

When we are children, we often learn by watching and imitating our parents. When we are asked what we want to be when we grow up, as children we often want to do whatever our mother or father have chosen as their profession. As children grow, they often show the same mannerisms of their parents and are sometimes referred to as “a chip off the old block”. Another way of saying it, is “the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree”.



God’s plan before He began to create the earth and all that was in it was to be a Father to lots of children. This was in His heart. He wanted them to be “a chip off the old block”. They would be created in His image. He would create them with a free will to choose Him or not choose Him. He knew that creating them this way, allowed them to walk away from Him, and He knew that is exactly what they would do.

This creation would hear His voice so clearly at first, but as they walked away, that voice would become harder to hear. So, God built everything in creation from the very beginning to reflect truths about the Father who loved them. He would hide these truths throughout all creation knowing that those who truly loved Him would find them and return as the prodigal son.

Solomon, David’s son, reveals to us some of the mysteries hidden in the Father’s heart. He asked God for wisdom and he received it. The Bible tells us several times that he was the wisest man who lived up to that time. Most of us are familiar with some of Solomon’s wise sayings. Here is one of those sayings we have heard that I dare say, not many understand.

***These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of King Hezekiah of Judah copied: It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, and it is the glory of a king to search out a matter. Proverbs 25:1,2 (NET)***

Solomon, in his wisdom, discovered that God had mysteries and those mysteries could be revealed and understood. Why does Solomon mention kings in particular? Kings have the authority to change things. Matters are not revealed just so we can be in the know, but rather so we can change things.

God calls us to be priests and kings in His Kingdom. Today, I want to show you a mystery that has been hidden and when we discover it, it will make our heart sing. In God’s presence (glory) mysteries are hidden. In God’s presence (glory) kings can enter and mysteries are revealed.

The Hebrew word for “search” means to “investigate, examine, explore”. It means to “dig for” something. It is like the pearl in the parable Jesus taught in Matthew chapter 13. Digging for treasure in the heart of God is a part of the Kingdom of God and what kings do.

Solomon gave us another clue into the mysteries of God in some following verses, but we have not understood them.

***Remove the dross from the silver, and material for the silversmith will emerge; remove the wicked from before the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Proverbs 25:4,5 (NET)***

Here Solomon illustrates that separation is necessary before silver can be purified. This doesn't happen automatically, but someone who is an expert in silver must do the separating. Solomon goes on to say this illustrates what must be done in order for a king to rule effectively.

This is a key for us today on how to operate in the Kingdom of God as we go about our daily lives. Hold on. I am going to show you how this has been a principle and a mystery hidden in God from before the beginning of time.

Let's begin in the beginning. That is always a good place to start. God hides a truth in plain sight.

***In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water. Genesis 1:1,2 (MEV)***

The word for “formless” means “empty, wasteland, confusion, chaos”.

The Living Bible, all though a paraphrase and not a translation, is pretty accurate and puts it this way:

***When God began creating the heavens and the earth, the earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors. Genesis 1:1,2 (TLB)***

The first thing we notice is there was complete darkness, no light in the beginning. In the darkness there was nothing of value, a wasteland. What existed, existed in darkness, confusion, chaos. There is lots of debate over what happened between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. That is not the point of my discussion. God is drawing our attention to the fact that chaos and confusion hide in darkness.

If that is not a picture of our world today, I do not know what is! Darkness covers the entire globe today. Until recently that chaos and confusion has been hidden in the darkness and we may have had an idea that it existed, but we didn't know for sure. It was so well hidden. We definitely did not realize the depth of what has been hidden!

One thing we can take comfort in, is even as in the beginning the Holy Spirit is still there even when darkness is so deep. He is hovering over the earth and the waters.

Waters in scripture, often are symbolic of people. The Holy Spirit hovers or broods like a mother hen over her eggs, waiting for something to hatch.

But maybe Holy Spirit is waiting for something specific before the eggs can hatch? What is it that breathes life into anything? There is a clue in the next verse.

***God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. Genesis 1:3 (MEV)***

God spoke into the darkness and commanded light to come forth. The Holy Spirit was waiting for a Word from God to be spoken. God’s Word brings the spark of life. Holy Spirit would then hover over that word to bring to pass. What if this was a lesson for us? What if God was showing us how to be “a chip off the old block”?

Back in the late 1980’s I had lost something and began to pray to God to help me find this article that I had been searching for so diligently. God told me to call it forth into the light so it could be seen. I obeyed and the lost article was found. It is funny how we often can’t see what is in front of our faces. God began to teach me about things hidden in darkness. He told me to begin to call things into the light so they would be seen and could be addressed.

God had promised me a job at a particular company, but they were ignoring my resumes. I began to command hidden things to come into the light so they could be addressed. God revealed to me that the management needed to change, so I declared that management would change in that place. In a few months I was called into an interview. They could not believe that someone with the experience and knowledge I possessed had not been previously hired.

They were skeptical, so they interviewed me three times before hiring me. Once, I was hired, I discovered that management had indeed changed, and new management had been hired. We need to understand there are things hidden in darkness, and only light will reveal it. Light reveals so things can change.

There is something else we need to know that affects the way we deal with situations in the world today. When there is complete darkness, things seem empty, without purpose. Our eyes don’t see in the darkness. Isn’t that funny that we were created not to see in the darkness, while cats are created to see in the darkness? Why not us? Maybe God had a purpose and a lesson for us to learn in this?

When we can’t see in the darkness, we do not know what is going on in that darkness. It is hidden from us. We are seeing today the amount of gross sin that is going on around us. The amount of fraud and distortion of truth that surrounds us leaves many without hope. Things so abominable that it is hard to speak about them are truly happening around us. Yes, even in our cities and communities. What happened to make us suddenly able to see it, when it has been going on for ages without us knowing?

LIGHT! The light was suddenly shining on the darkness. The chaos and confusion and things hidden in the darkness were suddenly revealed. It took the light shining to reveal what was hidden in the darkness. God was teaching me back in those days

how to call forth light into the darkness, not just so we could see it, but so we could bring righteousness to it. Righteousness is the standard of God on what is right.

When we bring righteousness to a situation, the situation changes and justice is done. Justice is not punishment or destruction. Justice is making right, something that is wrong. Justice is bringing order to something that is in chaos or confusion. This is the foundation of God's throne, which is where we rule and reign also as kings.

What? That is for this life? We don't have to wait for heaven or until Jesus returns to earth? Well, the Bible does tell us that we are priests and kings. Let's look at another verse.

***For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). Romans 5:17 (AMPC)***

That word "reign" means "to be king, to exercise kingly power". When? In life! This life! Righteous means more than right standing. It means we can operate with the mind of Christ to know and understand what is right in the sight of God. We can then be a king and bring justice to that which is not right. What if we received a revelation of this truth so strongly that we were able to change our communities? It would be like Solomon saw in the opening verses of this article where truth and the mysteries of God were being revealed to kings. I believe it is coming and now is.

Now, that we have established that we are to be kings in this life, let's go back to Genesis and see further truth in this matter. We have seen there was complete darkness and chaos and confusion in the earth. We have seen that Holy Spirit was there just waiting for something to happen. Then God spoke and there was light.

When ever light comes into a situation the chaos, the confusion, and the things hidden in the darkness are revealed. We see that today. Chaos and confusion abound and every day it seems to get worse as new things are revealed and brought into the light. It is a mess. What do we do about it? This verse gives us the answer.

***God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. Genesis 1:4 (MEV)***

The word for "separated" or "divided" as stated in the King James Version means "to sever, to make a distinction between". God knew humans were going to deviate from His will for them. So, He created things in the earth to remind humans of how to find their way back to Him. Darkness would represent the place man would find to hide in their rebellion, but light would always be there waiting to shine in the darkness when a word was uttered.

Once light was shone on the darkness, there would need to be a separation, a severing of the darkness. Maybe like what happens with silver as King Solomon

saw? There needed to be the light of a fire that would bring purification by separating that which had no value from that which had great value. So, the darkness and the sunshine of day were illustrations of a truth concerning what needs to happen in our lives. We must submit to the purifying fire of God to rid us of the wood, hay, and stubble in our lives. When the light shines, we must allow the fire of God to remove the chaos and confusion in our lives.

In order to operate as priests and kings in the Kingdom of God on earth, we must separate the darkness from the light. It is no accident that King Solomon talks about kings in the same breath he talks about removing dross from silver. It is important enough for us to see, that I repeat the verses here.

***Remove the dross from the silver, and material for the silversmith will emerge; remove the wicked from before the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.***  
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We must address the purification process in our own lives as a part of maturing. In maturity we are able to unite with others who have also matured and become the Ekklesia that Jesus is building. It is the Ekklesia, those who know their identity as sons, and their privilege as priests and kings, who advance the Kingdom of God in the earth. It is the effective kings and priests who have learned to rule and reign who effect change. They are a “chip off the old block”. They operate from the heart of their Father.

They call forth the light to shine in darkness and reveal what is hidden, not for the fun of it, but so something can be done about it. They then call for the laborers that God has prepared to understand how to deal with the things that are now revealed. That is why Jesus declared the laborers were few. It is not that ministers or “prophets” are few. We have an abundance today, at least of those who declare themselves as such. But what we need are laborers. Laborers for what? Laborers for the harvest. What is the first thing that must be done before harvest? A separation of the tares from the real.

We need a people who can distinguish between the false and the real. We need priests and kings who call for the light into darkness and who know what God wants to do to bring righteousness and justice to what we now see. We not only need those who see, but we need laborers. We need those who know what is in the heart of God for any situation. We need laborers who are actually going to change things so they are right in the sight of God.

If this touches your heart, I ask you to begin calling forth light into your communities, your cities, your state or province, your country, knowing that chaos and confusion will happen because darkness does not like being exposed. But then declare that laborers will rise up who understand the heart of Father God and will bring forth justice to right that which is wrong. Declare it from your heart with every fiber of your being. Ask God what He would have you to do when things are revealed and then be obedient.

Those who have a heart for righteousness and justice will be used by God to bring order out of chaos. They allow Jesus to rule their hearts as KING. They know their

identity as sons of God, but also as priests and kings. They understand why Jesus is King of kings! They are the kings, with the small 'k' under the command of the King and His Kingdom. They labor with Him to bring justice.

The harvest is ripe. The laborers are few. Will you be a priest and king where you live? Will you understand what is right in the heart of God and have the wisdom to understand what justice means when it is applied? Let's be "a chip off the old block" and begin with an understanding of who we are in Christ. We are kings with authority to speak and declare what is right in the sight of God, and to effect change in the earth. Let's do it!

