

Kingdom Life Spiritual Growth Track

5786 Month 11 Shevat “3 Knocks”

I. Reminder of Invitation and Aims of this session of *Kingdom Life*

This month: **When Jesus Knocks**

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Last month: **JESUS!**

Our endeavor was to learn/ sharpen spiritual skills + increase capacity: discern Him, speak His story for others to know Him, war from His identity to prevail in Spiritual warfare.

Connect that with this month:

The 3 Knocks. When He knocks on our door...; Let’s join Him in His knocking, as a Troop, from IN Christ.

Join us for the special focus on **When JESUS Knocks** in the Kingdom Life spiritual growth track for the month of Shevat to activate: **AWAKENING and READINESS and RECOGNIZING CHANGE.**

1. The study will begin on Monday, February 2 for 10 days: M-F week 1 and M-F week 2, with individual Bible, prayer, and worship assignments. The document will also be posted at BeginGrowFlourish.org .

2. The 30-minute team zoom sessions will be convened on Tuesdays and Thursdays (February 3,5,10,12) from 7:00 - 7:30 pm. (NOTE the new, later time!)

Even if you cannot make these sessions, we welcome you to enroll in Kingdom Life for the growth work, to stay in step, and to press in for advancing in the Kingdom this month, in spiritual agreement!

♥️ We welcome you to invite others who want to know Him deeper, move together for His purposes, and thrive in *Kingdom* life. BeginGrowFlourish.org

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“Kingdom LIFE” Spiritual Growth Track Concepts:

We together are His people; He alone is our God!

What is “Kingdom”?

How can I flourish in Kingdom Life - in community, and on a multi-gifted team?

How can we help others flourish in Kingdom Life?

The Lord calls us to **WHOLENESS individually, and to FULLNESS together.**

We invite you to an ongoing journey together with God’s Kingdom people to know our King Jesus in an experiential way, deeper and greater. Be empowered by Holy Spirit to testify of the amazing goodness of Kingdom life in Jesus! Be open to the Holy Spirit maturing us, and forming us into the image of Jesus, more and more, as we listen and obey Him through spiritual disciplines.

Multi-gifted Teams Sent on Assignment

Our trajectory as His Kingdom people in this EOZ Troop, engaging in online/ home, city, and regional gatherings: we show up in submission for Him to use us together as love warriors for the unstoppable forward movement of the ever-expanding Kingdom of God. Think: multi-gifted teams sent on assignment in spiritual agreement, maintaining an atmosphere thick with love.

We want to give God what He wants: a family that knows Him and makes Him known (among additional good things!) We live, grow, learn and practice Kingdom Life together so we may be spiritually fruitful together. Two weeks a month we gather online in teams toward growing in our relationship with God. We cultivate a lifestyle of deepening relationship with Him, hearing His Voice - and using ours to pray, love, serve, testify, and praise Him.

Find your place in the (Kingdom life-together) Troop God has for you at this time in your life. We welcome you, as Holy Spirit leads, for exploits together with fruit that lasts eternally. **Onward Together!**

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II. Welcome to Kingdom Life for Shevat 5786!

Day 1 and 2: Review the 3 Knocks scripture passages, with Holy Spirit giving light.

“Open to Me” Song of Songs 5:2-6

“Watchfulness” Parable Luke 12:35-40

“Be earnest and repent” Revelation 3:14-22

1. Take an overall **look at those 3 passages together.** One thing they highlight that we need from the Lord (in increasing measure!) is **the ability to recognize change.** Do you see that in all three?

==> Please write whatever Holy Spirit highlights to you about these three passages’ commonalities, and their particular distinctive. What truth/ check/ warning/ blessing is expressed?

2. Here is the discussion of them, in this ~ 20 minute **video portion from FIRST Shevat**, which is the set up for how we believe God is offering to grow us this month (wholeness individually and fullness together) - **Jesus knocking, and us knocking with Him.**

==> Please review this. Record whatever you may like to share with the group.



3. (Left) Here is a beautiful **worship session** to help us all posture ourselves for what the Lord wants to build in us and do through us this month. You may want to have your journal ready and write something to the Lord - especially when you get to minute 6...! Let the lists of His loving-kindnesses be on our lips! Then around minute 9 - you may want to add something to your (increased-capacity) description of Jesus from last month. Quiet yourself and focus on Him, knowing that we are all entering in together in the spiritual realm, though on our own time and from our own locations. **Hear it personally and corporately.**



==> Record whatever you may like to share.

Check email for the **replay of our team session 2/3/26** with the commissioning, discussion, spiritual transactions, ... We THANK GOD for HIS PRESENCE with us - adding His God-Sized Strength!

*The remainder of week one we focus deeper on the passages, looking for the TRUTH that God conveys, and the ABILITY He wants us to grow **in us**. We HEAR HIM knocking on our door, we open, and He prepares us to move/ for change... And, next week we go deeper into recognizing change, so we can act, following His lead. We can now war from our place **in JESUS**, the Door Knocker, with the message He is delivering to His Bride, to His servants, to His Ekklesia in this time of **change: AWAKEN!***

Day 3: Luke 12:35-48 (expanded, including the second part of parable)

1. Read the passage - now including the part with Jesus answering Peter's question. **Bear in mind that part A of the parable is about readiness. Do not lose our hope in his coming.** Part B is about **faithfulness**. It all belongs to the Master, not the managers/stewards. Do they forget that, and revert to an unregenerate mode of behavior exemplified in drunkenness and cruelty? Those who are assigned a place with the unbelievers - wolves who only pretended to serve the Master? See Paul's warning in *Eph 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. 29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. 30 Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. 31 So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.* Think of this parable being the context for Luke 12:48, *"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."* - Given much of what exactly? (answer is in the passage.) Have you heard that phrase referenced/ preached more often outside its context? (I have. I am cheering for the practice of Bible reading!)
2. Write *your* questions on this parable in Luke 12 and ask Holy Spirit for insight/ response.
3. Some clarifications for the setting: **"Be dressed and ready for service"** - literally "let your **loins/ waist be girded about**". Men would tuck flowing robes up under belt to be ready to move rapidly. (Elijah ran like this...) 1 Peter 1:13 uses this same phrase. This is **strikingly similar to the parable!** But instead is written for believers in Jesus (like us) *in the era after* the revealing of *how* He would save us. I am especially pondering the connection in the underlined and colored phrases below, comparing to Jesus' parable, contrasting a community of love to the cruel managers. Do you see a pattern? Luke wrote the account - but Peter was there!

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, with **minds** that are **alert and fully sober**, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in **ignorance**. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your **faith and hope** are in God. 22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have **sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.** 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.
4. Consider the passages adjacent to this one - it's often significant to see a passage within the larger theme of what Jesus was communicating. First, see the meditate-all-day-worthy verse immediately prior to our parable. **Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.** You may have time to explore in the latter part of Luke 11, when Jesus exposes corrupt religious

leadership, pronouncing 6 woes. In Luke 12:1 he warns of the leaven of the Pharisees (hypocrisy). In our parable, Jesus shows the wicked steward as failed spiritual leadership - which applies to the unbelieving Pharisees then, and to spiritually abusive leaders in any era? May we recognize change that is happening now. And following our parable in Luke 12 Jesus is displaying the dividing anointing, and then rebuking the crowd for not recognizing change (not interpreting the present time - probably meaning when Messiah has come.) There it is - the Master has come and is knocking... (this first time). And the Master will come again, knocking (a Second coming.) And we can apply this to a time of visitation - not missing our moment individually and corporately - when the move of God comes? When Jesus comes to discipline those he loves? When Jesus comes to review the 7 churches? When Jesus sends 51 angels to surround the nation... When Jesus comes to review the Embassy? When Jesus comes to get us to follow Him on assignment?

5. If you have extra time: check out these parallels or similar passages for more light. Matthew 24:42–51; 25:1–13; Ezek 34:1-10 (we had this recently with Jesus confronting the religious leaders at Hanukkah - John 10)

==> Record whatever you may like to share with the group.

Day 4: Song of Songs 5:2-6



See Billy Graham's short video on God's love expressed metaphorically in Song of Songs. ❤️

1. Read the short passage below - perhaps a dream expressed poetically, symbolically. Our application is the truth that Jesus is the Door Knocker - there is some spiritual quality to see about HIM. You may want to consider adding to your description of Jesus from last month's KL, with how you see Him in all three passages this month.

Song of Songs 5:2-6 She

*2 I slept but my heart was awake.
Listen! My beloved is knocking:
"Open to me, my sister, my darling,
my dove, my flawless one.
My head is drenched with dew,
my hair with the dampness of the night."
3 I have taken off my robe—
must I put it on again?
I have washed my feet—
must I soil them again?*

*4 My beloved thrust his hand through the latch-
opening; my heart began to pound for him.
5 I arose to open for my beloved,
and my hands dripped with myrrh,
my fingers with flowing myrrh,
on the handles of the bolt.
6 I opened for my beloved,
but my beloved had left; he was gone.
My heart sank at his departure.
I looked for him but did not find him.
I called him but he did not answer.*

2. Key aspects of Charles Spurgeon's view on this passage include:

- The Knock: Jesus knocks through conscience, the Word, or providence to wake the sleeping church or believer.
- The Neglect: The believer's excuses ("I have put off my garment") represent spiritual apathy, laziness, and backsliding, which grieve the Holy Spirit.
- The Consequence: Christ's temporary withdrawal results from this negligence, leading to a painful search for Him.
- The Grace: Even when the believer fails, Jesus often puts his hand on the latch himself (effectual grace), moving the heart to respond.

- Spurgeon emphasizes that this passage warns against taking Christ's presence for granted and encourages immediate, wholehearted response to his call.
3. Write *your* questions on this passage and ask Holy Spirit for insight/ response.
 4. Some considerations for the OT setting: In Jewish tradition (Midrash Rabbah), the Song is primarily read as an allegory of the relationship between God and Israel. "I slept, but my heart was awake" (5:20) Consider Israel in a state of spiritual dullness, exile, or complacency - not cut off from God, but not fully responsive either. Sleeping = spiritual unresponsiveness; Heart awake = covenant identity still alive; Israel may drift, but the covenant bond remains. The Beloved Knocking - this is understood as God calling Israel back through prophets, repentance opportunities, moments of divine visitation. But Israel hesitates ("I have taken off my robe..."), symbolizing resistance, delay, or spiritual laziness. The Beloved Withdraws - "My beloved had turned and gone." This becomes a picture of missed opportunity. When Israel delays responding to God, the sense of His nearness withdraws. Not abandonment of covenant — but loss of felt presence.
 5. A common Christian Interpretation: "I slept, but my heart was awake" (5:20) Consider this as a picture of a believer who loves Christ but has grown spiritually sluggish, not rebellion - just lukewarm affection or distraction. The Beloved Knocking - Christ's appeal is tender: "Open to me..." He doesn't force entry. This is often connected with Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." The delay ("I have taken off my robe...") symbolizing comfort, inconvenience, reluctance to respond immediately to conviction or invitation. When she finally opens He's gone. This is interpreted as the loss of the sense of Christ's nearness when obedience is delayed - not loss of salvation, but loss of sweetness in fellowship. Christian devotional writers (Hudson Taylor, Watchman Nee, etc.) often describe this as the painful discipline of delayed obedience. Both Jewish and Christian interpretation see this as a love relationship strained by hesitation, not broken by rejection. Note that this is based on Jesus and an individual, not Jesus and the church/ bride.
 6. **But what if we also look at it as Jesus and His Bride? We are issuing the call because He is issuing it: AWAKEN!** Consider a prophetic interpretation-application *for our specific season* based on hearing of 3 knocks and sensing the urgency for the BOC to be alert, be willing, hear and obey! **RECOGNIZE CHANGE** - including the shift from *waiting for his knock* to *hearing his knock*. (Or, in this passage, being asleep when He knocks, yet hearing because heart is awake.) We are making an application about the shift in time and the spiritual quality that there is a *time* that Jesus comes knocking. Consider the Protestant Reformation: Luther literally nailed **95 theses on a door** - and the shift happened as more and more individuals **heard** and changed and collectively a new movement began. *Out* with the status quo! *In* with the change the Lord has come to bring! Please pray and write in your own words, what change the Lord wants/ is making for His church right now? How can we agree and cooperate and follow Him through it?
 7. Read 1 Peter 4:7-19. Ask Holy Spirit about what He is doing in His Church, and let it begin with us. And let us follow HIM, with eyes on HIM, not men, as in Acts 20, who would draw disciples after themselves. Remember Billy Graham's words about SOS 5 - He loves us so much! *He is knocking*.

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Day 5: Revelation 3:14-22 Jesus Knocking



See this brief video on the geographical and historical setting for our passage on the church at Laodicea.

1. Read the passage [Revelation 3:14-22](#).
2. Write *your* questions on this passage and ask Holy Spirit for insight/ response.
3. Historically, why Laodicea was so wealthy:

Laodicea (in modern-day Turkey) was a major commercial hub. It was a regional banking center. After a devastating earthquake in AD 60, the city rebuilt itself without Roman financial aid, which showed their immense wealth and civic pride. So when Jesus says: “You say, ‘I am rich; I have prospered; I need nothing’” (Rev 3:17), that was indeed how the city saw itself. Laodicea was famous for producing luxurious black wool garments. So Jesus’ warning: “You are... naked”, “Buy from Me white garments” is a direct spiritual contrast to their pride in clothing production. Laodicea had a medical school known for a powder used in eye treatments. So when Jesus says: “Anoint your eyes with salve, so that you may see”, He’s using imagery from their local economy. They were: financially secure, socially stable, materially comfortable. But spiritually: lukewarm, self-deceived, lacking true fellowship with Christ. A theory about why Jesus related deeds to lukewarmness: their water supply came from miles away - one source was cold and one source was hot. By the time it arrived via aqueduct, it was lukewarm. So it was **not as useful** as hot or cold water. Their wealth made them feel independent and self-sufficient, which is **the opposite posture of the Kingdom**.

4. Consider about humans in this passage: did Laodicea’s material wealth create a false sense of spiritual self-sufficiency? How might comfort and prosperity dull spiritual alertness, making a church/ Troop/ “stream” slow to recognize change and respond when Jesus knocks? Remember the parallels with Song of Songs 5 (comfort delays opening the door), and Luke 12 (servants must stay ready) - the emphasis is on steward/ serve/ respond in fellowship/ intimacy. **Ponder the biblical mandate for us to steward what belongs to God (it all belongs to HIM) and serve God’s purposes - rather than serve our own purposes and steward our own kingdoms**. We stand with Jesus who stands at the door of the church in America and knocks!
5. Consider about Jesus in this passage: He described himself differently to each church. Why this description of Jesus for Laodicea? Why does He include, “Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.” Ponder what Jesus wants to do when He knocks.

==> Record whatever you may like to share with the group.

Let’s recognize the time for CHANGE! Here is some PREACHING to get us ready for our AWAKEN! week next week - let’s see how GOD will use us in SYNAXIS!

The Kingdom Harvest awaits. Lord, send us!



Let’s use Saturday and Sunday to catch up on days 1-5, and WORSHIP



Days 6-10 AWAKEN week- let's see how GOD will use us in SYNAXIS on our team sessions. The Kingdom Harvest awaits. Lord, send us!

Day 6 and Day 7: Revelation 3:14-22 Laodicea - lukewarm water vs. Living water

1. Read again Revelation 3:15-16 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. Think about their water sources not from Laodicea, but two other places, so it was a lukewarm mixture, not flowing up out of them. Contrast with *John 7:37-39 On the last and greatest day of the festival Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.*

Lukewarm Laodiceans:

- Not half-hearted belief - it was misplaced confidence (in themselves). At this point they were neither healing (hot) nor life-giving (cold) to the world. (Wright)
- Jesus is not asking them to be "on fire" emotionally - He is condemning spiritual ineffectiveness masked by wealth and religion. Their faith produces nothing beneficial for God's purposes. (Keener)
- They belong to Jesus in name, but their imagination, trust, and practices belong to Babylon. It's a divided loyalty. They aren't resisting Jesus; they are neutralizing Him. (Mackie)
- They were in serious trouble because they did not realize they had shut Jesus out by relying on themselves. They had *deeds*, but were no longer *living from His dwelling presence*. He was rebuking them because He loves them and wants to come back in their lives *deeply*. He wants to *flow springs of living water out from them through Holy Spirit*. That's when they will see and experience the true wealth of the Kingdom of God. (Romanello)

The Spiritual Point for us

Christians/ the church can become lukewarm when depending on other people's faith, worship, prayers, and passion - when it's not coming from within us - the river of living water from Holy Spirit.

1. JESUS IS KNOCKING

Let's hear and open the door! **Jesus offers something better than lukewarm living.** Rev 3, "If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. John 7, "Whoever believes in Me... streams of living water will flow from within them." **This is the Holy Spirit - not lukewarm water coming to you, but refreshing life flowing out of you.**



Listen to this worship song and respond to Him freshly.

He is inviting us to open the door to Him, to drink deeply and be filled to overflowing. We don't want to be lukewarm water. We want to live from His dwelling presence with living water flowing out of us.

2. FOLLOW ME

Jesus knocks. He does not force entry; He invites response. To belong to Him is not only to open the door, but to become like Him (*walking in His family ways, not that we are divine!*)

- **we join His call to awaken**, (in what ways?)
- **we open, to welcome His presence**, (where?)
- **and then we follow Him wherever He leads - into maturity, on kingdom exploits, and sometimes through difficulties.** (with whom?)

3. **LET'S RECOGNIZE CHANGE and that the time of CHANGE (like a renaissance) is upon us!**

Fellowship with Jesus is never an end in itself; it forms us into people who **recognize** the time of **change**, and participate in His knocking/ invitation to others. JESUS IS KNOCKING TO AWAKEN HIS SPIRIT-FILLED, TRUTH-LOVING, KINGDOM-LIVING, GREAT COMMISSION DISCIPLE MAKING SENT ONES!

Now read statements 1, 2, and 3 (above) again, and recognize the culture of **Kingdom** in them. Think about what religion says instead. (The opposite of religion is change.) Let's leave the religion backpack behind us at the door as we walk through into our renaissance and reformation. We can be a demonstration and an intercession for the this!

==> **Record whatever you may like to share with the group** - about you personally with these passages, or about the spiritual stand we take together to welcome Holy Spirit greater in our territory, into His people, into the rising generation of believers. Let's war for this *from His identity* as the Door Knocker, to prevail in spiritual warfare against the spiritual dynamics of the church at Laodicea operating in the church in our territory/ America.

Days 8, 9 and 10. What major things need to be exposed, re-examined, and left behind as the Church shifts into the change the Lord is sweeping through? Let's agree and go!

Day 8: Consider if these three things (below) hinder **the kingdom harvest move of God?** Picture His Kingdom Authority people getting free and getting moving with focus on Jesus and His Kingdom, undistracted and un-trapped, And picture the rising, selfless-faith generation coming straight into Kingdom culture, without the delay of learning and then breaking out of the encumbrance of the doctrines of man that have divided the Church and weakened prayers?

1. **Rejection/ limiting of GOD the Holy Spirit.** The dunamis-power-charisma gifts of Holy Spirit (including prophecy and tongues) edify and build up the Body as we learn to operate together with Him for His Kingdom purposes. Of course the enemy wants us to be in the darkness about Holy Spirit, and what Holy-Spirit-empowered synaxis on assignment can impact.
2. **Rejection/ limiting of those who are ONE IN CHRIST.** *Gal 3:26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*
 - A. Jew-gentile racial preferences...
 - B. Social status preferences...
 - C. Male-female spiritual preferences. Disallowing women sharing/ preaching/ teaching the gospel or speaking in gatherings, or sometimes restricting speaking anything from the Bible to adult males - this impacts more than preaching - it can devalue and undermine the confidence of women to operate in any gift - and it can place men in a false hierarchy that usurps the Lord Jesus, our all-sufficient High Priest.
3. **Rejection/ limiting of the Foundation for Fullness that Jesus gave when He ascended.** Church leaders should not "lord it over others as the gentiles do" (Matt 20:25-28) - this has led to spiritual abuse, and suppression of maturing of the Body - leaders acting like a lid - instead of a five-fold foundation serving like a trampoline to launch the saints to minister in works of service (Eph 4).

Below is a portion from EOZ's larger teaching on the Foundation for Fullness. **May Holy Spirit help us all here and now get on, grow, thrive, and war from this foundation, of which JESUS is the cornerstone.**

I. Excerpts from [A Time to Triumph](#), chapter 4, “Why Christians Must Learn War” by Chuck Pierce

Exposing the Antichrist System

We are called to expose the works of darkness in the earth. I wrote extensively about the antichrist system in *The Future War of the Church*, and I highly recommend reading it for deeper understanding of this end time opposition. For now, I will summarize some of the main points. By “antichrist system” I am not referring to the person of the Antichrist. Rather, **the antichrist system is the demonic structure that holds as its main mission destruction of the Body of Christ. Whether those involved in this system are aware or not, it is established to directly attack the Church and prevent her from advancing the Kingdom of God.**

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

The antichrist system can manifest and be driven by politics or any form of religion. Jesus instructed us to take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, Sadducees and Herod (see Matthew 16:11 and Mark 8:15). These show how systems combine religious and political agendas to withstand God’s plan on earth. The Antichrist used these structures to attack the One the Father sent to the world to redeem us. Their motivations crucified the Lord. All of them oppose the Good News that came to redeem and free those captivated by sin, as well as those representing the Kingdom of God (in the person and mission of Jesus Christ).

The antichrist system can be defined by five distinct operations, each of which has been used to create a lack of blessing within the Church’s domain.

As I stated in The Future War of the Church, *Satan knows full well that the blessings of God cannot rest on a region that is controlled by any of these. The Church, therefore, is going to have to develop a strategy to gain victory over these things in the days ahead if we are to make progress in winning the war for souls.*

1. Anti-Semitism. At the core of the antichrist spirit is a spirit of anti-Semitism, which creates division—a baseless hatred—between the Jewish people, God’s covenant nation, and those who would otherwise stand beside them, including the grafted Gentile believers. Israel stands as a prophetic picture of the Body of Christ and a reminder of Satan’s imminent defeat; is it any wonder that Satan abhors this race and has many times tried to destroy them?

2. Abuse of the prophetic gift. In order to confuse, alienate and destroy, Satan has raised up a counterfeit alongside the prophetic gift the Lord has been restoring to His people. False prophets now control entire people groups and regions that once adhered to God’s voice. The antichrist spirit controlling these prophets is leading people further from the truth of the Gospel.

3. Oppression of women. The enemy’s tactic to keep the Church from winning the war and fulfilling the Great Commission is to cause division between the sexes. While we argue over what titles women can and cannot have in ministry, the antichrist spirit renders the Body ineffective for complete victory.

4. Ethnic domination. Wherever one ethnic group is dominated by another, the antichrist spirit is in operation. Yet wherever racial reconciliation is occurring, there God is at work. Repentance, which stokes the fires of revival, creates a spirit in direct opposition to that of oppression and domination, which are energized by an antichrist system.

5. Mammon and iniquitous thrones. The antichrist system is at work in every society that has allowed sexual immorality to run rampant. The enemy desires to lead people into willful rebellion, wickedness and corruption—all characteristics of perversion. This is not a “private” issue; as perversion becomes the standard in American society, we must understand that this is a demonic structure established to invade every facet of our culture while thwarting God’s will... The antichrist system, while present on this earth for thousands of years, is now establishing itself through distinct leaders, nations, economic giants and other influences. Lawlessness does not know boundaries.

Jesus, sent by the Father, came to invade a dark, rebellious world and tear down the works of Satan. Wherever He encountered Satan’s works, He tore them down! ... When He encountered sin, He provided forgiveness and opened a path to righteousness. He came to put an end to Satan’s kingdom so the government of heaven could once again be manifested on earth. During the present age, He has called us to join in that work.

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II. God’s Design of Male and Female Together vs. satan’s plan for oppression of women (Gen 3:15)

- Examples from the excellent book, **Why Not Women** by YWAM Founder and worldwide missionary, Loren Cunningham

- Moravian missionaries freely including women
- John and Charles Wesley had the influence of their mother, who was a living message of a woman using her spiritual gifts - and freely accepted women evangelists.
- The revivalist Charles Finney trained women in theology - and he was associated with Oberlin college which admitted African Americans and women as early as the 30’s - the 1830s! One of his students became the first ordained woman in America.
- Dwight L Moody was eager to allow women to preach.
- A.B. Simpson who started the Christian and Missionary Alliance include women in all levels of his leadership. In addition to women pastors, evangelists, and teachers, four of the CMAs first 8 vice presidents were women.
- General William booth used women in preaching and leadership roles throughout the salvation army.
- The Church of the Nazarene and other holiness churches ordained women starting in late 1800s.
- Amy Semple McPherson; Maria Woodworth-Etter - held large crusades with evangelism, outpouring of Holy Spirit, and healing.
- Women missionaries were the first to translate the bible for hundreds of language groups - not in easy places!
- Gladys Alwyard, who went to china as missionary without any funding, developed great spiritual authority there, was used to stop the cruel practice of foot-binding of girls, and stopped a prison riot.

Loren concludes: *When we look back at what Jesus did to release women, and what the HS has done in periods of revival and missionary fervor, we must determine to do everything in our power to release those whom God is calling today. We must make sure we are not unwittingly part of the enemy’s plan to weaken the workforce. We must remove obstacles so that this new generation can follow God’s leading.*

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III. Anne: I believe the enemy is using confusion about women’s active participation in ministry. I believe misogyny is not only an attitude, but can be a spirit. Gen 3:15 - satan hates Eve. *Enmity!*

The Foundation for Fullness is a foundation for FREEDOM. It’s for freedom that Christ has set us free. We want to come out of agreement in any area with the anti-christ system, which seeks to stop the Kingdom move of God from advancing.

==> Record questions, comments, and whatever you may like to share with the group.

Day 9 Answers from the Bible which we may be asked or which we may ask ourselves - see this clear teaching on “Women in Ministry” by Spirit-filled Professor and prolific author, Craig Keener, PhD.



Anne: **This is a beginning for clear Biblical answers** to this topic and others. I have many additional resources available, and my own teaching on this topic. Let's discuss your questions and comments in the team session, and offline as needed.

We say: church, drop the misogynistic backpack, or the well-meaning but confused-teaching backpack, and go through the door when it opens - free from hindrances!

Overcoming hindrances (compare it to showing up and singing praise in our language instead of going along with Latin after 1000 years) - **recognize the time for change/reformation. Let's go with Him swiftly and assuredly as He opens, beyond the impasse!**

Day 10 *Worship, pray, and prophesy as the Lord leads. Recognize and let Him seal His work in you / in all the KL team this round. May He use our praise and intercession to unlock others!*

