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## THE SON'S VIEW

### PART TWO – SON-TREK THE NEXT GENERATION

Preparing the People to Receive

*(1 Chr 29:18 KJV) O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:*

*(2 Chr 29:36 KJV) And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.*

*(Luke 1:17b KJV) to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. (2 Chr 29:35b,36b KJV) So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order... God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.*

Within the heart of every mature minister beats a God given longing to see the completion of the work entrusted into his care. While some are overtaken in a quest for numbers or the church's acknowledgment of their spiritual genius, mature ministry empties itself in an effort to see the growth of Christ within the saints. This growth is seen, as ministry becomes replicated in those under the ministry's care. The passing on of perpetual inheritance is one of the greatest evidences of not only our faith but also the completion of our work.

As much as we may desire to witness growth and change within the saints, we as ministers realize we are powerless aside from God in bringing it to pass. A large part of our efforts often center on getting the saint to understand and walk in the vision and revelation of the church. It often becomes glaringly apparent that much more is taught than is caught by our congregations. In establishing

father/son order we have a biblical method to bring forth in our churches all the work entrusted into our care. Without preparation for father/son ministry this will never happen.

In almost every aspect of life we see that preparation must precede production. In the church we should also be aware that instruction and preparation are not the same things. When we have given instruction, we have not necessarily prepared a person to walk in that instruction. Whether shaping a football team for victory; a business for expansion; a student for the workplace; or a church for ministry, the quality of preparation will determine the effectiveness of the product. A professional football team through drills and films and teaching and discipline and motivation and repetition and rehearsal will prepare 40-50 hours per week to play 60 minutes of football. In the world success by and large, is a consequence of effective preparation. In the church, having the Spirit and teaching biblical truths are not substitutes for preparation but supernatural tools to bring forth a church *prepared unto every good work*.

The distance between a promise from God and the fulfillment of that promise is usually marked by our preparation. In our ministerial lives the Lord has given each of us varying promises for our lives and our particular ministries. These promises are usually conditional, requiring some response or change on our part. The reason many Christians never see the completion of some promises, is often due to a lack of preparation which is necessary to bring a promise to pass. Abraham was the inheritor of a new land. He was the father of nations, very rich and the friend of God but these things required preparation. Abraham was going to have to leave a familiar land, learn to trust God, and most of all allow God to change his thoughts.

All who minister in the Word of God have known what it is like to receive a revelation or understand a truth that could greatly change a person or congregation. All who minister have also seen the teaching of that truth or revelation received by those it was intended to help with superficial acceptance. We have come to understand that no matter how powerful the doctrine, no matter how right the intention, no matter how beneficial the teaching, and no matter how great the need on the part of the congregation may be, unless the people are prepared and unless the proper order is understood by the pastor in bringing the message, all the pastor's talk will produce little action on the part of the saints. A congregation not prepared in how to walk in father/son order will always have difficulty in receiving and maturing.

The wise pastor has learned however, that if the congregation is to walk in the Spirit, the pastor must learn to minister as the Spirit ministers. The Spirit whispers and convicts, enemy thoughts yell and condemn. The Spirit appeals to truth, the enemy to fear. The Spirit asks to be invited, the enemy demands to be listened to and obeyed. The Spirit invokes love, power and a sound mind, the enemy fosters separation, self-righteousness and confusion.

Though the Spirit is an easily entreated Spirit, He will not force His thoughts into a mind that has not been prepared to receive a "present" word. In John 12: the voice of the Father came forth from heaven, the Son heard the Father say He has and would again glorify His name. Some who heard it said it thundered, others said an angel had spoken to Jesus but only a Son could hear the clear and

distinct word. Saints not prepared as sons will have a hard time hearing the distinct Word from God regarding ministry. Good ministers have toiled year by year sharing good messages with good saints who have not been prepared to receive. In ministering father/son relationship to a congregation it is imperative that the people have been prepared to receive this particular message. Good seed sown into unprepared ground will produce little growth.

- Preparation requires the people to desire order:

*(1 Sam 7:3 KJV) And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.*

*(Isa 62:10 KJV) Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.*

Many saints struggle with temptations and shortcomings that muzzle their spirit man and imprison the divine light in their hearts within a wall of unyielding flesh dominated by self-desire. These are usually not at enmity with God nor insensitive to the Holy Spirit. They are however, deficient in positioning their lives to allow the Spirit's control of all areas of their life; *for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.* It is not that most Christians do not know the answer to their needs, it is that they lack the spiritual order to make those answers a reality in their lives.

This is the condition of an anemic church. The pastor is forever trying to put out fires, make people happy and find solutions for every problem, and answers for every need. It is not knowledge, but order that frees a church to walk in ministry.

Think of the operation of the natural world. It is usually not the wisest most dedicated and honest individual that rises to the height of political power. It is rarely the intellectuals or those with great knowledge who rise to ruler-ship over nations but those, whether good or bad, who have ordered their lives to acquire and exercise power. They may be devoid of wisdom to govern in a godly manner. They may have little understanding of economics and even less concern for the welfare of the people but if they have ordered their political lives in the area of power they can rule for a lifetime.

In business, it is not the 4.0, Phi Beta Kappa, graduates from Ivy League business schools that dominate the boardrooms of American enterprise. Usually intelligent executives of the more common type fill these positions. Their distinguishing feature is that they are ordered in interpersonal skills such as communication, motivation, relationship building and know how to utilize existing corporate structure, (order).

So in the church it is not the mastery of the Bible or the demonstration of gifting, (as important as these are) that determine the effective operation of ministry but the order of the house. Is the local house of God ordered after father/son principals?

Religion points to gifting as the central element of ministry. Many Christians are falsely taught that to find and walk in their gifting is their ministry. That is why we often hear of such things as healing ministry, counseling ministry, praise ministry and the like. These may be giftings through which we minister, but the Bible does not classify them as ministries. Our gifting determines how we minister, but it is not our ministry!

The church world by and large has saints seeking after gifting rather than order. Gifting tends to focus on me, while order focuses on relationship and the body. The set minister in establishing father/son principals is going to have to help saints understand and desire order and the fulfillment of the vision of the body above personal accomplishment. This of course works against innate human desires to achieve position and gain notoriety. If our congregations can be shown the value of order in their personal, as well as corporate lives, they will follow. The direction, purpose, identity and ministry offered by father/son relationships is a missing piece of their spiritual lives that many are looking for.

- Teaching the people to suffer successfully: (Learning to love the process and not just the reward)

*(Heb 5:8 KJV) Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*

*(Gal 6:12 KJV) As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.*

In modern Christianity as in modern life there is little place for suffering. Some are taught that the proper exercise of faith negates all suffering. Trials that the Lord sends for our sanctification and perfection are often denounced as attacks from the enemy. In pseudo-Christianity saints are taught to curse their wildernesses – the very place from which God will bring forth their purpose and ministry. Successful suffering teaches us discipline that leads to order. When we discipline our children it may cause them to suffer but the intended end of that suffering is an ordered life in which the desires of the flesh are kept in check. Children who are improperly punished or who receive no godly correction to their flesh grow up selfish, irresponsible, and unruly, unable to submit the desires of the flesh to the higher purpose of the Spirit - untrained in righteousness. So it is in any church where the people have not been taught to suffer successfully.

Suffering is that process whereby the Lord deals with the weakness of the flesh so that we can be vessels *prepared unto every good work*. It is not the set minister's purpose to bring suffering to the church but it should be his purpose to teach the people to discern trials sent from the Lord and how to allow those trials to mold their spiritual character.

*(Rom 5:3-4), And not only this, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation produces patience; and patience, character and character hope.*

Why do so many Christians live in hopelessness? Because their character has not been fully formed. Why has their character not been fully formed? Because they lack patience or endurance. Why do they lack endurance? Because they have not been taught how to successfully handle the suffering from tribulation. You see it's an order. Suffering successfully builds in us endurance. Endurance builds in us character which is the godly handling of all life experiences; and character in us produces a hope based on God's truth and not on worldly circumstances.

Jesus was a son who learned obedience by the things He suffered. Likewise we and our ministry sons will learn the same way. A church that has not been taught to suffer successfully will never follow father/son order. *(2 Tim 3:12 KJV) Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. (2 Tim 2:12a KJV) If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: (Rom 8:17 KJV) And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (Phil 1:29 KJV) For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; (2 Th 1:5b KJV) that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: (Heb 11:25 KJV) Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; (1 Pet 4:19a KJV) Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God*

We need to learn and to teach our congregations how to love the process and not just the reward. *(James 1:2 KJV) My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;* The joy in God is not just found in attaining a spiritual goal or blessing but in the daily life transforming process leading to our perfection. Learning to walk in father/son order must be formed out of a joy and not necessity or obligation. Mark Hanby's book and tape series, "Perceiving the Wheel of God" is an excellent resource on this topic.

- Teaching the specifics of father/son order:

*(Mark 4:33 KJV) And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.*

Ability to hear the father/son message is dependent on maturity and desire. Simply teaching the principals of this order and expecting the church to follow is not spiritually realistic. Father/son order is a process of relationship and not just a teaching. General instruction should be given by the set ministry to the entire church but specific training should be given to each son individually and at times to sons in a general gathering by their specific father. It is the only way this teaching can become relational. It must become a relationship and not just an organizational tool.

Not all in our churches are ready to come into father/son order. As with a natural family there are those who are too young to even understand who or what a father is. Others are too immature to follow. For these, general teaching to the church is important. There is no useful purpose in trying

to bring the young or immature into father/son order before they approach spiritual adulthood. These should be encouraged to pray and seek God in this area and to be confident that in the proper time He will bring forth their ministry father; they don't have to make it happen. Relationships have to be built in maturity and tested by time.

- The people need to understand generational order:

Within our local churches there needs to be a generational order established. Not all in church are the set minister's direct sons. In a healthy church there should be many fathers ordered in their generations. In fact one of the problems in Corinth was that they did not have enough fathers in order; *(1 Cor 4:15 KJV) For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.* There were not enough fathers in order under Paul. They had some but their generations were not ordered. This area is covered in detail in part four of "Sontrek", related to bringing forth generational order within the local church.

- Responsibility to train up sons:

Only set ministry can call forth sons in their proper generations.

We need to allow the Spirit to distinguish between those who are legitimate sons and those who are illegitimate; to distinguish between the mature and the immature, and those of the second generation from those of other generations. If we are going to call forth sons, then we have the absolute responsibility to see that they are trained. If we are unwilling or unprepared to train up sons, we have no right to call them forth. It would be far better to not call a son than to call him forth into relationship and allow him to live in continual adolescence because of our lack of preparation or willingness to bring direction and relationship into his life. Anyone, who in the natural sires a child, has certain responsibilities toward that child. father/son ministry is no different.

- Preparing for father/son order requires repetition and consistency in teaching:

All of us who truly understand the significance of father/son order aspire to have this order function fully in our churches. We understand the growth that such order will bring to the church. We anticipate the completion of our God given vision that can only come through such a pattern. We recognize its necessity in bringing forth our full measure of rule.

People do not generally follow merely because they hear a spiritual teaching. They follow the teaching because it brings an experience to them; an avenue to connect with God. Any teaching including father/son, has to affect them personally before we can expect its implementation.

As significant as father/son order is, it is only one of many biblical truths that form lines of connection with our heavenly Father. It takes time and repetition to teach it to our churches. Hearing about this teaching a few times will not bring any church into this order. More than

sharing teachings the set ministry has to build relationship to make this order successful.

When bringing this instruction to the church the saint who does not grasp what the set ministry is trying to accomplish may wonder if the Bible contains any other teaching. This is because it requires much time and emphasis to be placed upon acquiring this relationship. Jesus, you may recall, taught in lines of understanding to His disciples and taught with much repetition. The words of the most important man to ever walk the earth are for the most part, contained in a few thousand words scattered throughout four short books. Yet when you study the gospels you see that Jesus spoke many things over and over again. His numerous teachings are repeated several times in these books.

In part it is an illustration of how doctrine must not only be taught but disciplined in the Church. The Holy Spirit did not consider it a waste of Bible space to repeat events and teachings of Jesus. So we should learn that there is a method to teaching believers to follow.

Father/son order is only one line of doctrine within the Word, but it is a line upon which so many other teachings depend on for their fulfillment. Like the foundation of a house being an inconspicuous and mostly hidden part of the structure, yet all other parts rest upon the strength and integrity of its substructure to define their order and intended purpose, so it is within the church. The building of father/son relationships within the church provides the foundation and order upon which most other doctrines depend. Once it is established, emphasis on f/s teaching can greatly diminish as other doctrines are built upon its foundation.

- Establishing the church in truth:

There is obviously a need to see that our churches are following biblical truth as we in our growth come to increasingly understand what that means. Unless the end result of our efforts is the promotion and reception of truth we will never comprehend, in His fullness, Jesus, who is the Truth. Areas of doctrine on which relationships are based are most important to father/son order. Are marriages and families in order or do they pattern the world more than the Word? Are the people in church truly brothers and sisters or are they disconnected members that happen to meet together once or twice a week?

One area that defines willingness for relationship in church, is the issue of tithing. It not only defines the willingness of the people but also the willingness of ministry. Unfortunately in many religious settings tithing has become the preeminent doctrine of the church. What should be a doctrine of great purpose and connection has often become a doctrine of separation.

Pastors demanding that saints tithe more out of a desire for, or a right to income, rather than a desire for the welfare of the saints; and in their appeals for tithe they are using manipulation and fear to motivate the people to part with money. Saints grudgingly or blindly give with little understanding other than the fact that the Bible says to do it, or that in giving they can be materially prospered through tithing. Instead of linking the people of God, the misapplication of

this teaching has in many cases divided the people, each seeking their own good and not that of the body.

If anything, biblical tithing should speak of relationship and generation. To establish proper son order, ministry as well as saints need to understand and practice biblical tithing. The priesthood needs to establish proper tithing order in their ministries so the people can receive the spiritual reward of their obedience.

One aspect of this is the understanding of the “power of the tithe”, to connect us in order through Abraham just as Levi, the fourth generation of Abraham’s family, was connected through the tithe. *(Heb 7:9 KJV) And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.* This was a charge that predated the law and was instituted by Abraham in paying tithe to Melchisedec which linked him all the way back to Adam. In other words connected him in the generations. Now there are a number of reasons why this is important in bringing forth the family of God. These are reiterated in Mark Hanby’s tape series “Levi’s Genes”, a valuable tool for gaining understanding in this area. Ministers and saints need to be prepared to tithe properly.

God uses natural acts of obedience on earth to connect us to heavenly blessing and purpose. Marriage, worship, clothing, tithing, human government, and other foundations all have beginnings in the book of Genesis. Each requires a natural act to make a heavenly connection. Failure to perform what God requires in the natural, negates order in the spiritual. For example, many, especially today, feel that the act of marriage is passe, a holdover from previous days when society was less enlightened. “What really counts is that you truly care for one another not whether you’ve participated in a ceremony of marriage”. Human reasoning can try to negate the Word but not without consequences. Without a pronouncement of union before God and man the blessings that should come forth from that union will be negated. To receive the heavenly blessing requires the natural act. This is true in every area and especially in establishing father/son order.

- Possible unintended consequences of teaching father/son order:

We should be aware of some unintended consequences of teaching this order to our churches. To anything of value there is a price. If we begin to teach father/son order to our churches or teach it improperly we lock up the future potential of generations that would come forth from their spiritual loins. There are some who will improperly use this teaching to elevate their personal ministries rather than establish biblical order within the church.

Depending on the local church’s history and organization, this teaching can be a cause for great adjustment. Leadership reared and trained in a denominational structure may find great difficulty in adjusting to ministry dominated by father/son relationship. Spirits that are in opposition – and there always are some from the least likely places – will manifest and have to be dealt with. Not everybody will think it is a good idea. Some may fear for a loss of position, some may think it is following man and not God. Whatever the scenario, there is usually opposition that may even

involve the temporary loss of church membership. It may also give opportunity to those in religion to criticize your ministry. If done by the Spirit however, it will bring an order that will make the completion of the churches' purpose possible. A prepared church is an empowered church.

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