MAN'S PURPOSE AND THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT



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FOREWORD

This book sets out one of the most important foundational principles that a believer must discover in their journey to healing which includes healing of their emotions from hurts and wounds.

The understanding of the Gifts of God, the revelational knowledge on how these can impact your own life as well as minister to others and the wisdom to apply these at the right place (space) and time, will be a huge step in your healing.

Our focus with this book is to utilize these principles from a Hebraic mindset, namely to empower the believer to come to a full understanding of:

- Their role as “son of God”
- Their calling to transform from the image of the man of dust to a Heavenly Man
- Their purpose to use these gifts to “love your neighbor as you love yourself”
- Their Father’s blessing to impact eternity.

The Body of Messiah has been blessed since the early 1990’s with literature covering this aspect by Don and Kate Fortune: “Discover your God-given Gifts”.

This couple has also written a practical help to empower parents to identify their children’s gifts so that parents can fulfill their God-given calling to set the child out on the correct path towards their destiny.

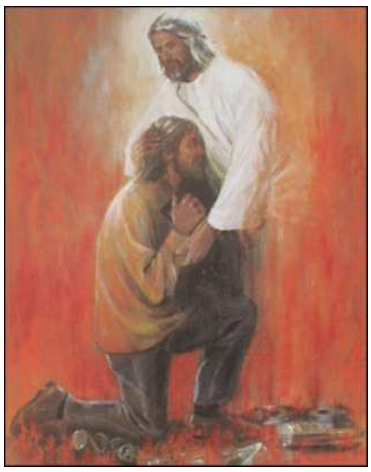
Other resources which we can recommend to an earnest Torah student who wants to further their study in this regard are:

- Spiritual Gifts Descriptions www.churchgrowth.org/giftslist.php
- “Knowing Me Knowing God” by Malcolm Goldsmith
- Arthur Burk Website: http://www.plumblineministries.com/south_africa1

We trust that you will be blessed as you work through this manual!

PART 5: MAN REBELS AND STRAYS OFF COURSE

In spite of everything God created, called and equipped us to be, man rebelled and strayed away from God.



His Word is a Love Letter **calling us back** to the original plan and purpose for man – i.e. walking everyday with God – knowing and enjoying Him and Him enjoying us!!

Throughout the generations, God calls and raises up leaders and prophets to speak His message of reconciliation to man.

In Deuteronomy we find Moses as a leader of the nation of Israel. His last words to the nation before he died were: "Choose life…"

Deut. 30:19 *"19 I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses;* ***therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live."***

But we stray off course – and then God says: "***Return to Me and I will return to you***":

Mal. 3:7 *"7 Even from the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My ordinances and have not kept them.*
Return to Me, ***and I will return to you****, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, How shall we return?"*

WHAT WAS THE EFFECT OF THE FALL? WHAT DID MAN LOSE?

We often look at the moment of sin in Adam and Eve's life as the only reason for our predicament today. We fail to realize that every day we face the same choice, the same whisper of an alternate lifestyle and more often than not choose the same pattern that Adam did.

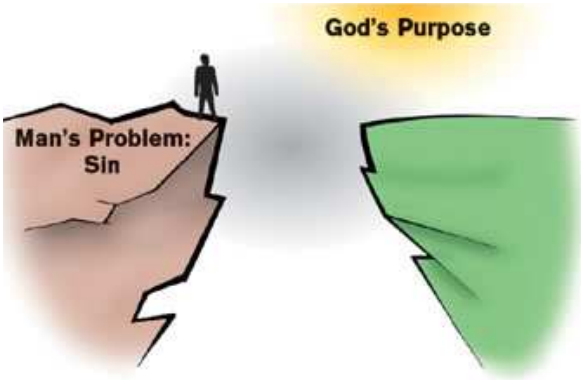


That moment in time when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God was a dividing line between Heaven / Garden of Eden and the world as we know it today where we are separated from God until we experience the love of Yeshua.

1) **We swopped Spiritual Eternal Life for a life separated from God.**

Even though we accept Yeshua as Messiah our lives are still often **not** focused on the eternal.

Isaiah 59:2 "*2 But **your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God**, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.*



Romans 5:12♦ "*12 Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man, and death as the result of sin, so death spread to all men, [no one being able to stop it or to escape its power] because all men sinned.*
13 [To be sure] sin was in the world before ever the Law was given, but sin is not charged to men's account where there is no law [to transgress].
19 For just as by one man's disobedience (failing to hear, heedlessness, and carelessness) the many were constituted sinners, so by one Man's obedience the many will be constituted righteous (made acceptable to God, brought into right standing with Him)

This separation leads us down **a path of depravity.**



Ephesians 2:1-3 "*1 AND YOU [He made alive], when you were dead (slain) by [your] trespasses and sins*
*2 In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course and fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still **constantly works in the sons of disobedience** [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].*
*3 Among these we as well as you once lived and conducted ourselves in the passions of our flesh [our behavior governed by our corrupt and sensual nature], obeying the **impulses of the flesh** and the thoughts of the mind [our **cravings dictated by our senses** and our **dark imaginings**]. We were then by nature children of [God's] wrath and heirs of [His] indignation, like the rest of mankind.*

Genesis 6:5 "*5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination and intention of all human thinking was only evil continually.*

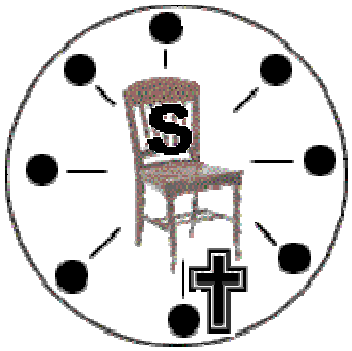
♦ For a full explanation read Romans 5:12-21

2) **We swopped intimacy and communion with God for a place where we see God dimly,** where the Voice of God is often confused with other voices.

Isaiah 69:2 "*1 THE VISION [seen by spiritual perception] of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah [the kingdom] and Jerusalem [its capital] in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.*
2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the Lord has spoken: I have nourished and brought up sons and have made them great and exalted, ***but they have rebelled against Me and broken away from Me.***

1 Peter 2:24 "*24 He personally bore our sins in His [own] body on the tree [as on an altar and offered Himself on it], that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.*

We exchange trust and dependence on God for trust:



- in fellow man,
- in the power of my own flesh,
- in a heart which has departed from God and

Then find myself in a wilderness where I fail to see any good when it comes my way.

Jeremiah 17:5 "*5 Thus says the Lord:* ***Cursed [with great evil] is the strong man who trusts in and relies on frail man, making weak [human] flesh his arm,*** *and whose mind and heart turn aside from the Lord.*
6 For he shall be like a shrub or a person naked and destitute in the desert; and he shall not see any good come, but ***shall dwell in the parched places in the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.***



Not only do we fail to be able to hear God but we more often than not move to a place of **total rebellion** against God.

Isaiah 28:4 "*4 And the fading flower of its glorious beauty, which is on the head of the rich valley, will be like the early fig before the fruit harvest, which, when anyone sees it, he snatches and eats it up greedily at once. [So in an amazingly short time will the Assyrians devour Samaria, Israel's capital.]*

Romans 8:7 "*7 [That is]* ***because the mind of the flesh*** *[with its carnal thoughts and purposes]* ***is hostile to God****, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot.*

Psalm 39:4 "*4 Lord, make me to know my end and [to appreciate] the measure of my days—what it is; let me know and realize how frail I am [how transient is my stay here].*
"*5 Behold, You have made my days as [short as] handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in Your sight. Truly every man at his best is merely a breath! Selah [pause, and think calmly of that]!*

THE EFFECT OF THE FALL ON SEXUAL INTIMACY AND THE SPIRITMAN:

The Garden of Eden….



The very first command God gave man was to have sex. It was placed in the context of being fruitful and to multiply – i.e. having sex!

Scripture is clear that Adam and Eve did not obey that command until after the fall. They did not "know" each other until after the fall.

God intended sexual intercourse to allow husband and wife to share their spirits in a life-giving way.

For example:



Many of us have **ipods**. We have to **update our ipods regularly** by plugging into our computers which we have loaded with new data. These two electronic devices synchronize with each other and share data until they both have all the data necessary.

God intended for the husband and wife to grow during the day – they then "cross-pollinate" and share their spirits at the moment of sexual climax.

Demonic Data Transfer

The emotional experience of a demon is imprinted onto the spirit of a person in such a way that it is indistinguishable from her own experiences.

The mechanism to transfer demonic data to a human being is **by reaching climax during sexual intercourse**. When a highly demonized individual is having intercourse with a human being they are capable at the moment of climax of **imprinting something of themselves on that person's spirit** – our spirit is open and extraordinary vulnerable for input in that brief few seconds at the moment of sexual climax.

God created Adam and from Adam He created Eve – would they have been able to have resisted the temptation if they had been “whole”??

If they had “cross-pollinated” – had a data base transfer pre-fall – would that have made them wise enough / strong enough to be able to see through the demonic strategy and resist it??

The very first consequence of their sin was that they became alienated from their sexuality.

Before they sinned, they were naked and completely at peace with sexuality. There was no shame about their nakedness and their sexuality.



The light of the glory of the Lord was shining out of them and they were clothed with LIGHT!

When they sinned, the light went out – and so they defaulted to the fig leaves and consequently lost their liberty to be unashamed!

The first consequence of the fall is a sense of shame is attached to the body and to sexuality. Since then sex has been used for comfort, physically and emotionally, not for spiritual righteous things.

Yet, through all generations, sexuality has been used for unrighteous things. We read in the Old Testament, the Israelites were always brought into areas of sin by the pagan nations. Idolatry and adultery went together.

Worship and sex are profoundly connected in the occult realm. In the New Testament we have the Greco-Roman cultures had prostitution – worship and sex connected again.

In the Body of Christ we have down-played sex and have focused on the misuse of sex – the evil of sex and have not taught on where does our sexuality, our human spirit and God all come together.



God intended there to be an incredible sense of worship in the consummation of your physical intimacy as your spirit and your spouse’s spirit and God’s Spirit are all magnificently united in a comfortable way!

We are not there yet as a people of God for TWO reasons:

1. Lack of liberty / legitimacy.
2. Lack of instruction.

Example:
If your spouse is not faithful in serving God and or there could have been unfaithfulness in the marriage, then the most profound time for restoration is during the act of sex.

Bless every part of your biology of being together – declaring all that God has made is GOOD!!

It is so important to bring your spirit-man to also take the lead in the sexual act.

Most of the time, because of the shame that is wrapped around sexuality, when we move towards the bedroom, our spirit shuts down, looks the other way, or runs away, because we have believed that this act is a biological and emotional experience – it is not a spiritual one.

Once the act is over, then you become "spiritual" again (or so you believe!) because we completely separated being spiritual from the act of sex.

It is time for us to take back what the devil has stolen from us!

There are levels of greatness that you can achieve with your spouse when sexuality and spirituality are one and the same.

If you continue to have sex as a physical, emotional encounter, you are never going to reach the heights of intimacy with your spouse or with God, or your effectiveness in life that you could, if we don't redeem this!

PRACTICAL STEPS TO REDEEM YOUR SEXUALITY BACK TO GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN

Where do we begin?



A third party that both the husband and wife trust, can speak to the couple and bring liberty to the spirit by explaining that it was a command by God that the marriage bed be holy and righteous.

Now you instruct the spirit directly:

"*God designed you spirit-man to lead in this area.*
God designed you to engage your spouse's spirit as the physical moves to climax and God gives you permission to exchange data, to share, to connect with God and with each other at the moment of climax."

If you do not have a third party, each of you can do the above for the other.
Speak to each other's spirit explaining what you can be, this is what you should be, this is what you were made to be.

Spirit-man, this is a time for you to lead and not to retreat.
Wife, I call your spirit to fully engage with mine and as you move into the climax, remember:
This is your moment! This is your time to engage!
Go for it!!
Take us to a place where we have never been before!!



Actively engage your spirits together at the beginning, middle and the end so as to begin to move into a level of connectedness that you have never had before!

Your spirit knows that you were made for sexuality even though we have had centuries of repression and denial and all that goes with it.

What do we do when adultery and immorality has taken place in our marriage?

There are many of us that have been defiled by immorality in our own lives and in the lives of our forefathers.

You will need to deal with this iniquity as we have taught in our previous teachings on deliverance; breaking the soul ties, spirit ties, etc.

In addition to all of that, you can also do the following:

Go to the marriage supper of the Lamb in Revelations



Rev 19:7-8 *"7 Let us rejoice and shout for joy [exulting and triumphant]! Let us celebrate and ascribe to Him glory and honor, for* ***the marriage of the Lamb [at last] has come, and His bride has prepared herself.***
8 She has been permitted ***to dress in fine (radiant) linen, dazzling and white****—for the fine linen is (signifies, represents) the righteousness (the upright, just, and godly living, deeds, and conduct, and right standing with God) of the saints (God's holy people)."*

In satan's kingdom, there is absolutely nothing you can do to recover from a mistake. All you can do is lose. You can not regain after you have lost.

In God's Kingdom, even if you are on the defence, you can win! You can redeem the previous battles when you were behind – we thrive on the come-backs!

Restoring Liberty

The Book of Revelation tell us that God is going to dress the Bride of Christ with white linen – even people who have been adulterous – this is a picture for God's pattern for restoration.

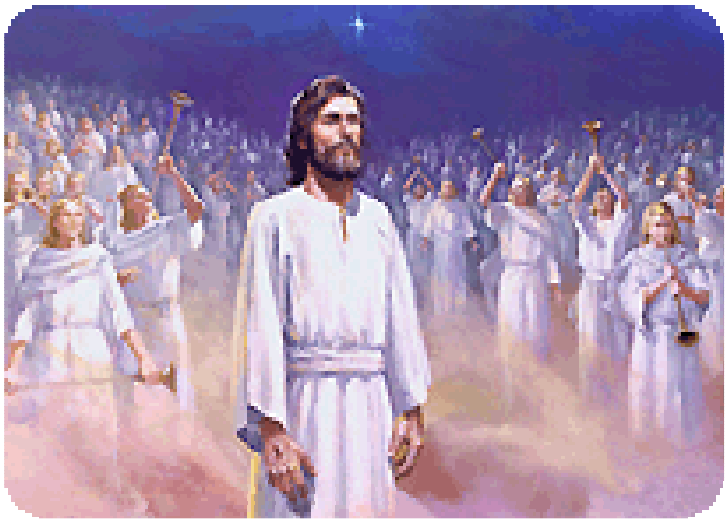
So the righteous acts of the saints that will bring about that dressing in the white robes include the redemption of sexuality:

- We have all been terribly defiled,
- We have been adulterers,
- We have all been involved in very sinful acts

All of these sinful acts can be brought under the Blood of the Lamb.
God invites you now in the context of marriage to raise sexuality to a pure level – to redeem it through having it be a spirit-to-spirit encounter – not just a biological encounter.

To the degree that your spirit is engaging with the other person's spirit, it will erase all of those tapes that have run from the immoral experiences that you wish never happened and you do not want those memories intruding when you are in bed with your husband/wife.

Present to the sinner that picture that they **will be dressed in white robes** at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and that it does represent the righteous acts of believers – now encourage them to redeem sexuality to the same extent that it was defiled – this is a significant tool to get people out of the past and into the present.



3) We lose dominion over "things"

Psalm 8:6-8 "*6 You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet:*
7 All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field,
8 The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

More clearly we now live in a place of restriction or limitation

- Man is cursed to work hard, where the labour will break him down physically and cause his death over time.



Ecclesiastes 3:20 "*20 All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.*

Ecclesiastes 2:18 "*18 And **I hated all my labor** in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will succeed me.*

Ecclesiastes 4:8 "*8 Here is one alone—no one with him; he neither has child nor brother. Yet there is **no end to all his labor**, neither is his eye satisfied with riches, neither does he ask, For whom do I labor and deprive myself of good? This is also vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility); yes, it is a painful effort and an unhappy business.*

Psalm 107:12 "*12 Therefore He bowed down their hearts **with hard labor**; they stumbled and fell down, and there was none to help.*



- The land is cursed with various limitation such as:
  - ♦ barrenness
  - ♦ weeds
  - ♦ germs

- The **planets are out of alignment** and consequently impact on our lives e.g. **weather conditions** which are unpredictable.

Isaiah 30:26 "*26 Moreover, **the light of the moon will be like the light of the sun,** and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, like the light of seven days [concentrated in one], in the day that the Lord binds up the hurt of His people, and heals their wound [inflicted by Him because of their sins].*



Isaiah 35:1-8 "*1 THE WILDERNESS and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the rose and the autumn crocus.*
2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellency of [Mount] Carmel and [the plain] of Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty and splendor and excellency of our God.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
*7 And **the burning sand and the mirage** shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lay resting, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.*
8 And a highway shall be there, and a way; and it shall be called the Holy Way. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for the redeemed; the wayfaring men, yes, the simple ones and fools, shall not err in it and lose their way.



Revelation 7:16 "*16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun smite them, nor any scorching heat.*

4) We lose perfect God-consciousness.

Genesis 2:25 "*25 And the man and his wife were both naked **and were not embarrassed or ashamed** in each other's presence.*



Genesis 3:7 "*7 Then the eyes of them both were opened, **and they knew** that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apronlike girdles.*

We now start to focus on self – the world changes from what can I do for God to what can God do for me.

5) We lose perfect self-control

From a place where Adam and Eve and all the animals lived in harmony, we change to a world where "values" have little value.

Galatians 6:5-7 "*5 For every person **will have to bear** (be equal to understanding and calmly receive) **his own [little] load** [of oppressive faults].*
6 Let him who receives instruction in the Word [of God] share all good things with his teacher [contributing to his support].
*7 Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] **For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap.***

Man moves from considering others to lusting after that which would satisfy his appetites.

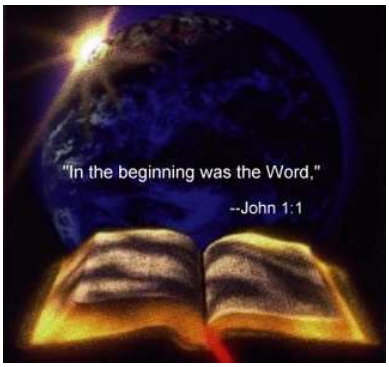


John 8:44 "*44 You are of your father, the devil, and it is your will to practice the **lusts and gratify the desires** [which are characteristic] of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a falsehood, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar [himself] and the father of lies and of all that is false.*

1 Corinthians 6:9 "*9 Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): **neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality,***

6) We lose God's Glory

We move from a place of Gods Glory, found in the Garden of Eden, and again with the cloud and the fire in the wilderness, to a place where God's Glory is something abnormal.



Romans 3:23 "*23 Since all have sinned and are falling short of the honor and glory which God bestows and receives.*

Promise of Restoration

Revelation 21:1-7 "*1 THEN I saw a **new sky (heaven) and a new earth**, for the former sky and the former earth had passed away (vanished), and there no longer existed any sea.*
*2 And I saw the **holy city, the new Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God, all arrayed like a bride beautified and adorned for her husband;*
*3 Then I heard a mighty voice from the throne and I perceived its distinct words, saying, See! **The abode of God is with men, and He will live (encamp, tent) among them; and they shall be His people, and God shall personally be with them and be their God.***
4 God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be anguish (sorrow and mourning) nor grief nor pain any more, for the old conditions and the former order of things have passed away.
5 And He Who is seated on the throne said, See! I make all things new.
Also He said, Record this, for these sayings are faithful (accurate, incorruptible, and trustworthy) and true (genuine).

6 And He [further] said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I [Myself] will give water without price from the fountain (springs) of the water of Life.
7 ***He who is victorious shall inherit all these things, and I will be God to him and he shall be My son.***



7) We lose perfect health

We find our bodies subject to all kinds of illnesses, sicknesses and pain.

Genesis 3:16-19 "*16 To the woman He said, I will greatly multiply your grief and your* ***suffering in pregnancy and the pangs of childbearing****; with* ***spasms of distress you will bring forth children****.*
Yet your desire and craving will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.
17 And to Adam He said, Because you have listened and given heed to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it, the ground is under a curse because of you; in sorrow and toil shall you eat [of the fruits] of it all the days of your life.
18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth for you, and you shall eat the plants of the field.
19 In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you shall return.

Exodus 15:26 "*26 Saying, If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God and will do what is right in His sight, and will listen to and obey His commandments and keep all His statutes****, I will put none of the diseases upon you which I brought upon the Egyptians,*** *for I am the Lord Who heals you.*

The Promise of Restoration

Matthew 8:17 "*17 And thus He fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah,* ***He Himself took [in order to carry away] our weaknesses and infirmities and bore away our diseases.***



Revelation 22:1-3 "*1 THEN HE showed me the river whose waters give life, sparkling like crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb*
2 Through the middle of the broadway of the city; also, on either side of the river was the tree of life with its twelve varieties of fruit, yielding each month its fresh crop; and ***the leaves of the tree were for the healing and the restoration of the nations.***
3 There shall no longer exist there anything that is accursed (detestable, foul, offensive, impure, hateful, or horrible). But the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall worship Him [pay divine honors to Him and do Him holy service].

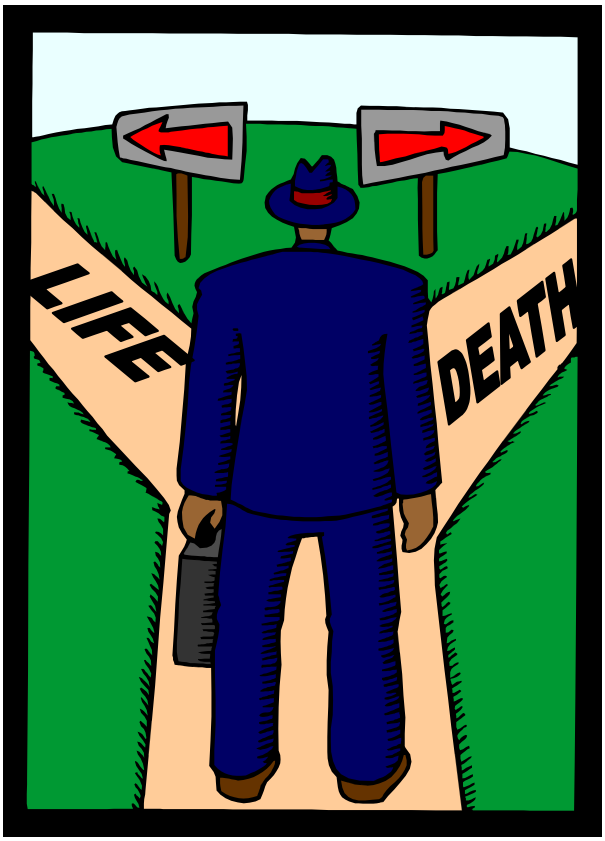
The Good News is: God is always looking out for His children who want to return.



WHY DOES GOD RETURN TO US?

God knows the distress of my voice from "His" temple (i.e. from inside of my heart – my innermost sanctuary). He knows the most pre-mature calling of my heart.

Focus on:
Life –
Purpose –
Gifts

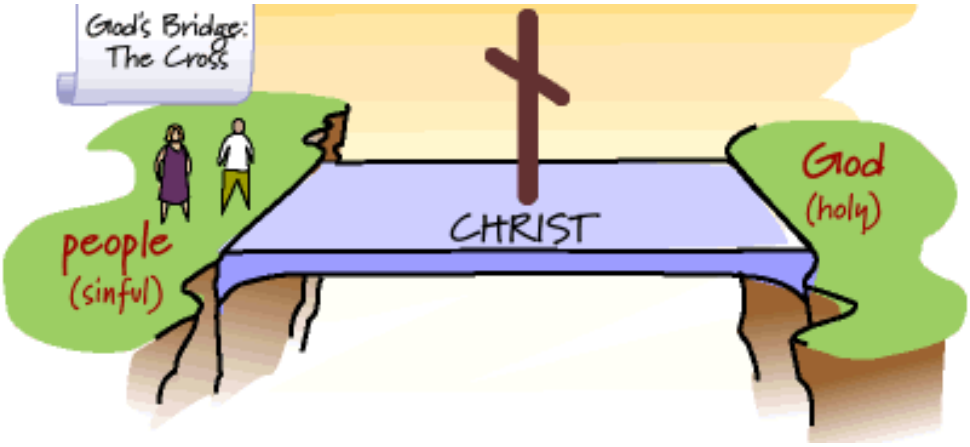


Focus on:
World / Pagan on
Systems
My ability
My talents
Management techniques
Competition

Most of us have been defined by a pagan / Greco-Roman mindset of "self". This is almost the only role model that we ever see. Only by the deep study of the Torah / Word, will we understand God's Purpose in terms of His standard.

PART 6: GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION / RESTORATION:

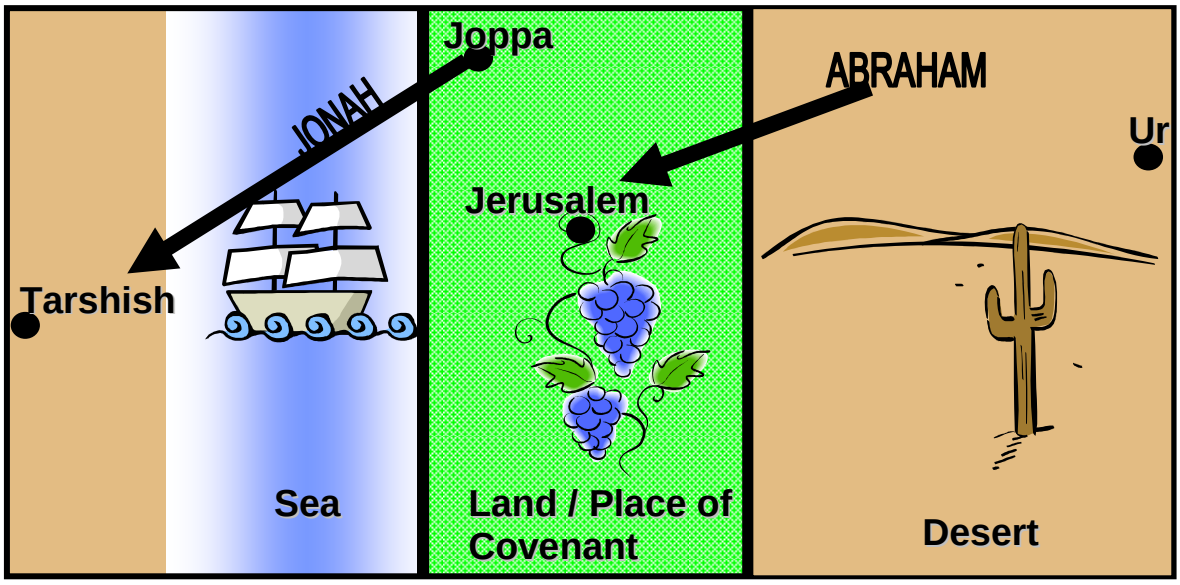
We see that Abraham and his descendants become known as "Hebrews" which means – "someone who has crossed over."



Those who have a revelation of God's Purpose, i.e. to return / be born again **and** who makes the choice to walk and do what God asks of me, are those who have really "crossed over".

"**Crossed over" people** are not perfect, but they have made a commitment to **"return" to God** and therefore they are **quick to repent, to make restitution** where we have caused harm, to **restore relationships** that we have broken.

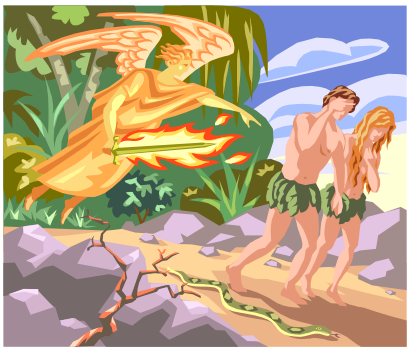
Jonah is a member of the people called Hebrews but just as Abraham took action by faith to cross over into Canaan, so too Jonah took action to cross back into the land of a "lack of faith."



Jonah is still a Jew, so too I remain a believer, but I am living an unfulfilled life. Note we are not talking about sin which has not been covered by repentance.

We are talking about **someone who has rejected their God-given purpose**. The greater the calling / purpose for your life, the greater will be the trial and tribulation for those who reject their purpose.

Jer. 7:23 *"23 But this thing I did command them: Listen to and obey My voice, and I will be your God and you will be My people; and **walk in the whole way that I command you**, that it may be well with you."*



Transformation of the Sanctuary:

God had expelled man out of the first sanctuary.
God wants to dwell with His people.

Ex. 25:8 *"8 Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them."*

The Priceless Gift of Atonement:



We know that God gave the Israelites a gift of atonement – this was the blood of an animal that took on the guilt of the individual.

When Yeshua dies at Golgotha, His Blood is not only the redemption from sin but an ongoing, permanent atonement or our frail humanity.

Contrary to much of modern day Church teaching that God's GRACE is a New Testament revelation we see evidence of God's GRACE in the Garden of Eden – the Garden of Delight.

Example 1: ADAM AND EVE



Man is placed in the Garden:

Gen 2:15 *"15 And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and guard and keep it."*

The Commandment is given to Man

Gen 2:16-17 *"16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;*
17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and blessing and calamity you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Adam and Eve sin by disobeying God and listening and obeying the serpent.
We see three types of sin:

1. Eve commits the sin of adding her **own interpretation** to God's Word – the Rabbis say:

"You build a fence around the Torah/Word".

We must always be careful how much weight we place on man's interpretations as these can lead us astray.



2. Adam commits the sin of **compromise**, he choose not to take up his robe of "dominion" and authority over the Garden.

Adam and Eve are immediately aware of the breakdown in their level of intimacy with God.

3. **Self-effort** to make the matter right

Gen 3:7 *"7 Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apronlike girdles."*

I.e. Works of the flesh will always be of no value.

God however sees their effort of repentance and institutes the principle of Atonement by the blood of an innocent animal to clothe them with skin.

Gen 3:21 *"21 For Adam also and for his wife the Lord God made long coats (tunics) of skins and clothed them."*

Example 2: NOAH



The Torah/Word tells us that the state of affairs in the world had become very bad.

Gen. 6:11-12 *"11 The earth was **depraved** and putrid in God's sight, and the land was filled with **violence** (desecration, infringement, outrage, assault, and lust for power).*
*12 And God looked upon the world and saw how **degenerate**, debased, and vicious it was, for all humanity had corrupted their way upon the earth and lost their true direction."*

We find three descriptive phrases to describe what was happening:

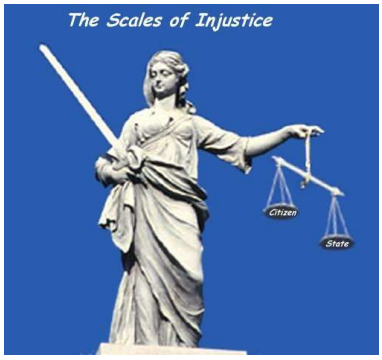
1. **The world was "corrupt":**



"**Corrupt**" in Hebrew Strongs 7843 and means:

- sexual immorality
- idolatry

2. **The world was filled with "violence":**



"**Violence**" in Hebrew Strongs 2555 and means:

- cruelty
- oppression
- injustice
- Filled to the brim/maximum, it could not get any worse.

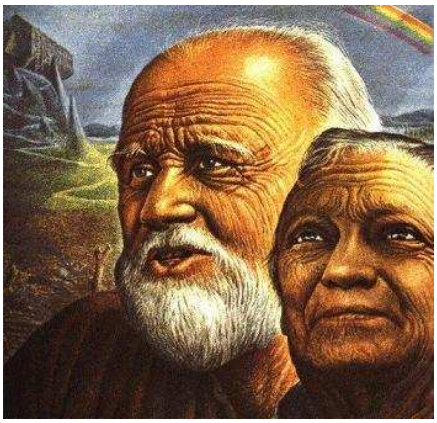
3. **The world was "perverted":**

"**Perverted**" in Hebrew Strongs 7843 and means:

- That it was so bad that it was about to be completely destroyed.

BUT

Noah is a "righteous" man



Gen 6:9 *"9 This is the history of the generations of Noah.* ***Noah was a just and righteous man****, blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God."*

This does not mean that he was perfect and without sin.

It means that he was justified, he had repented of sin so that there was no blemish on him which had not been atoned for, forgiven, cleansed and washed away.

This righteousness was based on the fact that Noah passionately worshipped God.

Gen 6:9(b) *"9 …****blameless*** *in his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God."*

God's **GRACE** is **poured out once again in the Old Testament**. God decides to destroy the world BUT save the remnant – He tells Noah to build an **ARK**.

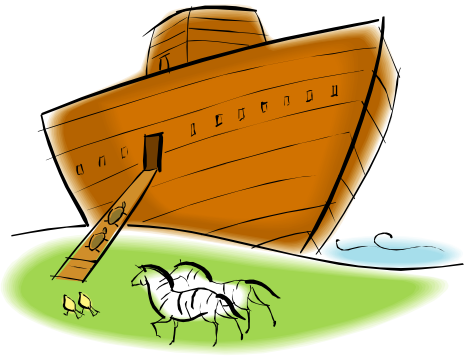
God tells Noah what to use to make the ARK, the ark was made of **gofer wood and pitch:**

The Hebrew word for "Gopher wood" is "***atsei-gfer***".

The Hebrew word for "Pitch" is "***kofer***".

What is amazing is the meaning of these root words.

The root word for Gopher wood = ***g'far***
The root word for Pitch = ***kafar***



G'far means **"to house".**
Kafar means **"atonement – the covering of sins".**

The Ark was therefore:

"**A Household of Atonement**".

God's grace has no end – He finally sent the Lamb of God when Yeshua died on the Cross at Calvary.

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At this stage of this study you must sit back, **reflect** on what you have read/heard and ask yourself **where you are on God's path of purpose, calling and destiny.**

The Torah/Bible tells us that God's perspective of Noah was a man who listened and obeyed (***Sh'ma***") God's Words – he was righteous.

Gen 6:9 *"9 This is the history of the generations of Noah. Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God."*

More importantly the Word describes Noah as "blameless".
The common understanding today is someone who is sinless, without fault, perfect.

This is not the message of Noah.

The Hebrew word for blameless is "***tamim***" and comes from the root word "***taman***".

This word has the meaning:

- Whole heartedly
- Totally utilized

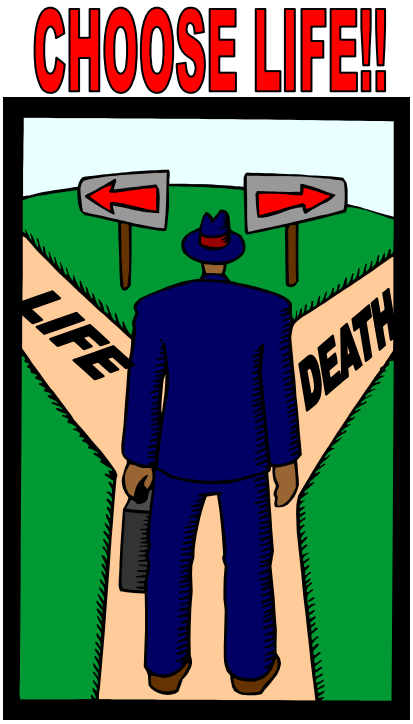
God has placed you on earth at this time, gave you gifts to be revealed to the Body of Messiah as your “calling/destiny”.

In addition you have been blessed with “talents” to make your life’s journey with ease.

You may have experienced many times of difficulties, trials, tribulations, wounding, a lack of parental blessing, etc

BUT

You have to make the choice to choose life.



Deut. 30:19 *“19 I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses;* ***therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live”***

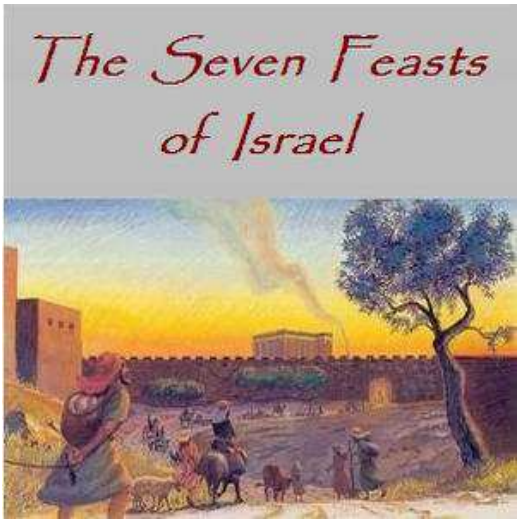
The question is if God were to stand before you today would He find you **totally utilized**?

Paul completed the race; his life was in totality complete:

2 Tim. 4:7 *“I have* ***fought the good*** *(worthy, honorable, and noble)* ***fight****, I have* ***finished the race****, I have* ***kept*** *(firmly held)* ***the faith****.”*

What does God want you to do?

Every time a day of celebration / feast appears on God's calendar, God wants:



- His people to **find Him again** – to rediscover new Light of Revelation.
- His people to **draw down** on **new spiritual** resources that were not available the year before.
- God wants us to **live each year** / time as a **unique gift** with its own potential for destiny.

We have already seen that the main focus for me as individual is to reconcile and return to my original purpose – to take dominion – this implies that I do what God has set out for me to do[1].

I will have robbed the Body of Messiah:

- If I have **never really discovered** my purpose;
- If I have walked in my divine purpose but for some reason I have **deviated** from the course;
- If I have **prevented others** from living out their divine purpose;

I therefore use this time of repentance and soul searching to move closer to God and by reaching up into God's Kairos Time I am empowered to see what plans God has for me.



Prov.16:3, 9 *"3 Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall **your plans be established** and succeed.*
9 A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure."

Is. 25:1 *"1 O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things, even **purposes planned** of old [and fulfilled] in faithfulness and truth."*

[1] Note: We are speaking to people who have already chosen God as the only One and True God, i.e. those who are born-again and who regularly make sure that they have repented of sin.

God's plans for you will reflect **streams of water, oil and gold** flowing from the source of life.



- **Water**: a reflection of how the Torah / Word of God should be manifested in my walk of obedience to God's Commandments.
- **Oil**: a reflection of my obedience to the direction of the Holy Spirit.
- **Gold**: a reflection of the way in which I represent God's authority and glory here on earth.



ARE YOU:

a) A pagan / unbeliever, someone outside of the terms of the covenant?

OR

b) A believer that is in right standing with God but not living in obedience to your purpose / destiny in the Body of Messiah?

The Israelites had:



- accepted a Covenantal relationship with God at Mount Sinai
- Promised to carry God's Image to the nations.
- Accepted God's Word / Torah as the basis for their lifestyle, (i.e. their value system differentiated them from the world) so that they would be the Light of revelation that would draw men to God.

Jonah – The Man Who Deviated from His God-Given Purpose:



In this short analysis we focus only on men and women who have either never discovered their God-given purpose or have sometimes made a free-will choice to walk on a different path – **one away** from God's **purpose** for them.

I am created for a purpose:

- My life and talents will be used in the service to the King, to make this world a place where God's Glory can return.



Evidence of this mandate from God is:

a) Man has the ability to **create** – every single seed that he sows into the soil will produce a harvest.

b) Man has the ability to **differentiate** – we can distinguish between:
- good and bad
- right and wrong

All the rest of God's Creation can only produce after their own kind.

Not only am I created for a purpose BUT I am unique:

Nobody will have my purpose or the skills and talents to achieve what I am called for.

BUT:

1) I will need to develop / draw this gift out

2) I will need to cut through the deceit of my heart so that I will see myself as I am.

3) I will need to accept that I will / must be different in order that other believers can be what they need to be.

Many believers, followers of the Messiah, live life with a great deal of frustration, anxiety and pain. They may even be quite "successful" in the day to day things of the world, but continue to search for some higher / hidden / unknown purpose.

This could arise from one of two reasons:

1) I don't know what God wants me to do.

OR

2) I am running away from God's Purpose for my life.

Such was the case with Jonah.



Who is Jonah[2]?

Jonah's name is given as "***Ben Amittai***" which means "**Son of Truth**".

Elijah and the Widow

The Bible tells us that Elijah goes to see / stay with a widow in Zarepath. The widow only had a **small** bit of flour and a **bit of oil**. Elijah asks her to allow him to eat **first** and promises that they will not go hungry.

The son of the widow becomes sick and dies. Elijah goes to pray, stretches himself over the child three times and brings him back to life.

The woman answers:

1 Kings 17:24 *"…By this I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in **your mouth is truth**."*

a) The sages believe that this young boy was Jonah, and that he lived and walked in Elijah's prophetic school.

b) History then takes us to the story of "one of the sons of the prophets" who gets given the job to anoint Jehu as King;

2 Kings 9:1, 3, 4, 6 *"1 AND ELISHA the prophet called **one of the sons** of the prophets and said to him, Gird up your loins, take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead.*
2 Kings 9:3 *"3 Then take the cruse of oil and pour it on his head and say, Thus says the Lord: I have anointed you king over Israel. Then open the door and flee; do not tarry.*
4 So the young man, the young prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

[2] For a more in-depth study on the life of Jonah, see book Yom Kippur: Reflections on the Life of Jonah available from Kanaan Ministries.

*2 Kings 9:6 "6 And Jehu arose, and they went into the house. And **the prophet** poured the oil on Jehu's head and said to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I have anointed you king over the people of the Lord, even over Israel."*

2 Kings 10:30 *"30 And the Lord said to Jehu, Because you have executed well what is right in My eyes and have done to the house of Ahab as I willed, your sons to the fourth generation shall sit on Israel's throne. [Fulfilled in II Kings 15:12.]"*

c) We see further evidence of Jonah's anointing as prophet. We find that he gives an "unrighteous king" a message from God. The King does what he is told and extends the borders of the land:



2 Kings 14:23-27 *"23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam [II] son of Jehoash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty-one years.*
*24 He did **evil in the sight of the Lord**; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam [I] son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin.*
*25 Jeroboam **restored Israel's border** from the entrance of Hamath to the [Dead] Sea of the Arabah**, according to the word of the Lord, the God of Israel, which He spoke through His servant Jonah son of Amittai**, the prophet from Gath-hepher.*
26 For the Lord saw as very bitter the affliction of Israel; there was no one left, bond or free, nor any helper for Israel.
27 But the Lord had not said that He would blot out the name of Israel from under the heavens, so He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam [II] son of Jehoash."

LET'S SUMMARIZE WHAT WE HAVE UNTIL NOW:

We **can say** that Jonah was "reborn", given a **new / second chance at life;** we can see that he has been blessed with talents and gifts, i.e. he **operates as a prophet.**



It is also clear that he has **found** his purpose / destiny in life.

He has given his life to serve the King of Kings.

Definition of Destiny:

We can say that destiny is the choice / option that we make to **live** our life focused **on God's needs**.

The choice that we all make is this:

- Wide is the gate and **wide** the path to **destruction**;

OR

- Straight is the gate and **narrow** is the way to **life**;

Gal. 6:7-8 *"7 Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For **whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap.***
8 For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life."

Deut. 30:15 *"15 See, I have **set before you** this day life and good, and death and evil."*

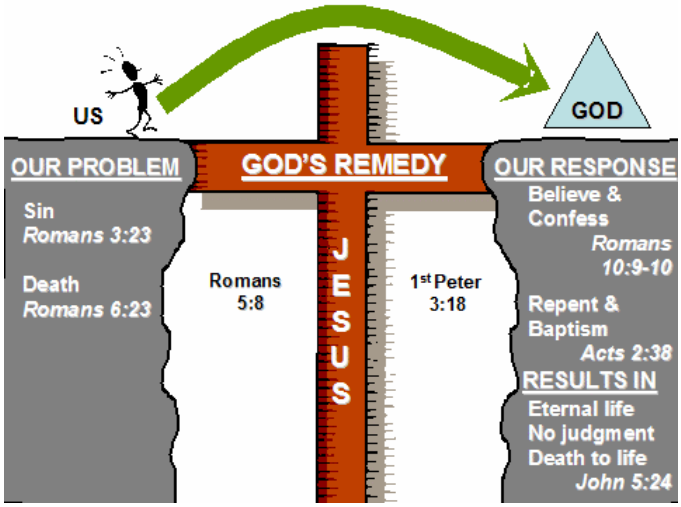
Matt. 7:13-14 *"13 Enter through the narrow gate; for **wide** is the gate and spacious and broad is the way that leads away to **destruction**, and many are those who are entering through it.*
*14 But the gate is **narrow** (contracted by pressure) and the way is straitened and compressed that **leads away to life**, and few are those who find it."*

We need to understand that the narrowness of the way is **not** a reflection of difficulty or problems but rather a reflection of our **obedience** or the lack thereof to the task at hand.

A lifestyle of **repentance** therefore keeps **us on** the narrow way.

Truth: the path to Salvation is narrow – there is only one:

- accept Yeshua by faith
- And the keeping of a continual lifestyle of repentance.

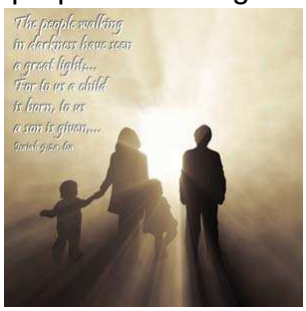


What happens to Jonah?

We indicated earlier that the feasts point to the future fulfilment of God's Plan on one hand while on the other they give us a clear message of what we are to do / how we are to live in order to stay on the **narrow way** to God's pleasure.

Pentecost / Shavuot empowers us, by the implanted Torah / Word of God into our hearts, by the discernment in our spirit provided by the Holy Spirit, to live a life of obedience as a Priest and a Holy Nation.

As this priest – Jonah and I – move off towards our corporate purpose of being **restored to our full potential** so that we can rule and reign with Yeshua, i.e. to take dominion.



What is your name? Do you know what you have been called to do?
What is the Truth that you must "light" to the world?

To fulfil my purpose and destiny, I need to <u>identify</u> my gift, <u>develop</u> this gift to its fullest potential and <u>use</u> this gift to impact the Bride of Messiah.

2 Thess. 1:11-12 *"11 With this in view we constantly pray for you, that our God may deem and count you worthy of [your] calling and [His] every gracious purpose of goodness, and with power may* ***complete in [your] every particular work of faith*** *(faith which is that leaning of the whole human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness).*
12 Thus may the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified and become more glorious through and in you, and may you [also be glorified] in Him according to the grace (favor and blessing) of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."

2 Tim. 1:8-9 *"8 Do not blush or be ashamed then, to testify to and for our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for His sake, but [with me] take your share of the suffering [to which the preaching] of the Gospel [may expose you, and do it] in the power of God.*

*9 [For it is He] Who delivered and saved us and called us with a calling in itself holy and leading to holiness [to a life of consecration, a **vocation of holiness];** [He did it] not because of anything of merit that we have done, but because of and to **further His own purpose and grace** (unmerited favor) **which was given us in Christ Jesus** before the world began [eternal ages ago].”*

2 Pet. 1:10 *“10 Because of this, brethren, be all the more solicitous and eager to **make sure** (to ratify, to strengthen, to make steadfast) **your calling and election;** for if you do this, you will never stumble or fall.”*

Can we better define the Word “Purpose”?



We know that we are created in God’s Image. We know that we have been given gifts.

We know that we have been given a “calling”.

Rom. 11:29 *“29 For **God’s gifts** and **His call** are **irrevocable**. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]”*

Calling – Greek Strongs ***2821*** **κλη□σις kle□sis**:

has the meaning of:

- to be called forth
  OR
- an invitation.

So what are we invited / called forth to be? Our Purpose!!



Purpose – Hebrew Strongs **2803** חָשַׁב ***chashab*****:**

Which means to:

- weave;
- plait / interpenetrate;
- to fabricate.

Prov. 15:22 *“22 Where there is no counsel, **purposes** are frustrated, but with many counselors they are **accomplished**.”*

Prov. 20:18 *“18 Purposes and plans are **established** by counsel; and [only] with good advice make or carry on war.”*



Nugget of Truth: We therefore have to take our **Redemptive gift and weave / plait it into the Body of Messiah** in such a way so as to ensure that the whole Body is strengthened / purified.

Eccl. 3:1, 17 *"1 TO EVERYTHING there is a season, and a time for every matter or **purpose** under heaven:*
17 I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time [appointed] for every matter and purpose and for every work."

Purpose: Hebrew Strongs **2656** חֵפֶץ ***chephets*** (343a); from 2654a; *delight, pleasure*:— care(1), delight(8), delightful(2), delights(1), desirable things(1), desire(10), desired(2), event(1), good pleasure(3), matter(1), pleased(1), pleasure(3), precious(1), sight(1), undesirable*(2), what you desire(1).



Nugget of Truth: It tells us that we **each** have a specific unique **time** allocated to us to perform God's Will on earth.

Rom. 8:28 *"28 We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and **purpose**."*

Rom. 9:11 *"11 And the children were yet unborn and had so far done nothing either good or evil. Even so, in order further to carry out God's **purpose** of selection (election, choice), which depends not on works or what men can do, but on Him Who calls [them],"*

Purpose: Greek Strongs *4286* **πρόθεσις** ***prothesis***:

which means to:

- set forth
- make a proposal.



Nugget of Truth: It tells us that we have a unique / specific purpose to **reveal our redemptive gift** in the same way that the "showbread in the temple is exposed to God".

Let's study the path to a purposeful life:

A) Define the **gifts** and identify which **gift** you need to light to the world.

B) Obtain God's and your father's **blessing** in life to flow in this anointing.

C) Renew your inner-man to walk in **dominion** reflecting the fullness of your gifting.

PART 7: HOW DO WE DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE GIFTS OF THE FATHER, GIFTS OF YESHUA (FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY) AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

We have already seen that God has created us for a purpose / destiny. He places inside us, at conception, at least two of the redemptive gifts which will be that aspect of the Bride of Messiah that you are called and anointed to manifest in reflecting God's Love to your neighbour..

We need to clarify the various terminologies used:

1) **FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY (OFFICE) is about WALKING IN RULERSHIP.**



Certain believers are called to walk in positions of governance.

Eph. 4:11-13 *"11 And His gifts were [varied; He Himself **appointed and gave men to us**] some to be **apostles** (special messengers), some **prophets** (inspired preachers and expounders), some **evangelists** (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some **pastors** (shepherds of His flock) and **teachers**.*
*12 His intention was the **perfecting** and the **full equipping of the saints** (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church),*
*13 [That it might develop] until we all attain **oneness in the faith** and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at **really mature manhood** (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the **fullness of the Christ** and the **completeness found in Him**."*

This represents standing in a full time ministry, recognised by the outpouring of God's gift to give **direction** to the Body of Messiah.

It is clear **the person** is the one "gifted" for the purpose of equipping the other saints.

2) **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit is the flow of the Holy Spirit's leading which I allow to benefit mankind.**

1 Cor. 12:4-12 *"4 Now there are **distinctive varieties and distributions of endowments** (gifts, extraordinary powers distinguishing certain Christians, due to the power of **divine grace** operating in their souls by the Holy Spirit) and they vary, but the [Holy] Spirit remains the same.*

*5 And there are **distinctive varieties of service and ministration**, but it is the same Lord [Who is served].*
*6 And there are **distinctive varieties of operation** [of working to accomplish things], but it is the same God Who inspires and energizes them all in all.*
*7 But to each one is given the **manifestation of the [Holy] Spirit** [the evidence, the spiritual illumination of the Spirit] for good and profit.*



- *8 To one is given in and through the [Holy] Spirit [the power to speak] **a message of wisdom**,*
- *and to another [the power to express] a **word of knowledge** and **understanding** according to the same [Holy] Spirit;*
- *9 To **another [wonder-working] faith** by the same [Holy] Spirit,*
- *to another the **extraordinary powers of healing** by the one Spirit;*
- *10 To another the **working of miracles**,*
- *to another **prophetic insight** (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose);*
- *to another the ability to **discern** and **distinguish between** [the utterances of true] **spirits** [and false ones], to another **various kinds of [unknown] tongues**,*
- *to another the **ability to interpret [such] tongues**.*

11 All these [gifts, achievements, abilities] are inspired and brought to pass by one and the same [Holy] Spirit, Who apportions to each person individually [exactly] as He chooses.
*12 For just as the **body is a unity and yet has many parts**, and all the parts, though many, form [only] one body, so it is with Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).”*

(See also 1 Cor. 14)

This represents the supernatural interaction between:

- God and man,
- Man and the Body of Messiah



at a specific time and specific set of circumstances as the Holy Spirit works through a believer.

In many cases the manifestation of this gift will have a direct / beneficial outworking on the individual himself.

3) The Gifts of the Father are given in order that I can go about fulfilling my purpose so that the Bride of Messiah is drawn closer in intimacy with God.



Rom. 12:6-8 *"6 Having gifts (faculties, talents, qualities) that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: [He whose gift is]* ***prophecy (PROPHET),*** *[let him* ***prophesy****] according to the proportion of his faith;*
7 [He whose gift is] practical ***service (SERVANT)****, let him give himself to serving; he who* ***teaches (TEACHER)****, to his teaching;*
8 He who ***exhorts (encourages) (EXHORTER),*** *to his exhortation; he who* ***contributes (GIVER)****, let him do it in simplicity and liberality; he who* ***gives aid*** *and* ***superintends (RULER)****, with zeal and singleness of mind; he who does acts of* ***mercy (MERCY)****, with genuine cheerfulness and joyful eagerness."*



The gift / gifts that make up my DNA, define what God has destined me to be – that "part" reflection of God's full Glory.

As each one of the gifts unite in the Body of Messiah, we cause the "Radiance" that will reflect the One True God, i.e. each one specific gift or colour is needed to create the whole "rainbow".

We have made a short summary of some of the attributes of each gift so that you can better identify who you are supposed to be.

PART 8: THE PATH TO A PURPOSE-FILLED LIFE

A) OBTAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT GOD'S REDEMPTIVE GIFTS ARE AND WHICH AREA OF CALLING GOD HAS ELECTED FOR ME TO REVEAL TO THE BODY OF MESSIAH.

WHAT ARE THE MOTIVATIONAL / REDEMPTIVE GIFTS? HOW DO I IDENTIFY MY GIFT AND PLACE IN THE BODY OF MESSIAH?

Everyone has a redemptive gift (i.e. at least 2-3 gifts which will be your major "job" in life to use / to fit into and form the entire complete body of Messiah.

I have a Gift:

1 Pet. 4:10 *"10 As each of you has **received a gift** (a particular spiritual talent, a gracious divine endowment), **employ it for one another** as [befits] good trustees of God's many-sided grace [faithful stewards of the extremely diverse powers and gifts granted to Christians by unmerited favor]."*

There are **seven** of these motivational / redemptive gifts. Which one is your special focus? What are you called to do as an area of ministry? Where do you fit into the Body of Messiah?

Rom. 12:4-8 *"4 For as in one physical body we have many parts (organs, members) and all of these parts do not have the same function or use,*
*5 So we, numerous as we are, are one body in Christ (the Messiah) and individually **we are parts one of another** [mutually dependent on one another].*
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This gift was woven / built into you at the moment of creation in the womb – the gift is not by chance, but by **specific proclamation** of God.

Ps. 139:13-16 *"13 For You did form my inward parts; You did knit me together in my mother's womb.*
14 I will confess and praise You for You are fearful and wonderful and for the awful wonder of my birth! ***Wonderful are Your works****, and that my inner self knows right well.*
15 My frame was ***not hidden from You when I was being formed in secret*** *[and] intricately and curiously wrought [as if embroidered with various colors] in the depths of the earth [a region of darkness and mystery].*
16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them."



The purpose of this Word study is to highlight that we have a unique purpose, that God **ordained** that fathers and mothers would identify this gift from an early age.

Prov. 22:6 *"6* ***Train up a child*** *in the way he should go [and in keeping with his* ***individual gift*** *or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it."*

Parents who correctly recognize the unique set of gifts will go about the process of:

- Developing that attribute.
- Guarding against hurts which could wound the child.
- Dealing with generational issues that could restrain the child from the fullness of the victory.
- Encouraging the outflow of the gifts into the Body of Messiah.



Every individual is **accountable for the gifts / talents** that we have been given. We are warned not to **neglect** the gift:

1 Tim. 4:14 *"14 Do not* ***neglect the gift*** *which is in you, [that special inward endowment] which was directly imparted to you [by the Holy Spirit] by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you [at your ordination]."*

Luke 12:48 *"48 But he who did not know and did things worthy of a beating shall be beaten with few [lashes]. For everyone to whom much is given, of him shall much be required; and of him to whom men entrust much, they will* ***require and demand all the more****."*

God declares that we are **all equal** – we are one before Him – the only One God.

Deut. 6:4 *"4 Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord [the only Lord]."*

Since we are all equal **but** have different gifts, we must recognize that every gift will have **equal value** in God's eyes.

Paul clearly says that we are "parts" of One Body – that we are mutually dependant on each other.

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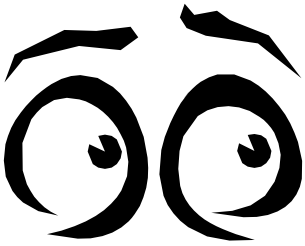
Ezekiel, the prophet describes how the Body of Messiah will be a restored united army.

Ezek. 37:5-14 *"5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath and spirit to enter you, and you shall live;*
*6 And I will **lay sinews upon you** and **bring up flesh upon you** and cover you with skin, and I will put breath and spirit in you, and you [dry bones] shall live; and you shall know, understand, and realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].*
7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a [thundering] noise and behold, a shaking and trembling and a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
8 And I looked and behold, there were sinews upon [the bones] and flesh came upon them and skin covered them over, but there was no breath or spirit in them.
*9 Then said He to me, **Prophesy to the breath and spirit, son of man, and say to the breath and spirit,** Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath and spirit, and breathe upon these slain **that they may live**.*
10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath and spirit came into [the bones], and they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceedingly great host.
11 Then He said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost; we are completely cut off.
*12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, **Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, O My people; and I will bring you [back home] to the land of Israel.***
13 And you shall know that I am the Lord [your Sovereign Ruler], when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, O My people.
*14 And I shall **put My Spirit in you and you shall live**, and I shall place you in your own land. Then you shall know, understand, and realize that I the Lord have spoken it and performed it, says the Lord."*

So we now see that every single one of us have a **unique gift** and must fit into a Body of other Believers to be the Army of God.

Let us verify that each motivation / redemptive gift is **connected** to a part of the physical body.

1. **The prophet** – is the one that must **see** the way in which God's principles of design can be made operational, i.e. the prophet is the **eye**.



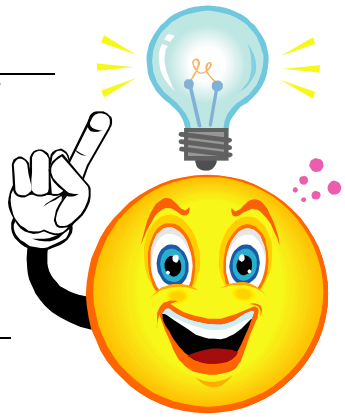
Matt. 6:22-23 *"22 The **eye is the lamp of the body**. So if your eye is sound, your entire body will be full of light.*
23 But if your eye is unsound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the very light in you [your conscience] is darkened, how dense is that darkness!"

2. **The Servant –** must reach out to others in need, must hold up the hands of those in leadership, i.e. the servant is the **hands**.



Prov. 31:20 *"20 She opens her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her **filled hands to the needy** [whether in body, mind, or spirit]."*

3. **The Teacher –** must have a **mind** to apply to study and collate the facts.



Acts 17:11 *"11 Now these [Jews] were better disposed and more noble than those in Thessalonica, for they were entirely ready and accepted and welcomed the message [concerning the attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God] **with inclination of mind** and eagerness, searching and **examining the Scriptures daily** to see if these things were so."*

4. **The Exhorter** – has the power over suffering and therefore has the ability to speak into the lives of others – the **mouth**.



Acts 13:15 *"15 After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the leaders [of the worship] of the synagogue sent to them saying, Brethren,* ***if you have any word of exhortation*** *or consolation or encouragement for the people,* ***say it****."*

5. The Giver – has the ability to use his strength / wisdom / initiative to build generational wealth – the **arms**.



Luke 1:51 *"51 He has* ***shown strength*** *and* ***made might with His arm****; He has scattered the proud and haughty in and by the imagination and purpose and designs of their hearts."*

Is. 51:9 *"9 [Zion now cries to the Lord, the God of Israel] Awake, awake, put on* ***strength and might, O arm of the Lord;*** *awake, as in the ancient days, as in the generations of long ago. Was it not You Who cut Rahab [Egypt] in pieces, Who pierced the dragon [symbol of Egypt]?"*

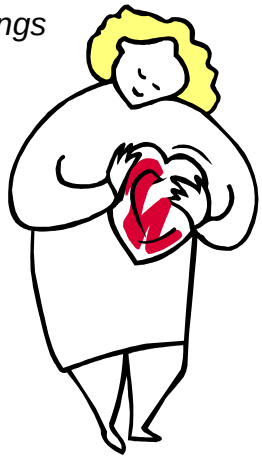
6. **The Ruler** – has the gift to call people to a vision, to organize and manage a project to completion – the **shoulders**.



Is. 9:6 *"6 For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be* ***upon His shoulder,*** *and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father [of Eternity], Prince of Peace."*

7. **The Mercy** – has a **heart** for the broken and the hurt.

Isaiah 61:1-3 "*1 THE SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted;* ***He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted,*** *to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound,*



We are placed in One Body where God wants us to function:

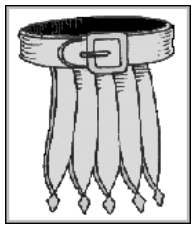
Each gift correlates to one of the parts of the <u>armour of God</u>.



This reveals the area of warfare where we have given the greatest potential strengths to **war on behalf of the Body of Messiah**, but also the area where our individual weakness will also cause the **most damage** to the Body of Messiah.

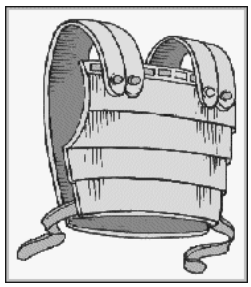
Eph. 6:10-18: *"10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].*
11 ***Put on God's whole armor*** *[the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able* ***successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil****.*
12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.
13 Therefore ***put on God's complete armor****, that you may be able to* ***resist*** *and* ***stand your ground on the evil day*** *[of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].*
14 Stand therefore [hold your ground],
a) Prophet: *having tightened the* ***belt of truth*** *around your* ***loins***
b) Servant: *and having put on the* ***breastplate of integrity*** *and of moral rectitude and right standing with God,*
c) Teacher: *15 And having* ***shod your feet*** *in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the* ***readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace****.*
d) Exhorter: *16 Lift up over all the [covering]* ***shield of saving faith****, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].*
e) Giver:*17 And take the* ***helmet of salvation***
f) Ruler: *and the* ***sword that the Spirit wields****, which is the Word of God.*
g) Mercy: *18* ***Pray at all times*** *(on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people)."*

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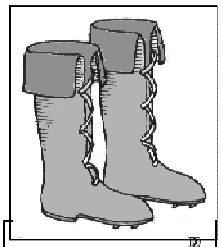
The prophet speaks to declare the truth of God's design and purposes into every situation as a benchmark for the believer to use as a point of reference in being restored.

b) Servant: *and having put on the **breastplate of integrity** and of moral rectitude and right standing with God,*



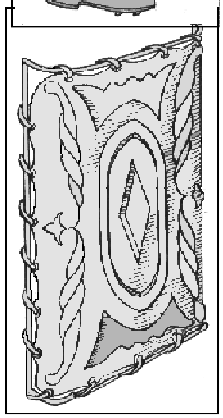
The Servant will use the authority to hold up and restore leadership to a place of right standing.

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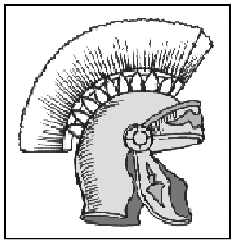
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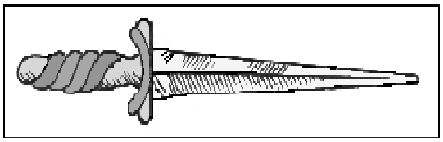
The Exhorter will – after hearing from God – speak the word of direction and life into people's situations and pain so that they can return to God.

e) Giver:*17 And take the **helmet of salvation***



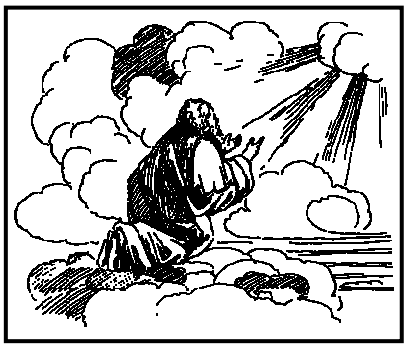
The Giver will recognize and know that God is the Provider of all good things and will use his blessing to manifest God's will to change the lives of others.

f) Ruler: *and the **sword that the Spirit wields**, which is the Word of God.*



The Ruler will take the authority and courage to lead others on a path of empowerment and to a place of victory.

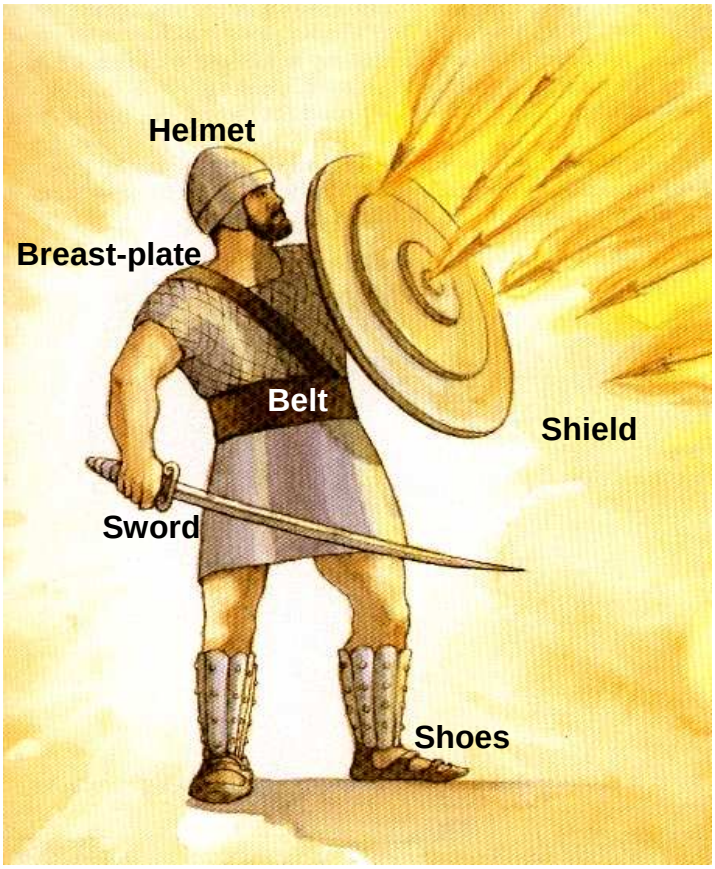
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The Mercy will implement the Heart of God in acts of compassion to all hurt and wounded people, bringing an offer of worship.

Rom. 12:4-8	Eph. 6:10-18
Prophet	Truth-girded belt
Servant	Breastplate of righteousness
Teacher	Shoes of peace
Exhorter	Shield of faith
Giver	Helmet of Salvation
Ruler	Sword of the Spirit
Mercy	Lance / Spear of Prayer

For illustrative purposes and with no hierarchical order we use the physical body as a means to make these concepts clearer.



An Example: The Exhorter who does not lift up those around them, or who causes / breaks up relationships due to their own hurts will individually, but also corporately, cause the Shield of Faith to fall to the ground – giving satan an opening to steal, kill and destroy.

PART 9: MAKE USE OF THE FOLLOWING REDEMPTIVE GIFTS QUESTIONNAIRE TO HELP YOU IDENTIFY YOUR CALLING:

Directions for completing the questionnaire:

For each of the statements, think about how you usually function in your organisation.
There may be times when you find it difficult to answer a particular question, but do the best that you can.
It might be useful for later discussion to note numbers of the questions that you find particularly difficult to answer.

Keep in mind that the accuracy of this survey depends on your openness and honesty in answering the questions.
This is not a test with right and wrong answers; rather, it is a tool for promoting thought and discussion.

Use the following scoring system:

If the statement is NEVER true for you, enter a 1
If the statement is SOMETIMES true for you, enter a 2
If the statement is MOSTLY true for you, enter a 4
If the statement is ALWAYS true for you, enter a 5

NEVER = 1, SOMETIMES=2, MOSTLY=4, ALWAYS=5

No.	Question
1	Present truth in a logical, systematic way
2	Makes provision for future generations (e.g. children, grandchildren, etc.)
3	Are highly motivated to organise and implement plans
4	Capable of having significant disagreements without offence
5	Have tremendous capacity to show love
6	Quickly and accurately identifies right
7	Recognise practical needs and is quick to meet them
8	Validate truth by weighing it against the facts
9	Are able to accommodate people with diverse viewpoints
10	Prefer to be under authority in order to have authority
11	Avoid being alone
12	Sense the emotional atmosphere of a group/individual
13	See everything as either black or white
14	Enjoy showing hospitality
15	Love to study and do research
16	Like to keep all options open as long as possible
17	Will endure criticism in order to accomplish the task

18	Relate to people irrespective of culture, race, religion, background, etc.
19	Avoid conflict and confrontation
20	Easily perceive the character of individuals or groups
21	Will stay with something until it is completed
22	Emphasize facts and accuracy of words
23	Handle every situation as a unique situation
24	Are skilled at time management
25	Love to encourage others to live victoriously
26	Are attracted to people who are hurting or in distress
27	Operate on principals
28	Find it difficult to say "no" to requests for help
29	Solve problems by starting with a theoretical foundation
30	Tend to be more relative than absolute
31	Easily facilitate resources and people to accomplish tasks or goals
32	Want a visible response when teaching or speaking
33	Easily detect insincerity or wrong motives
34	Are eager to see own blind spots and help others to see theirs also
35	Have a need to be appreciated
36	Borrow things (e.g. books) without returning it promptly
37	View family as important
38	Prefer to move on to a new challenge once something is completed
39	Greatly loved because of positive attitude
40	Take care with words and actions to avoid hurting others
41	Feel the need to verbalise or dramatise what you perceive
42	Feel greatest joy in doing something that is helpful
43	Have strong convictions and opinions based upon investigation of facts
44	Are concerned about the greater community
45	Thrive under stress/pressure
46	View trials as opportunities to produce personal growth
47	Are ruled by the heart rather than the head
48	Have strong opinions and convictions
49	Avoid leading others or projects
50	Enjoy writing a lot
51	See money as security
52	Want to see things completed as quickly as possible
53	Find it easy to communicate with others
54	Sense things without being able to explain the "how"
55	Are frank, outspoken and do not mince words
56	Support those who are in leadership
57	Tends to use biblical illustrations rather than life illustrations.
58	Gives freely of possessions / time / love but want only the best.
59	Enjoys long-term projects and does not like routine.
60	Prefers to apply truth rather than research it.
61	Rejoices when others are blessed, grieves if they are hurt.
62	Believes that tribulation produces personal brokenness / humbleness.

63	Is more interested in meeting the needs of others than own needs.
64	Gets upset if scripture is used out of context.
65	Gives without other knowing about it.
66	Can easily delegate tasks and supervises to other.
67	Wants to give people specific instructions on “how-to-do-it”.
68	Does not like to be rushed.
69	Believes that true repentance will be evidence by good fruit.
70	Works on immediate goals rather than long-term goals.
71	Is self-disciplined and self-controlled
72	Has a strong belief in tithing / first-fruit offering.
73	Is willing to let others get credit to get the job done.
74	Loves to do personal counselling, but stops if no effort to change is seen.
75	Typically avoids conflict / confrontations.
76	Tends to only have one or two close friends and tends to be introspective.
77	Shows love in deeds and actions more than words.
78	Believes that truth has the power to change.
79	Is not gullible / easily fooled.
80	Is always writing notes to him- / herself.
81	Expects a lot of others.
82	Loves doing thoughtful things for others.
83	Knows that he is called to be an intercessor.
84	Tends to do the job rather than delegate.
85	Has a select circle of friends based on common interest.
86	Likes to see value for money.
87	Know when to keep doing things in the old way and when to introduce new ideas.
88	Needs to have someone as a “sounding board” to listen to idea / concepts.
89	Is more concerned about mental / emotional stress than physical discomfort.
90	Has a fervent desire to see God’s Plan manifest in all situations.
91	Has a high energy level.

Redemptive Gifts Results Sheet:

Your highest score indicates your redemptive gift.

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	Score	**Gift**
T		Teacher
G		Giver
R		Ruler
E		Exhorter
M		Mercy
P		Prophet
S		Servant