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UNDERSTANDING APOSTOLIC- PROPHETIC LIVING Part 1 - Favor

The Living Holy Script reveals the Apostolic-Prophetic Realm of God

"Apostolic" denotes "sender" and "the one sent."

"Prophetic" denotes to "reveal... declare, proclaim, decree, transmit..".
the message of God.

Everything in the universe began with God. God is eternal Truth, Life and Spirit

The Scripture makes it clear:

Colossians 1:12-20 (AMP)

12 Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified and made us fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints (God's holy people) in the Light.

13 [The Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the

dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

14 In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, [which means] the forgiveness of our sins.

15 [Now] He is the exact likeness of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible]; He is the Firstborn of all creation.

16 For it was in Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him [by His service, intervention] and in and for Him.

17 And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together).

18 He also is the Head of [His] Body, the church; seeing He is the Beginning, the Firstborn from among the dead, so that He alone in everything and in every respect might occupy the chief place [stand first and be preeminent].

19 For it has pleased [the Father] that all the divine fullness (the sum total of the divine perfection, powers, and attributes) should dwell in Him permanently.

20 And God purposed that through (by the service, the intervention of) Him [the Son] all things should be completely reconciled back to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, as through Him, **[the Father] made peace by means of the blood of His cross.**

[Note: the Peace is Not of the earth... Not that relating between man to man... but, regarding an Eternal Peace beginning in the Salvation provision of the Son (offered) by Father God to mankind.] This Peace is the Promise of God in Christ both Now and Eternal Life! Those who Know the Truth and walk in its assurances and benefits, know that Nothing can sever them from God's eternal Plan!

John 14:27 (AMP)

27 Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you;
not as the world gives do I give to you.

Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.

[Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance
and give you courage and strength for every challenge.]

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Here we explicitly see the Peace Treaty that Father God offers to mankind through His Son! “Peace” is manifest in and through the Cross of Crucifixion:

[the **Way** (Gospel)] > [Truth (Logos Word)] > [Life (Rhema, the Spirit) in Blood is Life!]

By Oath, Father decreed to David that his Seed would not experience decay...

Which reveals the Resurrection. And, by oath God declared the Eternal Throne on which David’s Seed would Rule forever and forever:[Gospel Truth, the Non-Negotiables]

John 14:6 (AMP)

Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life;
no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

[Note: Within the Redeemed is the indwelling Presence of the Spirit of Life/God Eternal.]

2 Corinthians 5:19 (AMP)

It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor). **In Divine Favor is Divine Peace!**

Colossians 2:10 (AMP)

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].

Favor is required for one to experience a life full of Prosperity in All things!

In Christ we have the covering of God’s favor! The words of our mouth, our conversations, are powerful as the foundation to understanding Apostolic-Prophetic Living! You have to learn to Declare Favor over your life often!

Proverbs 18:21 (AMP)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].

We choose to walk in Favor! An apostolic prayer of which we need to speak often to the Lord: (Remember, apostolic is the act of sending! To speak forth the Word of Truth is power of Life of the Tongue! It is our confession, our conversation in which God Hears and acts upon in our behalf. “The Act produces the Fact!”

“Lord I thank You today for Your Divine Favor.

My heart’s desire is to see Your Word manifest as I am obedient to Declare Your Divine Favor in every area of my life.

- Favor with my family
- Favor with my wife
- Favor on my job
- Favor with my neighbors
- Favor with strangers
- Favor with other ministers
- Favor in the market place
- Favor with everyone I talk with
- Favor with Favor wherever I travel”
- Favor with those who despise me

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Apostolic-Prophetic Living is Highly blessed in the power of the amplitude God gave mankind as He formed him out of the elements of the earth in His Image. That power of the like-kind Image is given freedom in the will and intellectual mind with the empowerment to create and to remember!

The following scripture is imperative for those who love God, to submit to memory and to speak it forth frequently in conversations!

Romans 14:17 (AMP)

for the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking [what one likes], but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

[Note: we have examined the Divine principle of Peace in Page 1 and Page 2]

Righteousness is that Divine essence which makes a person acceptable to God.

Righteousness is of the lineage of Melchizedek, King of Righteousness, manifest in and through Christ Jesus!

Word Origin and History for Melchizedek: name of a priest-king in the Old Testament, from Hebrew Malki-tzedeq, literally "king of righteousness," from melekh "king;" second element related to tzadaq "he was righteous," tzaddiq "just, righteous."

Hebrews 7:2; 19-22 (AMP)

2 and Abraham gave him a tenth of all [the spoil]. He is, first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, which means king of peace.

19 For the Law never made anything perfect—but instead a **better hope** is introduced through which we [now] come close to God.

Note: The "Better Hope" is the Law of the Spirit, the New Creation! (Romans Chapter 8)

20 And it was not without the taking of an oath [that Christ was made Priest],

21 For those who formerly became priests received their office without its being confirmed by the taking of an oath by God, but this One was designated and addressed and saluted with an oath, The Lord has sworn and will not regret it or change His mind, You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

22 In keeping with [the oath's greater strength and force], Jesus has become the Guarantee of a better (stronger) agreement [a more excellent and more advantageous covenant]. [Note: The New Testament Covenant which is the Law of the Spirit]

Christ is the first to be resurrected with an incorruptible, immortal body to Life Eternal. Others who were raised had to die again. He "stands" first and is preeminent

Therefore, 'we' are not the indispensable component for understanding what exists, how it should be understood, or for what should take place!

The Creator and Sustainer of all life is the only place life originates and also the only place from which absolute truth emanates! In Heaven is the Promise of Peace Eternal! Only the Light of Christ exists! In Him All things are fulfilled, Eternally!

HOW WE BEGIN DETERMINES THE ROUTE WE TAKE

What is the Lord wanting for the Body of Christ?

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There is often a vast difference between what we seek to do ‘**for**’ and what we do ‘**by**’ **God** compared to that which the Lord longs to do ‘**with**’ and ‘**through**’ us to expand Christ’s Church **by the Spirit!**

Whenever our orientation to God begins first with us, we impose our intellectual understandings on Him, thus describing life as we see it apart from Divine Revelation. This is the mind of secularism and humanism.

Too, we think and act self-centeredly, we align with the legalistic definition of **religion**, because **religion** strives for God through human effort... instead of functioning by His grace **in the Spirit**.

Whenever we start toward God in the natural based on what we see, hear, feel, think or desire, we fail. Why? Answer: God is Spirit and He is relational in Truth!

Instead of **connecting by the Spirit** that is within us to function with Him, most exercise their personal preferences presenting their own perceptions and purposes, eliciting Him to respond accordingly to these self-centered thoughts and will, expecting to be honored and answered according to one’s own understanding.

Scripture makes it clear: God is a “*responder*” to Faith, and “*faith*” comes by hearing He speak His Word to us! He is Spirit and Truth!

Hebrews 11:6 (AMP)

But without faith it is impossible to [walk with God and] please Him, for whoever comes [near] to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently] seek Him.

Romans 10:17 (AMP)

So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).

Therefore, we “**must**” function **by the Spirit** in all matters relating to the Lord and in the world, according to John 4:24 (AMP)

“God is spirit [the Source of life, yet invisible to mankind], and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Jesus defines God’s substance as “**spirit**” (**pneuma**) and commands us to connect with Him in that way (**pneuma to pneuma**). Whenever that takes place, we connect with God and can expect not only to be heard, but blessed **by the assurance, and manifestation of His presence.**

THE ROUTE WE TAKE DETERMINES THE DESTINATION TO WHICH WE ARRIVE!
It is God’s initiative and power that truly leads the Church forward, not the initiatives based on our evaluations and efforts.

Acts 1:8 (AMP)

But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

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Jesus made it clear: John 6:44 (AMP)

No one is able to come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me attracts and draws him and gives him the desire to come to Me, and [then] I will raise him up [from the dead] at the last day. [Note: In this verse, Last Day refers to one translated from physical death and resurrected into eternal life in the spirit body living in the full light of the presence of the Lord. Also: John 6:64-65 (AMP)]

64 But [still] some of you fail to believe and trust and have faith.

For Jesus knew from the first who did not believe and had no faith and who would betray Him and be false to Him.

65 And He said, This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him [unless he is enabled to do so] by the Father.

From the outset: to become God's, we must yield to Him in the moment He seeks to make Christ known to us. After becoming His we must continue to respond to Him in that very same way during such moments. There is a drawing (wooing) **of the Holy Spirit** toward you by the Father that you must yield to if you are to connect with God. Yes, and, there is also a "*taking the kingdom by force.*"

Matthew 11:12 (AMP)

And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].

[Note: The **assault** is one from the dominion of Satan over the mind and actions of the unredeemed soul. It is a "fallen" state of mankind that is born into this world of humanistic and the spirit of anti-christ influence. We Must be Born again by the Spirit!]

To do so requires a violent action against everything we have been exposed to in this world's appetites and desires which are self-centered and focused on (3) Lusts!

- lust of fleshly pleasures
- lust of power and
- the lust of money,

Each of these are entrenched in rebellion against the will of God.

Not only are we to "take" full control of the "will" that wants to think and act against God but we must Tend, Keep and Guard our mind, body and soul from a life of thought and actions contrary to the decree of Christ's teachings and the voice of the Holy Spirit.

"*Taking the kingdom by force*" is not for breaking down the barrier Jesus forever removed by what He did at the Cross and continues to do in continual intercession.

Hebrews 7:22-24 (AMP)

"22 In keeping with [the oath's greater strength and force], Jesus has become the Guarantee of a better (stronger) agreement [a more excellent and more advantageous covenant]. 23 [Again, the former successive line of priests] was made up of many, because they were each prevented by death from continuing [perpetually in office];

24 But **He holds His priesthood unchangeably, because He lives on forever.**"

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Instead, "*Taking the kingdom by force*" has everything to do with what we have to do to "force" our self-controlling mind to remain focused and yielded to the Holy Spirit. Yes, we "must" pursue God...

Jeremiah 29:12-13 (AMP)

12 Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you.

13 Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.), but a consistent, continual response to His pursuit of us is what it means to pursue Him. By that God's initiative and power become honored in us and we are led forward **by the Spirit**.

Romans 8:14 (AMP)

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

This is because everything related to a **life with Christ** comes forth via our "One God"!

Colossians 1:15-17 (AMP)

15 [Now] He is the exact likeness of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible]; He is the Firstborn of all creation.

16 For it was in Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him [by His service, intervention] and in and for Him.

17 And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together).

IN HIM ALL THINGS EXIST! FAVOR EXISTS IN THE LORD!

We Never need to Question God's Favor in our Lives... we simply need to meditate and speak it forth in Faith... in His Faith given to us by the Indwelling Holy Ghost!

And Jesus said: John 15:16 (AMP)

You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed you [I have planted you], that you might go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit may be lasting [that it may remain, abide], so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name [as **presenting** all that I Am], He may give it to you.

We cannot connect with God on our natural wavelength, we must enter the Spirit by the deposit of God's Holy Presence He put within us. Life in Christ is about activating and responding to God **by the Spirit**, pursuing the God Person who manifests His Presence. God is the "ONE GOD," the Trinity! Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

This in itself is an explanation of "*Matthew 5:6 (AMP)* which says:

"Blessed and fortunate and happy and spiritually prosperous (in that state in which the born-again child of God [enjoys His favor and salvation]) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God), for they shall be completely satisfied!"

What we may seek to do 'for' God is often said to be the highest good of Christianity. But in fact, man's efforts to attain godliness and/or rise up to God's level is the very apex of "Religion!" And, that is not the same as God's work **through** men for Christ's Glory. We must not settle for less than the glory of God!

We must not substitute our work for Him, negating His work through us!

Anything less than God working through us will not be true to what Jesus came to establish; nothing less than Christ building His Church will result in what is able to stand and remain as an eternal witness of His rule and reign.

What we may seek for God to do may be our very best understanding of what is good. It may even be our best interpretation of what God wants. But in the natural, it lacks **God's revelation and power** and will not suffice- (even if it should seem that God has honored it.)

Again: anything less **than God through us** will not be what Jesus came to establish; nothing less than Christ building His Church will result in what is able to stand and remain as a witness of Him.

Psalm 127:1-2 (AMP)

Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.
2 It is vain for you to rise early, To retire late, To eat the bread of anxious labors—
For He gives [blessings] to His beloved even in his sleep.

This letter witnesses the Word (Logos) and the Spirit (Rhema):
the Living Bread and Wine! ... "The Word of Life" in its apostolic-prophetic realm, confirms that God is the Multiplier, the Blessing, the Increaser.

Paul confirms that God is the Increaser!

1 Corinthians 3:6 (AMP)

I planted, Apollos watered, but God [all the while] was making it grow and [He] gave the increase.

Prosperity Comes from the Lord in ways of multitude!

Fruit is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is only in living the "pattern of the Son" that we understand and desire the Spiritual Fruit in our lives! This is Divine Apostolic Living! This Fruit is the twelve Fruit of the Spirit and are the Keys to ALL things of which God desires to see working in our lives. They are the foundation to Prosperity in every facet of one's life for those who seek Him and desire to please Him!

Revelation 22:2 (AMP)

2 in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

The (12) kinds of Fruit of the Tree of Life!

Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Benignity (kindness),
Goodness, Longanimity (forbearance), Mildness (gentleness),
Faith, Modesty, Continency (self-control), and Chastity.

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The work of the 1611 King James Conference was compiled by English scholars of the Protestant Church of England who disregarded the Catholic Vulgate Version of the Bible: "Traditionalist Catholicism follow the Vulgate version of Galatians."

Here is the consensus of the work of the Authorized King James version:
Galatians 5:22 (AMP)

But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness,

Ephesians 5:9 (AMP)

For the fruit (the effect, the product) of the **Light or the Spirit** [consists] in every form of kindly goodness, uprightness of heart, and trueness of life.

Hopefully, this letter empowers you to understand that the Light of Christ is also (one and same) with the working Presence of the Holy Ghost!

Galatians 5:16 (AMP)

But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).

Galatians 5:25 (AMP)

If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit [we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled **by the Spirit.**]