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Life in the Promise Land

“Preparations from Crossing Over – Part 1”

‘Understanding Your Relationship with God’

Base Scriptures: Hebrews 4: 1 – 3

A Greater View of the Wilderness Experience

Hebrews 4: 1 – 3

The Exodus of Israel was recorded in the Bible not just for the sake of History, but as a testimony of the Reality we would have in Christ! (Romans 4: 23 – 25)

1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 6

The Exodus was not just a picture of God simply saving a bunch of Jews from a bad situation!

It is a picture of God’s Salvation from HIS perspective, not theirs!

It is a picture of Israel’s view of God’s Salvation!

It’s a picture of what happens when we fail to see God’s Finished Work from His perspective!

Show the slides with the Diagrams

The Exodus is a story of God bringing a people into a completed/finished Salvation and then the story of them wandering in the wilderness because of a refusal to comprehend and understand God’s Finished Work from His perspective; instead choosing to look at their situation/their circumstance!

Basically this sums up the vast majority of the Body of Christ!

God brings us into a completed and finished Salvation through Christ; but just like Israel, we fail to comprehend and understand what it all means from God’s perspective!

We, like them, chose to look at our situations and our circumstances, thus we wander in the wilderness of an unrenewed mind!

Well Pastor, why is it so important that I get this?

Because God is ONLY going to relate to me ACCORDING to His understanding and His perspective

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Ephesians 1: 3 – 11

These verses are all from God's perspective of your salvation in Christ!

From God's perspective:

He has Blessed you with all Spiritual Blessing in Christ!

He has made you stand before Him Holy and Without Blame in Christ!

He has adopted you INTO His Son, Jesus Christ!

He has given forgiven you of ALL sin through the Blood of His Son!

He has abounded towards you All Wisdom and Prudence in His Son!

He has made known unto you the mystery of His Will through His Son!

He has gathered together ALL things in His Son!

He has given you an Inheritance in His Son!

The problem is that most Believers fail to comprehend and understand what all these things mean!

Also, it's important to note that ALL THESE THINGS ARE IN HIS SON, CHRIST!

Colossians 3: 1 – 3

Law of Realization: You can't come into the Life of Christ and never understand and comprehend His Life!

But this is what happens to a vast majority of Believers!

We get Saved and come into His Life; but instead of us learning more about the Life that we have been brought into; we go out and try to live OUR life while in His Life!

And this becomes our Wilderness Experience and even death in the Wilderness!

Show Diagram of Our relationship with God

The biggest mistake that we all make when we get saved is that we all think the God has a relationship with each one of us independently!

What we call Salvation, God calls "being placed in His Son!"

God ONLY has two Sons: Israel and Christ!

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Exodus 4: 22 – 23

God never related to Israel as anything but His Son!

God did not see Israel as a bunch of independent Jews being brought out of Slavery; He ONLY saw THEM as His Son!

Therefore, God is ONLY dealing with Israel as His Son; not according to their lack of understanding or how they saw themselves!

It's like my relationship with Alex!

Alex doesn't have to grow in His Relationship with me because his relationship with me is not based on his growth, but by birth!

Growth does not affect MY relationship with Alex; but growth WILL affect Alex's comprehension and understanding of our relationship!

Long before Alex understood he was my Son, I knew that he was my son and treating him accordingly! Before Alex did anything for me (good or bad)!

Why? Because Alex's relationship with me is by Blood and by birth!

Alex NEVER has to do anything to MAKE me see him as my son!

Law of Realization: The ONLY thing that affects Alex's relationship with me is his willingness to comprehend and understand the relationship that has already existed from his birth!

To the degree that Alex understands/comprehends the Relationship, will be to the degree HE experiences the Reality of the relationship manifested in his life!

My Blessing, my provision, my protection, my wisdom, my favor are ALL HIDDEN in his comprehension and understanding of the relationship!

MY understanding of the Relationship ONLY determines how I see Alex and how I deal with Alex!

It DOES NOT determine how Alex reacts or how Alex sees himself in the relationship; that is ONLY determined by Alex's comprehension/understanding of the relationship!

Also, I am never going to stoop to Alex's low comprehension or understanding of the relationship because I ONLY see him as my Son!

The Wilderness was to get Israel to see this relationship and come into agreement with it so they

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could experience the Reality and Manifestation of it in their lives!

Well, how does all this relate to me today?

My Relationship with God IN Christ

Colossians 1: 15

God has appointed Christ to be the firstborn, His firstborn Son of every creature!

The question is, how does God get me INTO His Son, so I can be in relationship with Him?

The answer is by Faith! (John 3: 16)

John 1: 12 – 13

By Faith, we have ALL partaken of His death, so that we could partake in His resurrection!

Romans 6: 4 – 5

Just like Israel had to put the Blood on the door post (Faith) and then enter into that door and partake of the Passover Lamb!

We too must enter through the Door, who is Christ, and partake of His Death, so that we may also partake of His Life!

John 10: 1, 6 – 10

Jesus is the Door!

The blood covered door that Israel went into was only a type and shadow of Jesus Christ!

The thieves and robbers are those who try to enter into the door through their obedience to the Law; through their holiness and goodness!

The Thief in John 10: 10, in context, is NOT the devil; but it is those who come teaching the Law and works to be Saved; or come teaching another way to enter the door to salvation!

Law of Realization: The ONLY way you enter through the Door who is Christ is by Faith in His Finished Works; not by works!

Well, what happens when we enter into the Door of our Salvation?

2 Corinthians 5: 14 – 17

This is where we have missed it as a Church!

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Once you entered into Christ, the door of your salvation; YOU didn't come out on the other side – ONE New Man came out on the other side, His Son (Christ)!

At that moment, at that instant, God entered into a Relationship with you IN Christ

God DID NOT enter into a Relationship with YOU; You entered into a relationship with Him IN and THROUGH His Son, Jesus Christ!

God does not have some independent relationship with you APART from Christ!

Ephesians 4: 11 – 13

This is why the ONLY growth we have as Believers is to GROW UP IN HIM!

Grow up in the Knowledge of Christ!

Grow up in our comprehension and understanding of that God has with us THROUGH Christ!

When we DON'T understand this, we will have believers trying to “get” into a relationship with God; instead growing in their comprehension/understanding of the relationship that already exist in and through Christ!

Let me be clear, the world or religion DOES NOT have a relationship with God!

Ephesians 2: 12

The world doesn't have a relationship with God because they refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Door to the Relationship!

Romans 10: 1 – 3

Religion doesn't have a relationship with God because they refuse to submit to God's Righteousness by Faith in Christ!

The ONLY ones who have been brought into this Relationship with God are those who have entered through Door, who is Christ, by Faith in His Finished Work!

Believers die in the Wilderness of their salvation for one reason, and one reason only – they refuse to see the Finished Work of Christ from God's Perspective; but choose to remain focused on their problems; their circumstances and their situations!

Therefore, we wander in the Wilderness of Frustration; the Wilderness of Repeated Circumstances; the Wilderness of a Roller Coaster type relationship with God!

All because of a failure to see what we ALREADY have in Christ!