'new thing' to change its lasting effect. If he blesses Esau, the word spoken will come to pass. Consequently, Isaac can reverse the inheritance through the blessing — the blessing establishes the inheritance.

Isaac thought he was blessing Esau and says, “*Surely, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed. Therefore may God give you of the dew of heaven, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine.*” Isaac prophesies that whatever his son has will become bountiful but in the next words, Isaac trumps the birthright of inheritance by blessing his future destiny as well, saying, “*Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, and let your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be those who bless you!*” The moment Isaac realizes he has blessed Jacob instead of Esau, he trembles exceedingly because he knew God had trumped him — altogether confirming that what God determined for Jacob would surely come to pass!

Isaac blessed Jacob with a generational blessing. The significance of the blessing is that it put a stake in Isaac’s inheritance and throws another stake into Jacob’s future — connecting Isaac’s past glory to Jacob’s future success. The line strung between the two points becomes a guide or roadmap for his life’s journey — raising the bar by expanding his outlook and stretching his expectation of future possibility and success.

The inheritance and blessing must be invested in divine purpose to perpetuate from generation to generation. This is very important because the blessing establishes the son’s purpose and future. It is significant that the generational blessing has been recovered. Our ministry father digs spiritual wells — these truths are a wellspring in our life. He saw ‘new things’ and incorporated it into his posterity through the generational blessing.

Just like Paul saw ‘new things’ and threw it two Millenniums in the future, so has our father in ministry. He recovered the generational blessing when he discovered the order of father to son and deposited it in our pathway ... and at the set time we caught up with it, recognized it as the foundation of many generations, and submitted to that order in our lives. We are walking in the direction of the ‘new things’ he sees in our future—such as the city church, an army raised up under spiritual authority and the corporate man in Christ. The generational blessing allows us to see our portion in the finished works of Christ and when we walk by the milestones he saw, we remember ‘this is that’ and build up the old waste places.

All those in his lineage have a quest for searching out the height, depth, width and length of all that he has challenged his future generations to seek out and nail down. A generational blessing is one of the most awesome spiritual words a ministry father can speak into his son and to his perpetual generations.

“I WILL SET YOU IN A PLACE AND CAUSE YOU TO LIFT UP YOUR EYES TO THE HILLS, I WILL GIVE YOU STRENGTH AND YOU WILL MINISTER TO MINISTRY.”

Our ministry father bequeathed onto us a portion of his life’s work. The generational blessing is connecting the inheritance to the next generation with a blessing of promise to

yet be fulfilled. We treasure the blessing as it lights our future path. Our father has imparted to us his blessing to continue in the kingdom business, that what he has accomplished in this earth will carry on with the same principles and fervency into perpetual generations.

Some may think we failed or missed the mark because of the time it takes for us to reel in what is cast into our future to recover, but what he really did was bring a 'new thing' into our grasp ... our realm of possibility. It was a future blessing and revelation when he spoke his heavenly vision to us, but what shall become of this vision will be awesome. Our greatest objective is to seek after the 'new things' God is saying through our ministry father. Everything else becomes a result of that one resolution.

A father in ministry will wrap up his time and labor of love into an inheritance that all that he has or ever achieved is yours ... but he also casts a line into your future and erects a few landmarks there for you to come across in the appointed time. You will discover these truths because you are consciously aware that you should be looking for them. And when you *recover* these truths, you will not only add to your inheritance but you will also have 'new things' aimed towards your son's future as well ... and a trail is established that leads future generations into their purpose.

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