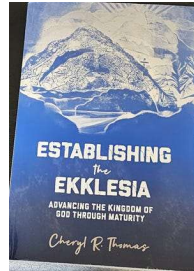


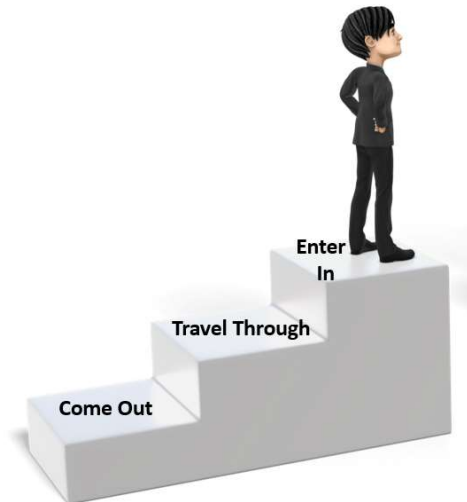
## 04-Apostles and the Third Day Anointing

Continuing on in this post with the discussion concerning apostolic anointing or grace, we will discuss the third day in this post. We mentioned it briefly in the last post. We discussed the dream I had where God was saying His people are free; the walls have come down that hold them back from their destiny.



I have recently written another book called “Establishing the Ekklesia”. In the book I share the process God uses over and over again in our lives when He is transforming us, or moving us from glory to glory. When He moves us from glory to glory, He is moving us from anointing to anointing, into more light, more fire.

It is always a 1-2-3 step process. The first step is to leave the place we are. The second step is to travel through the valley of change, of transformation. The third step is to enter into our new inheritance. We must come out of something, through something, and then into something in this process.



Moses was a type of the apostolic anointing. Apostles are equipped by God to see what God has planned for the moment. They see when a people are stuck in a moment and it is time to move. They see the place God wants to take His people. They desire for God's people to grow and move from glory to glory. They desire for God's people to enter into their inheritance. They desire for God's people to see for themselves what God is doing and for them to follow the King.

In Exodus 5:3 Moses and Aaron spoke to Pharaoh about letting the people of God go into the desert on a three-day journey to worship. Moses had been sent as the deliverer to Egypt to deliver God's people from Egypt and lead them into their inheritance. Pharaoh would not permit it. After many plagues, Pharaoh would relent and let them go.

Do we truly understand our inheritance? We often think of it as things, such as wealth, health, peace, enjoyment. When we see our inheritance in this way, we are looking to the King's hands, not His heart. We must desire His heart. Our inheritance is the King.

Do we hunger for our inheritance (all of Him) or do we hunger for what He can give? Have we even got a picture of what that means? The Jews saw the promised land and what it was going to take to inherit it. The first generation thought it impossible and they died in the wilderness. The next generation took a long time to inherit and dispossess those who had squatted on the land.

How much do we want our inheritance? How much do we truly understand that if we have the King, we have everything? Without Him we have nothing! We need the true, godly apostles and prophets to see it. We need the apostolic and prophetic anointing to lift the fog from our eyes so we can see the King in all His beauty. There must be a hunger in us for Him that will help lead us into the fulness of our inheritance.

Some tend to think the kingdom is all spiritual and doesn't affect the way we live life. That is totally wrong. We cannot separate our natural life from our spiritual life. The kingdom is much more than love, kindness, peace, etc. It affects every area of our life, from politics to entertainment to education and so much more. In the third day we understand.

***Beloved friends, because of my love for Jesus Christ, I am now his prisoner for the sake of all of you who are not Jews, so that you will hear the gospel that God has entrusted to me to share with you. For this wonderful mystery, which I briefly described, was given to me by divine revelation, so that whenever you read it you will be able to understand my revelation and insight into the secret mystery of the Messiah. There has never been a generation that has been given the detailed understanding of this glorious and divine mystery until now. He kept it a secret until this generation. God is revealing it only now to his sacred apostles and prophets by the Holy Spirit. Here's the secret: The gospel of grace has made you, non-Jewish believers, into coheirs of his promise through your union with him. And you have now become members of his body—one with the Anointed One!***

***Eph 3:1-6 (TPT)***



Jesus revealed Himself to Saul on the road to Damascus and the glory of the Lord was so bright, it blinded Saul. On the THIRD DAY Paul received his sight back. He spent several years in the desert where God began to reveal to him secrets that had been hidden from before the beginning of time. The mystery was the Messiah. The Messiah was revealing the true plans of God to His true prophets and apostles so that all people would know what He is doing in the earth.

He was bringing both Jews and Gentiles, through union with the Messiah, into their inheritance, the promises given to Abraham. It was the promise of the one new man, where we were so united with Him that everything we were and everything we did was in Him, the ANOINTED ONE. That is the Kingdom of God in a nutshell. Nothing lacking.

Paul continued to describe and articulate what this inheritance involved. He talked about the riches of Christ that were inexhaustible. They could not be explained or comprehended. They are beyond human understanding. Paul's passion was to share the secrets that God had shared with him so the Ekklesia could see and understand the free access we had to heaven and all its wisdom and all its resources as kings standing before the King of kings.

***I have been made a messenger of this wonderful news by the gift of grace that works through me. Even though I am the least significant of all his holy believers, this grace-gift was imparted when the manifestation of his power came upon me. Grace alone empowers me so that I can boldly preach this wonderful message to non-Jewish people, sharing with them the unfading, inexhaustible riches of Christ, which are beyond comprehension. My passion is to enlighten every person to this divine mystery. It was hidden for ages past until now, and kept a secret in the heart of God, the Creator of all. The purpose of this was to unveil before every throne and rank of angelic orders in the heavenly realm God's full and diverse wisdom revealed through the church. This perfectly wise plan was destined from eternal ages and fulfilled completely in our Lord Jesus Christ, so that now we have boldness through him, and free access as kings before the Father because of our complete confidence in Christ's faithfulness.***

***Eph 3:7-12 (TPT)***

Paul continued in his writing to tell the Ephesians, he was nothing special. He considered himself the least significant of all believers. That is another sign of a true apostle. They are no greater than any other believer. All believers have significance, and apostles want them to know their significance in the Kingdom. We need to understand the secrets hidden in the Father's heart. The Ekklesia will understand her significance in this hour and the fullness of the Father's wisdom is going to be revealed through His Ekklesia!

At first glance, that will seem boring to many. They want to establish something great that the world will notice. But their efforts will fail, because the only thing that is going to be built that will not tumble is what God, Himself, is building. God's Kingdom will be expanded on earth, but it is not going to be through the craftiness of man.

The mind of man and men's craftiness have devised plans to destroy God's creation. Their evil plans are in full swing, even now, as I write this. The Ekklesia must arise from the secrets of God's heart to combat the evil plans of the enemy. Even good plans devised by man will not be enough to combat this evil. It is going to be God's way in this, the third day.

The children of Israel left Egypt on their way to the promised land. They had to come out of Egypt, the world system and cross the wilderness of transformation in order to be prepared to enter their promised land. It could have been only an eleven- or twelve-day journey, but transformation often takes more time than we expect to get rid of old mindsets and be prepared to enter the new land.

It took the Israelites forty years and many of them never left the old mindset behind and they failed to enter their inheritance. When God leads us into the desert to strip us of the things that hold us back from our inheritance, we must be willing to abandon old mindsets, or we, too, will fail to inherit our inheritance.

In the THIRD month of journeying in the desert, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai. The story is in Exodus, chapter 19. God called Moses up the mountain. He gave Moses instructions to tell the people that all they needed to do was obey God and honor the covenant He was making with them and then they would be a treasure to Him.

If they would keep the covenant and obey God, He would make them into a holy nation and a kingdom of priests. They were not yet either of those things. To "keep" the covenant meant to keep watch over it, guard it, protect it, wait for it, treasure it, pay heed to it. The covenant was to be one with God, so He could see His Kingdom established on earth through them, like His Kingdom is already established in heaven.



In the third month God reveals His plans, His strategies, His secrets to Moses, the type of apostle, and Moses delivers the message to the people. The people declare they will do what the Lord requires of them. Moses is then instructed by God to tell the people to spend two days preparing for the third day. On the third day God was going to come down on the mountain. But also, the people were to go up on the third day.

There were to be boundaries on the first two days so the Israelites could not ascend the mountain, but on the third day, God was coming down to the mountain and the people of God were supposed to go up the mountain. But notice, they were not to

break through to ascend the mountain. They must go up God's way or they would die. They chose not to ascend the mountain at all. It was okay for Moses, but not for them.

God had prepared a way for them, but they were not ready. God knew that would happen because He knows all things. But by this act He signified there would be a time when His people would be ready to connect with God in a more intimate way and it would be on the THIRD day.

God would send His Son, His Word, to earth in the first day and tell the people to prepare for two days until the people would be ready to ascend the mountain in His presence and become the true one new man, the perfect man, the Lord as the Head and His people as the Body in unity on the mountain of God in His glory.

The nation of Israel would operate as a nation on the earth with the tribe of Levi designated as priests, but they would not know the truth of being a nation of priests yet, even though it was in the heart of God even back in those days. But there would be a day when God would have a nation of kings and priests who would obey Him and honor His covenant.

Queen Esther dressed in her royal robes on the THIRD day in preparation to go before the king in behalf of her people. The bride has prepared herself for the Lord in the THIRD day. Just as Esther found favor in the eyes of her husband, the king, the bride of the lamb will find favor in the eyes of her King.

***Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself.***

***Revelations 19:7 (NLT)***



The whole book of Hosea is prophetic concerning the day in which we live. From the days of Jesus, His people have strayed from the message of the Kingdom, He came to preach. As in chapter 2 of Hosea, God lured us to the wilderness, where He has been preparing us for our inheritance (second day). In verse 16 God told them He was preparing them for the day they would know Him as Husband.

Verse 18 talks about a new covenant between the creatures of the earth and mankind. The covenant will be one of peace and war will be gone forever. Has that happened yet? Where is it going to happen? Heaven? Continue reading and you will find it happens on earth but heaven will be so close.

As the bride, we are wed through righteousness and justice. Those are the pillars of the throne of God. Without righteousness and justice, there is no Kingdom. We will

discuss this in future posts. But for now, suffice it to say, we wed and we sit on the throne with our God.

In chapter 6 Hosea prepares us for the future and what God has planned for the THIRD day.

***Come, let us return to the Lord, for He has torn, and He will heal us. He has struck, and He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us. On the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord. His appearance is as sure as the dawn. He will come to us like the rain; like the spring rains He will water the earth. Hosea 6:1-3 (MEV)***

He will heal us and give us life. That life is lived in God's face, His presence. We will no longer survive by the goodness of His outstretched hand, but we will live in the very essence of Him. We will know Him like we have never known Him before. Let us press on to that destiny That is our inheritance.

It is as sure to happen as the sun is sure to rise everyday bringing dawn to the earth. We are living in the THIRD day. We are living in the day of His promise for a new covenant between the creatures of the earth and mankind. We are living in the day of His promise of our inheritance, a place where there are no wars and there is only peace.

We need the true apostles to arise to see the promise of the inheritance and steady us in our pursuit of our destiny. We need the apostolic anointing to see not only our destination, but the path to get there. We need those who are no longer satisfied to receive from the Master's hand, but desire to BE in oneness with God as a marriage between a husband and a wife represent.

Will the true apostles arise to the task? Will they carry the anointing of the THIRD day? Will we recognize them? Are we ready to march into our inheritance in this day? Are we ready to take God's creation with us? Are we so united with Jesus that others dare do anything but follow? Are we prepared or are we sitting back just waiting on God?

There is so much more that could be found about the THIRD day in the Bible, but this should be enough to whet our appetite for more. We will continue with the topic of apostolic anointing in the posts to come.

