

The Promises & Blessings Of GOD (7)
- Functioning by the HOLY SPIRIT, in the Witness of JESUS CHRIST

The purpose of this series of articles on 'The Promises & Blessings Of GOD' has been to get to grips with the fact that YHWH ^[YAHWEH] means to hardwire the realities of His Promises and Blessings into the fabric of our being – by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS, through Blood Covenant Oath ^[Jer 31:31-34 + Heb 8:7-13 + Heb 10:15-20 → Heb 7:28] – for free-will **application** in our life and ministry ^[2 Cor 3:3, NKJV + 1 Pet 4:10-11, KJV → Rom 8:2, 1-8, NKJV].

We are by divine writ – expressed in Blood Covenant ^[Jer 31:31-34] - designed to actualize the many-fold Promises of YHWH; so that we will be blessed in divine purpose and destiny to be living conduits of GOD's blessings ^[2 Cor 1:20].

In this revelation – progressively hardwired into the fabric of our inner man - we are designed to glorify the FATHER ^[2 Cor 1:20].

The will of GOD ^[Phil 2:13] in unfolding His Promises and Blessings is that we will be established ^[perfected and completed] as ministers of CHRIST - **stewards of the Mysteries of GOD** ^[1 Cor 4:1, KJV], **carrying and expressing the Promises and Blessings of GOD** - so that nations will walk in the light of our rising ^[2 Cor 1:20 + Isa 60:3] **as YHWH unfolds us in the specifics of His Blood Covenant written** ^[by the Finger of GOD – Ex 31:18 + 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV] **into the fabric of our heart and mind** ^[Jer 31:31-34, NKJV + 2 Cor 3:3-6, NKJV + NASB] **in the fullness** ^[John 1:16-17, NASB/NKJV] **of JESUS CHRIST** ^[Eph 1:23].

What unfolds - progressively – into our inward parts is an online **'operating system'** structured in Blood Covenant through the Word of GOD communicated into us - in the Testimony ^[Witness] of JESUS [YESHUA].

This communication of the Word of GOD expounded in the Testimony of JESUS ^[YESHUA] is made ^[is manifested] by the HOLY SPIRIT through the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST ^[John 6:63 + 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV].

This communication is established in the **substance** ^[Gk: 'hupostasis'] and **witness** ^[Gk: 'maturia'] of JESUS CHRIST – in fully subordinate terms, as we unfold as peculiar Epistles

of CHRIST [2 Cor 3:3, NKJV] **written by the HOLY SPIRIT.**

And, what is communicated into us in the Testimony of JESUS is brought into operation, in and from our inward parts, **by the HOLY SPIRIT**, in accordance to the mystery of the FATHER's will revealed in a **progressive** Blood Covenant structured and developed into functions – defined in the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST [1 Cor 15:45 + Phil 1:19c] - in our inward parts.

What is structured and developed by GOD unfolds the eternal, the abiding and, the indestructible, within the fabric of our inward man [2 Cor 4:16 → Lev 3:2-5 → 2 Cor 2:14-15].

The eternal, abiding and indestructible configured into our inward parts is of the **substance** [Gk: 'hupostasis'] and **witness** [Gk: 'maturia'] of JESUS CHRIST manifested [perfected and completed] into us in fully subordinate terms through communications of the Word in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA.

The communication of the Word in the Testimony of JESUS, and the resulting operation of our inward parts in the Witness and Testimony of JESUS, **is the exclusive domain of the HOLY SPIRIT** [John 16:13-15 + Heb 10:15-16 + 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV].

Communication of the Word in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA [John 6:63 + Heb 1:3b] unfolds the substance and witness of JESUS CHRIST into us. The substance [unfolding the definitive in the FATHER's will] and witness [unfolding functional capacities] of JESUS CHRIST is the construct of the Covenant in our inward parts. And all this is the exclusive domain of the HOLY SPIRIT [2 Cor 3:3, NKJV].

This article has been written to emphasize the **necessary** and **crucial** role of the HOLY SPIRIT, so that we will each actualize the Promises and Blessings of GOD; so that we will live, minister and grow, through the realization and actualization of all that GOD has given us in MASHIAH YESHUA [CHRIST JESUS] – the SON - whom Scripture declares as the **'Heir of all things'** [Heb 1:2]; **who has 'all things' that the FATHER has** [John 16:15].

Colossians 1:17 [NASB] declares: < ¹⁷ **He** [YESHUA MASHIAH, the SON] **is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.** >

Ephesians 1:22-23 [NASB] declares: < ²² **And He** [the FATHER] **put all things in subjection under His** [YESHUA's] **feet, and gave Him** [YESHUA] **as head over all things to the church,** ²³ **which is His** [YESHUA's] **body, the fullness of Him** [YESHUA] **who fills all in all.** >

Without the HOLY SPIRIT all that we have in JESUS CHRIST [YESHUA MASHIAH], the SON, will be merely theoretical. Scripture is proclaiming that what we have in CHRIST JESUS is meant to be fulfilled – in functional terms, by Blood Covenant functions, established in the **fulfillment** of the Law and the Prophets; being brought into [progressive] operation in us **by the HOLY SPIRIT** [Rom 8:2].

Blood Covenant formulated in functions arising from the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets is the Mystery of CHRIST [Col 1:26-28 → Eph 1:22-23 + Col 1:29] revealed in a progression that is even now being tried and tested in a living and, functioning Body of MESSIAH chosen [predestined] by the FATHER to be an expression of the fullness of JESUS CHRIST [John 1:16-17, KJV/NKJV/NASB + Eph 1:22c-23] **that will fill 'all-in-all'**.

We are in fact at **the threshold** [the brink, the dawn] **of being activated into new levels of revelation** in the Testimony of YESHUA.

This expression of the fullness of JESUS CHRIST in us is described [in 2 Corinthians 4:6, NKJV] as: < ⁶ ~~For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give~~ **the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.** ⁷ **But we have this treasure** in earthen vessels **that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.** >

The Body of MESSIAH – both Jew and Gentile - is being structured individually in unique, functioning Epistles of CHRIST. And, each epistle is being written and structured in the inward parts - according to the call of the LORD JESUS CHRIST [Eph 1:17-19] – **brought into being within us by the HOLY SPIRIT** as a living and dynamic expression of the Mystery of the FATHER's will [Eph 1:9, 7-14].

The LORD JESUS CHRIST declares this with precision in John 16:14-15 [NKJV]: < ¹⁴ **He** [the HOLY SPIRIT] **will glorify Me, for He** [the HOLY SPIRIT] **will take of what is Mine and declare**

it to you. ¹⁵ **All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He** [the HOLY SPIRIT] **will take of Mine and declare it to you.** >

The revelation of **“what is Mine”** is the apostolic framework [the foundational and visionary framework] of the Mystery of the FATHER’s will revealed in a unique Epistle of CHRIST, structured and developed in Blood Covenant according to the call of YESHUA MASHIAH on that epistle [Eph 1:17-19].

The **apostolic credentials** of each Epistle of CHRIST that constitutes the one apostolic church [both Jew and Gentile] – framed in the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant [Rev 22:16; Rom 1:3; Ps 89:1-4; 34-35] - established in the unique configuration of CHRIST in us. And, **our prophetic potential** is developed by Promise according to YESHUA’s call.

Our prophetic potential – established on apostolic foundations arising from the rock of the revelation of JESUS CHRIST in our inward parts - is described in 2 Peter 1:19 as a **morning star** [see also 2 Cor 4:6-7, NKJV].

And, this is the exclusive work of the HOLY SPIRIT that fulfills the Mystery of the FATHER’s will [Eph 1:7-14] opened in us in CHRIST JESUS [MASHIAH YESHUA – John 1:16-17, NKJV] so that we will be morning stars in the image [Rom 8:29-30] and fullness [John 1:16-17, NKJV + Eph 1:23b] of the Bright Morning Star, the LORD JESUS CHRIST [Rev 22:16b].

If we have hit a spiritual plateau in our walk with the LORD [YHWH] it is most probably because we have marginalized the HOLY SPIRIT, by – knowingly or unknowingly - limiting the HOLY SPIRIT’s spheres of influence in our life and ministry. We have most probably **not allowed the full counsel of GOD’s Word** revealing the HOLY SPIRIT, and His many-faceted ministry, to find practical meaning and expression in our heart and, mind [Heb 10:14-17] for **application** in our lives and in our ministries.

We are in the end of the age [Matt 24:3-31] and **our ability or inability** to operate effectively by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS **will be critical** to our well-being and our **effectiveness** in the very challenging times ahead of us.

Functioning by the HOLY SPIRIT is a subject of some debate in the Church, although all

who profess the doctrine of the Trinity do agree that there is a **necessary** reality of the Body of MESSIAH [the Church] being able to 'function' by the HOLY SPIRIT.

We **need to ask ourselves** if we are effectively operating by the HOLY SPIRIT and, we need to address our obvious deficiencies in functioning by the HOLY SPIRIT before YHWH, so as to position ourselves – in repentance - to receive the imminent [pending] outpouring of the HOLY SPIRIT on the Body of MESSIAH, both Jew and Gentile.

Are we in sync with Paul's proclamation [in 1 Cor 2:4-5] that his speech and his preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but **in demonstration of the SPIRIT and of power? Is our faith resting on the wisdom of men or in the power of God?**

We need to be brutally honest about this and repent. Our ability or inability to function by the HOLY SPIRIT is going to be crucial and critical to the times we are in, even as we see our enemies gather against us in different ways across the nations.

No one who is a serious student of the Scriptures can deny the necessary reality of the HOLY SPIRIT operating in us so as to enable us **- to actualize -** the FATHER's treasures [1 Cor 2:6-10] given to us in JESUS CHRIST [YESHUA MASHIAH].

The FATHER's treasures, given to us in CHRIST JESUS, are described by the contents of the Ark of the Covenant [Heb 9:4 → Rev 11:19] – **the Jar of Manna, Aaron's Rod and, the Tables of Covenant.**

The contents of the Ark will unfold [Deut 29:29], in the imminent outpouring of the HOLY SPIRIT, **in functional realities** that few have understood before.

The contents of the Ark constitute the **revealed dynamics** of the Mystery of CHRIST [Col 1:26-29, NASB]. Notice Paul's declaration in Colossians 1:29, of the exceeding greatness of the power working within him, as a consequence of the Mystery of CHRIST [Col 1:26-27] opened in him.

From Ephesians 3:20, we are instructed that **we will be given exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works within us.**

We **need** this **reality** to be **in operation within us** in the end of the age. We will literally need the windows of heaven to be opened over us so that we can be channels of GOD's many-fold provisions that will open to us by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS.

Given the fact that YESHUA is the heavenly gift [John 8:23 + 1 Peter 4:10-11 → James 1:17a + 2 Cor 4:6-7 → Rev 1:17], John 16:14-15 [NKJV], declares the necessary and fundamental role of the HOLY SPIRIT in enabling us to **actualize** the fullness of JESUS CHRIST as the Light of Life [John 8:12b + 1:1-4]: < ¹⁴ **He [the HOLY SPIRIT] will glorify Me, for He [the HOLY SPIRIT] will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.** ¹⁵ **All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He [the HOLY SPIRIT] will take of Mine [see John 1:16-17, NASB/NKJV/KJV] and declare it to you. >**

There are those who believe that functioning by the HOLY SPIRIT is an active and growing dynamic of 'power' epitomized by the Gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT [1 Cor 12:4-11] manifested in miracles, signs and wonders, healings and deliverances. **And, this is the visible realm of the HOLY SPIRIT's work.**

There are also those who believe that functioning by the HOLY SPIRIT is a more subtle and 'passive' and 'orderly' spirituality that is epitomized by the Fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT [Gal 5:22-23 & 18]. **And, this is the invisible realm of the HOLY SPIRIT's work in our inward parts.**

And, there are those who believe in both realms being in **balanced operation**; where, the Fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT form the fabric for the operation of the full spectrum of the Gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT. **And, this is the realm of being and function that emanates from understanding the full counsel of GOD's Word regarding the HOLY SPIRIT.**

And, it is in this balance that we will - in the end of the age - do the greater works of JESUS CHRIST.

Unfortunately there are many who stay away from anything to do with 'the spirit' because they are appalled by: (i) 'errors' that have been made in ministry; and, (ii) by

manifestations from the domain of darkness especially when the power gifts [manifesting gifts of healings, the gift of faith and the gift of miracles] and the revelatory gifts [manifesting as the word of knowledge, the word of wisdom and the discerning of spirits] operate.

On the question of errors it would suffice for me to say that we as a people schooled in the Word of GOD, need to have the spiritual maturity to discern between right and wrong [Heb 5:13-14 + 1 John 4:1-6] **because the LORD has allowed the wheat and the tares to grow side by side** [Matt 13:26-30, 37-43].

And, we also need the grace to understand that we all have made, and continue to make, mistakes; but GOD has always used flawed vessels to do His work.

All of the great men in Scripture had their flaws but, no one can deny that these were still great men of GOD in spite of their flaws. No one can deny that flawed vessels have been used to proclaim life-changing messages and demonstrate the works of GOD. We must get out of the legalistic 'straight jacket' – of Law and Principle as **we understand things** [see Isa 55:8-9] - that governs so much of our thinking and analysis of reality.

Hebrews 5:13-14 declares: < ¹³ **For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, **who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.** >**

Please understand that Hebrews 5:13-14 is speaking of **the Word of Righteousness** and its impact on developing our inward spiritual senses **'through practice'**. This is 'practice' that unfolds as we are led by the HOLY SPIRIT.

This isn't 'practice' unfolded in the intellect of man by mere application of Law and Principle. Law and Principle are certainly useful but, Scripture does tell us that our righteousness is filthy rags [Isa 64:6]. It would be profoundly foolish for us to miss out on the awesome work of GOD, in the end of the age, because we are stumbled by 'errors and omissions'.

It is important to understand that when the gifts operate, the inevitable 'convulsions' that

take place are **temporary**, although, there are instances where these convulsions can be more prolonged depending on an individual's willingness to yield to GOD - in accordance with His Word.

When 'convulsions' unfold they bear witness to the reality of spiritual conflict between the domain of darkness and the Kingdom of GOD. And, convulsions occur because satan wants to hold on to 'his assets' but, YHWH has radically different ideas **[Rom 16:20]**.

Please do not miss the HOLY SPIRIT by being upset by turmoil! Notice that we are living in a world where everything is in increasing turmoil.

Christian history attests to the 'turmoil' that has characterized all change that has taken place. Many have given their lives in martyrdom in the face of virulent forms of evil manifested against the moves of GOD.

And, all this happened – especially in the dark ages - when there were no gifts in operation!

Christian history also attests to the 'convulsions' that characterize revival.

The parts of the Body of MESSIAH that miss out on revivals almost always involve those who are appalled by the 'convulsions' that characterize all revival.

Where ever there is a genuine work of GOD we will face the dynamics of the domain of darkness. And, the enemy will always try and sow chaos and discord. We need to see beyond the chaos and discord by sitting at the feet of the LORD to understand what is taking place and, to understand what GOD is doing in the midst of the chaos.

We must deal with the root of fear. Scripture declares: < ⁷ **For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.** >

This sound mind is not the mind set developed in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil but, the sound mind is the mind of CHRIST **[1 Cor 2:16 + Eph 4:23-24]**.

We also need the maturity to see convulsions in the Church in the context of the evil chaos that is all around us: the holocaust of abortion, pornography, human trafficking, substance abuse, etc.

We recognize GOD's technology of life featured in the conception of a baby in the womb and the complex and miraculous development of the baby so that the baby comes to life with an inbuilt 'DNA' factory that governs the operations of a living and functioning body.

We are also recognizing the growing evidence – vindicated by research from the scientific world - that the human DNA is impacted by the 'environment'; which, we as Christians understand as the 'spiritual environment'.

The reality of the 'spiritual environment' - from a Christian perspective - includes the active work of GOD and, the opposing dynamics of demonic spheres of influence in operation through the god of this world.

Today we recognize from Scripture that demonic spheres of influence are being revealed in growing realms of lawlessness [2 Thess 2:7a + Rom 2:18-32] that permeate all levels of human society and, even the 'operating environment' of the church.

Hence, it is crucial for the believer in this period of the end of the age, to discern right and wrong in the turmoil of evil and darkness that is sweeping the earth [Isa 60:2, 1-3; 24:1-13].

We can only do so by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS.

Consider what will happen to communities of believers in this age, whose leaders can't discern right from wrong, good from evil.

Consider what will happen to communities of believers who are unable to take authority, delegated to them as proclaimed in Scripture.

Consider what will happen to those who do not know how to **destroy** the spiritual fortresses of darkness [2 Cor 10:3-5, NASB] that are operating around us and, which are coming against us.

The fact is we need the gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT, **hardwired through the fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT**, to be operational in our midst.

Anything – even gifts - operating in our righteousness will be filthy rags.

For example: we need the gift of the discerning of spirits, to be operational through our inward spiritual senses, fashioned [perfected and completed] in the fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT and in the Word of Righteousness.

This is going to be crucial to our capacities of function and operation in the Kingdom of GOD. And, this is going to be crucial to our ability to take authority and destroy the spiritual fortresses of evil operating around us [2 Cor 10:3-6, NASB + Eph 6:12].

All of the power gifts [gifts of healing, the gift of faith and the gift of miracles] and, the revelatory gifts [the word of knowledge, the word of wisdom and the discerning of spirits] of the HOLY SPIRIT, **need to be functional in the Body of MESSIAH in harmony with the fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT.**

Please understand that all power gifts and revelatory gifts arise from the Witness and Testimony of JESUS the MESSIAH in His ministry, as outlined in the Gospels.

We have only seen error because gifts were in operation without the fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT holding these gifts 'in position' in CHRIST JESUS, to ensure righteous application from our inward parts.

Only in tandem with the fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT will the operation of gifts manifest through us in the character and nature of JESUS CHRIST.

Right discernment is going to be a life and death issue in the end of the age. Please be reminded that when the HOLY SPIRIT was poured out on the 120 on the Day of Pentecost, two thousand years ago, people thought that they were drunk!

And, that was the **entire nucleus and leadership** of the emerging Body of MESSIAH!

Because the human being is flawed – in conscious, sub-conscious and unconscious terms - there will always be 'strange manifestations'. 'Strange manifestations' do not mean that GOD is not at work.

We must look beyond the manifestations. In the Witness of JESUS CHRIST – in Spirit, Water and Blood – we all can discern operating realities in the Shabbat-Shalom of the LORD from our inward parts.

In the peace that passes all understanding we can discern that GOD is at work beyond 'the frameworks of law and order' governed by principles applied in the frameworks of our thinking.

Please understand that what happens [in terms of manifestations and convulsions] during the operation of the gifts, is nothing compared to what we are seeing in horrible evil 'convulsions' of hate, anger, bitterness, murder, injustice, discriminations, lawlessness evidenced in the legalized frameworks that permit sexual perversions and the slaughter of babies in the womb by the millions.

Notice that we are seeing abhorrent convulsions of a virulent evil being manifested even in the highest places of authority in the nations.

And, these 'everyday convulsions', of the Mystery of Lawlessness [2 Thess 2:7a & 9b] are all expressions of the domain of darkness 'in operation'.

Today, we need to understand that when the domain of darkness comes into contact with the Kingdom of GOD, **there will be** [must be?] **confrontations** **resulting in chaotic 'convulsions'** which we must have the inner strength to stand above in the understanding that we are seated with CHRIST in the heavenly places far above every principality and power of the domain of darkness.

Confrontations with the powers of evil are already impacting us where we live, work and minister.

In the end of the age that is upon us we are going to see many confrontations with satan

and his hordes and **we must be equipped for the battle** – **with love and courage in our hearts** and **not fear and hatred**.

Only in the fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT can our insides operate by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS.

Only in a sustainable and abiding spiritual environment that operates by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS, can we function in all of our gifts – and the new level of gifts that are going to open to us - with the genuine power and authority of the King.

There is a spiritual war that is taking place and there are definite outcomes that the Scriptures decree that we must stand in – by faith authored and finished by JESUS CHRIST - and be willing to persevere with, so as to see the victory predestined in the FATHER’S will, being revealed in the Testimony of JESUS [Rev 12:7-11 + Rev 11:15].

There are not going to be ‘neat’ and ‘orderly’ solutions to anything taking place in the end of the age. So we will have to understand that we will have to learn to operate in a war zone.

But, there will be a time in the near future when the LORD will arise as a ‘Man of War’ in our midst, from our inward parts, and we will be enabled to use spiritual weapons in a way we have never understood before.

These spiritual weapons will unfold in the revelation of the Rod of GOD [Exodus 4:17 & 20c; 9:22-24; 10:13; 14:15-16] and the Rod of Aaron that is the delegated realm of authority that is **already budding in our inward parts**.

The Rod of Aaron will unfold from the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets in the manifestation of two types of ‘end-time’ anointings that will unfold over us, in operations opened from our inward parts. These anointings are characterized in Scripture through the testimonies of two anointed witnesses – representing the apostolic and the prophetic – that Scripture describes as ‘Moses’ and ‘Elijah’ [detailed in Rev 11:3-6 and Zech 4:1-14].

The end of the age outpouring of the HOLY SPIRIT will enable us to use spiritual

weapons described in the prophetic, arising from apostolic foundations established and developed in our inward parts in the rock of the revelation of JESUS CHRIST.

The prophetic that stands in our mouth and our heart, will arise from apostolic foundations established in JESUS CHRIST being the Apostle and High Priest of our confession - through the Witness of JESUS CHRIST being made operational by the HOLY SPIRIT as YESHUA's faithful and true Witness [Rev 3:14b] operating in us in Spirit, Water and Blood [1 John 5:8 & 10a, NKJV]. These are operations in realities foreshadowed in the Rod of GOD **[which Moses carried foreshadowing King YESHUA's Scepter of Righteousness]** and in delegated terms unveiled in the Rod of Aaron **[which Aaron carried]** that is **'budding'** in our inward parts according to the call of YESHUA and the leading of the HOLY SPIRIT.

[Discern from your inward parts the overall atmosphere of the Kingdom that is going to operate in our midst from Revelation 11:3-6 + Zechariah 4:1-14 + 2 Corinthians 10:3-4, NASB].

So it is time for the Body of MESSIAH to mature and grow up and, unfold as Epistles of CHRIST, written by the Finger of GOD, in what is the exclusive work of the HOLY SPIRIT [Ex 31:18 + 32:16 → 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV]. This is what the outpouring of the HOLY SPIRIT will unfold and achieve in us, amongst us and, through us in the Witness of JESUS CHRIST [1 John 5:10a, 8] alive in our inward parts [by the HOLY SPIRIT].

The ability to operate in the Witness of JESUS CHRIST – the Rod of Aaron that is budding - **will be a quickened work of the HOLY SPIRIT that will unfold a transformed Body of MESSIAH – unlike almost everything we are today.**

The faithful and true Witness in operation by the HOLY SPIRIT [Rev 3:14b] – in Spirit, Water and Blood [1 John 5:8, NKJV] - will be the fulfillment of the Rod of Aaron that budded [Num 17:7-9, NKJV] → Rev 10:7 + Rev 11:19 → 2 Cor 10:3-6, NASB → Rev 11:15-17]. His Rod and His Staff will take us through the valley of the shadow of death.

The Davidic Covenant [in Ps 89:1-4, NKJV] proclaims: < ¹ **I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all**

generations. ² For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens." ³ "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: ⁴ 'Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.' " Selah >

The Rod of GOD, which was the term used to describe the rod that Moses carried [pray for revelation of Exodus 4:17 & 20; 9:22-24; 10:13; 14:15-16], is addressed in the New Testament as **the Scepter of Righteousness** that manifests the sovereign authority of the SON as the KING of Kings and LORD of Lords [pray for revelation of Heb 1:8-13; Ps 45:6-7 and Matt 28:18-20].

The authority of the SON operates in us and amongst us, **in terms of delegated authority**, and this delegated realm of operation is foreshadowed in how the Rod of Aaron will open to the Body of MESSIAH. **[See Exodus 7:15-17 and understand the delegated realm that operated in Exodus 7:19, NKJV].** Please be reminded that all this is the work of the HOLY SPIRIT.

The fulfillment of the Rod of Aaron that budded, commemorates **the functional dynamics of the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets** [Rev 11:3-6] that the Body of MESSIAH in revival is going to demonstrate in every facet of life and ministry **[Zech 3:1-10]** in the midst of the nations.

The Rod of Aaron denotes the reality of GOD performing His Word as the Word is spoken [Ex 7:8-13; 7:14-20; 8:5; 8:16-17; Num 20:8-11] **in prophecy – by decree & declaration; in teaching, in preaching, in counsel, in prayer and confession, in the Name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

The Scepter of the King operates in us – in delegated terms of authority and power - in Spirit, Water and Blood; which is the Rod of Aaron that is being budded – **by the HOLY SPIRIT.**

The delegation flows **by the HOLY SPIRIT**, in CHRIST JESUS [Rom 8:2 + Heb 7:11-12 + John 16:14-15]. **Without the HOLY SPIRIT this delegation will not flow.**

This is why the fulfillment of the Law operates as **the Law of the SPIRIT of Life**, in

CHRIST JESUS [Rom 8:2; Heb 7:12]; and, this is the operating system that has been **predestined** to operate free from the Law of Sin and Death – by the HOLY SPIRIT in CHRIST JESUS [Rom 8:2, 1-2, NKJV].

The fact is that: any serious student of the Scriptures; anyone who aspires to be a disciple of JESUS the MESSIAH [CHRIST]; anyone who aspires to be a minister of CHRIST and a steward of the Mysteries of GOD **in the end of the age** [1 Cor 4:1-2, KJV + Rev 10:7]; must be alive to the FATHER, in the Witness of JESUS CHRIST, **by the HOLY SPIRIT**.

In the context of the end of the age, the work of the HOLY SPIRIT, in and by and through the Witness of JESUS CHRIST, is going to be fundamental and absolutely crucial to the dynamics of **actualizing**: GOD's protection, GOD's provision, GOD's leading and, GOD-given capacities of ministry [which includes having the capacities to war in the SPIRIT] in the midst of growing uncertainty and chaos, amidst the growing spiritual fabric of darkness that is progressively engulfing humanity.

Can we be the vessels that provide for the nations – in the full counsel of GOD's Word - in times of economic depression? Yes! Because this is a foreshadowing of our destiny in eternity!

Our faith involves our necessary willingness to trust GOD.

Our faith involves our willingness in positioning ourselves outside the carnal dynamics of Mystery Babylon. How else are we going to navigate the end of this age?

The end of the age is going to be full of the convulsions of wickedness and evil.

But, the end of the age is also going to be a multi-faceted demonstration of the 'splendor of GOD's Majesty' [Isa 2:10c; 19b, 21b, 1-22].

This is going to unfold **as a many-faceted Jubilee in the appointed times of YHWH** arising from the 'Day' of Atonement [Lev 25:8-11, NKJV] as the windows of Heaven are opened over the Body of MESSIAH.

There are amongst us, those who need to repent for what we have **said** about the work of the HOLY SPIRIT and what we have **done** to hinder the work of the HOLY SPIRIT, preventing many from actualizing the full spectrum of the ministry of the SPIRIT of Truth [John 16:13-15], the SPIRIT of Grace [Heb 10:26-31] and the SPIRIT of Life [Rom 8:2, 1-8].

Please repent before it is too late. We do not want our hearts to be hardened like Pharaoh's heart was hardened [Matt 18:3-4].

The Full Counsel of GOD's Word Reveals The HOLY SPIRIT's Vital Role

Below are Scriptures that illumine, declare and decree, the **necessary** role of the HOLY SPIRIT in the life of every disciple of JESUS CHRIST [Matt 28:19, 18-20] who wants to be a Minister of CHRIST, a steward of the Mysteries of GOD [1 Cor 4:1-2] **by actualizing the Promises and Blessings of GOD from their inward parts – by Blood Covenant Witness in operation by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS.**

Without the HOLY SPIRIT the Scriptures will only remain "theoretical and theological". Nothing wrong with theory and theology; but, theory without evidence is simply 'faith untested'. Paul categorically testifies of this [1 Cor 2:1-5 + Col 1:29, **NASB**]. Brethren, every facet of our faith in the LORD is going to be tried and tested so that the actuality of our Husband will be firmly established in the heart of His beloved.

All outcomes in GOD manifest by the HOLY SPIRIT, in the fullness of JESUS CHRIST made operational in Spirit, Water and Blood [1 John 5:10a + 7-8, **NKJV**] **from the substance of the fullness of JESUS CHRIST deposited in us. And, this is the progressive fulfillment of the Jar of Manna.**

By the HOLY SPIRIT, the Scriptures communicate 'realities' [actually **spiritual (Gk: 'pneumatikos')** **packets** of **the Light of Life** energized from GOD – see John 8:12; 1:1-4; Heb 1:1-3; James 1:17 ➔ 1 Cor 2:13, **NASB**] that only the HOLY SPIRIT can bring into life and being in the faith and love, character and nature of JESUS CHRIST, through the conduits of the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST.

All that the HOLY SPIRIT does will glorify the LORD JESUS CHRIST and everything

that the HOLY SPIRIT establishes will be **of** CHRIST JESUS [MESSIAH YESHUA] fullness; because, the Scriptures declare that the fullness of JESUS CHRIST **must fill all-in-all** [Eph 1:23, 22-23; John 16:14-15]; because, Scripture declares that the FATHER will reconcile all things to Himself only through the fullness of JESUS CHRIST **and the Witness of the Blood of His Cross** [Col 1:19-20; 1:17-18]!

In John 16:13-15 [NKJV] YESHUA ADONAI [the LORD JESUS] declares: < ¹³ **However, when He, the Spirit of truth** [the HOLY SPIRIT], **has come, He** [the HOLY SPIRIT] **will guide you into all truth;** for He [the HOLY SPIRIT] **will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.**

¹⁴ **He** [the HOLY SPIRIT] **will glorify Me** [JESUS CHRIST], **for He** [the HOLY SPIRIT] **will take of what is Mine** [JESUS CHRIST's] **and declare it to you.** ¹⁵ **All things that the Father has are Mine** [JESUS CHRIST's]. **Therefore I said that He** [the HOLY SPIRIT] **will take of Mine** [JESUS CHRIST's] **and declare it to you.** >

In John 14:13-15 [NKJV] the LORD JESUS declares: < ¹⁶ **And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever ---** ¹⁷ **the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.** >

In the framework of all that the LORD JESUS declares about the HOLY SPIRIT, we can make sense of everything that is written in the Epistles and Letters of the New Testament.

In Romans 8:1-8 [NKJV] the apostle Paul declares: < ¹ **There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.** ² **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.**

³ **For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,** ⁴ **that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

⁶ For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

⁷ Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. >

And so, the Scriptures are saying that we are either in the flesh or in the SPIRIT of YHWH.

And, the flesh is death because the flesh has nothing to do with the eternal and the abiding that stands in the SPIRIT of YHWH. The flesh is what comes naturally to the fallen man.

Romans 8:26-28 [NASB] declares: < ²⁶ In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groaning's too deep for words; ²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.

²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. >

In Romans 13:14 & 14:17 [NASB] Paul declares: < ^{13:14} But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts [that unfolds the power structure of Mystery Babylon into us and over us]. ... ^{14:17} For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. >

Galatians 5:16-18 & 5:22-23 [NASB] declares: < ¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another,

so that you may not do the things that you please.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. ...

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law [because these fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT are expressions of the fulfillment of the Law alive in our nature and character] - >

The Witness of JESUS CHRIST is made functional in our inward parts by the HOLY SPIRIT in fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

We receive the Gift of the HOLY SPIRIT – as the indwelling Presence of GOD that enables all capacities of function according to the call of JESUS CHRIST configured into us - through the Baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT.

I have come to understand that the Baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT as establishing the indwelling Presence of the HOLY SPIRIT in us. The proof is in the ‘power factor’ actually in operation within us and through us [1 Cor 2:1-5; Eph 3:20; Col 1:19; 2 Cor 4:6-7].

Please do not try and find an ‘explanation’ that avoids this reality check of GOD’s power actually working within us, by theological ‘word-spin’, especially when this ‘word-spin’ is based on theological assumptions that put a box around what GOD can and cannot do.

GOD can do anything He pleases at any time. The Omnipotent GOD still does miracles – because it is His ‘DNA’ – “I AM” WHO “I AM” and “I AM” THAT “I AM” – forever!

Scripture declares that GOD is SPIRIT [John 4:24, NKJV] **and in Him, GOD who is SPIRIT, we live, move and have our being in GOD** [Acts 17:28, NKJV]. This is fundamental to our understanding of what it means to be in the SPIRIT.

Living, moving and having our being in GOD, is also the growing evidence of actually operating by the HOLY SPIRIT.

In the indwelling Presence of the HOLY SPIRIT, we come alive to the HOLY SPIRIT as **the SPIRIT of Promise, from our inward parts, potentially in fully functional terms** [arising from the fulfillment of the Prophets] in the Promises and Blessings of GOD opened in our inward parts in CHRIST JESUS.

By this we will each develop the realities and capacities to live, move and have our being in GOD, according to the call of JESUS CHRIST [Eph 1:17-19] that unfolds the specifics of the Mystery of the FATHER's will [Eph 1:7-10] into our being, by the HOLY SPIRIT [Eph 1:13-14 + Eph 3:14-20]. The Body of MESSIAH will in the end of the age, come to **actualize** – by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS – the firstfruits of capacities to live, move and have our being in YHWH.

The Promise of the Scriptures Testify that the HOLY SPIRIT is given as a Gift from the FATHER Through Baptism with the HOLY SPIRIT

In John 14:16-20 [NKJV] the LORD JESUS CHRIST declares: < ¹⁶ **And I** [JESUS CHRIST] **will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever ---** ¹⁷ **the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him** [the HOLY SPIRIT] **nor knows Him** [the HOLY SPIRIT]; **but you know Him** [the HOLY SPIRIT], **for He** [the HOLY SPIRIT] **dwells with you** [present tense] **and will be in you** [future tense].

¹⁸ **I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.** ¹⁹ **"A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me** [by the HOLY SPIRIT who will indwell us]. **Because I live, you will live also.** ²⁰ **At that day** you will know [by the HOLY SPIRIT who indwells us] **that I am in My Father** [in what John 1:18, NKJV declares as the only-begotten SON in the Bosom of the FATHER], **and you in Me** [John 15:4-8], **and I in you.** >

In Acts 1:4-8 [NKJV] records what the LORD JESUS declares to His apostles and disciples before His Ascension: < ⁴ **And being assembled together with them, He** [JESUS CHRIST] **commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father,** "which," *He said,* "you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but **you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit** [the Promise of the FATHER is communicated in the Baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT which establishes the position of the HOLY SPIRIT in our inward parts as opposed to the HOLY SPIRIT being with us according to John 14:17] **not many days from now."** ...

⁸ But **you shall receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." >

Acts 2:1-4 [NKJV] describes the Baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT < ¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.** >

In Acts 2:32-39 [NKJV] we see Peter being empowered to declare: < ³² "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having **received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit,** He poured out this which you **now see and hear.** ...

³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, **they were cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ [in water] for the remission of sins; and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

³⁹ **For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.**" >

In Ephesians 1:13-14 [NKJV] Paul declares the reality of the HOLY SPIRIT of Promise **operating by guarantee:** < ¹³ **In Him** [in JESUS CHRIST] **you also trusted,** after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed** [when?] with **the Holy Spirit of promise** [when baptized with the HOLY SPIRIT of Promise],

¹⁴ who is **the guarantee of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. >

Through the Witness of JESUS CHRIST, opened by the HOLY SPIRIT the depths of GOD are opened to us, by Promise [1 Cor 2:10, 9-10].

The only begotten SON **in the bosom of the FATHER** explains and declares what is in the depths of GOD to us [John 1:18 & 1 Cor 2:10, 9-10].

'Potentially' [because all things in GOD are predicated on our free will exercise of the faith being authored and finished in us by JESUS CHRIST – Heb 11:6 + 12:2a, 1-2], the depths of GOD are opened to us by the HOLY SPIRIT, in the faithful and true Witness of JESUS CHRIST in us.

**The Promise of the Scriptures Testify that the HOLY SPIRIT
Opens the Depths of GOD to us [by Promise] in CHRIST JESUS**

In 1 Corinthians 2:7-10 [NASB] Paul declares the unveiling of the Mysteries of GOD by the HOLY SPIRIT who searches the depths of YHWH: <⁷ ... **we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory;** ⁸ ***the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; ...**

⁹ but just as it is written, "***Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him.***"

¹⁰ For to us God revealed ***them*** through the Spirit; **for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.** >

In 2 Corinthians 1:20-22 [NKJV] Paul speaks of the personal and enduring dynamics of the Promises of GOD through the HOLY SPIRIT's work in us: <²⁰ **For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.** ²¹ ~~Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,~~ ²² **who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge** [a pledge and a guarantee of the Promises of GOD]• >

In 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 [NASB] Paul draws the spiritual framework in which GOD's Promises and Blessings develop [when the HOLY SPIRIT combines 'spiritual' with 'spiritual'] and flow: < ¹² **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,** ¹³ **which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those** [meaning: words] **taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual** [Greek: 'pneumatikos'] **thoughts with spiritual** [Greek: 'pneumatikos'] **words.** >

In 1 Corinthians 12:3-11 [NKJV] Paul unlocks the revelation of the Gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT: < ³ **Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed** [discerning the right spirit], **and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit** [discerning the right spirit]. ⁴ **There are diversities** [NASB: 'varieties'] **of gifts,** but the same Spirit. ⁵ **There are differences** [NASB: 'varieties'] **of ministries,** but the same Lord.

⁶ **And there are diversities** [NASB: 'varieties'] **of activities** [NASB: 'effects'], but it is the same God who works all in all.

⁷ **But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:** ⁸ **for to one is given the word of wisdom** [revelatory gift] through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge [revelatory gift] through the same Spirit,

⁹ to another faith [power gift] by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings [power gift] by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles [power gift], to another prophecy [vocal gift], to another discerning of spirits [revelatory gift], to another different kinds of tongues [vocal gift], to another the interpretation of tongues [vocal gift].

¹¹ **But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.** >

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-30 [NKJV] Paul unlocks the diversity of the Body of CHRIST and how by the HOLY SPIRIT we have the capacity to connect and operate in partnerships orchestrated by the HOLY SPIRIT through the complex diversity of the gifts

[including the 5-fold gifts – Eph 4:11-12] We are given: < ¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. ¹³ **For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body** --- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free --- **and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.** ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many. ...

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ **But earnestly desire the best gifts.** ... >

Isaiah 28:9-13 [NKJV] points to the crucial importance of the use of the gift of tongues as a necessary dynamic of spiritual function in the fulfillment of the Prophets: < ⁹ "Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those *just* weaned from milk? Those *just* drawn from the breasts?

¹⁰ For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little."

¹¹ For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, ¹² to whom He said, "This *is* the rest *with which* you may cause the weary to rest," and, "This *is* the refreshing"; **yet they would not hear.**

¹³ But the word of the LORD was to them, "Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little," **that they might go and fall backward, and be broken and snared and caught** [Is this warning for our times?] >

In Zephaniah 3:8-9 [NASB] in the times of the end YHWH declares that in the midst of judgement over the nations, He will give us **purified lips** [NKJV: 'pure language'] to call upon His Name and the result will be that we will serve shoulder to shoulder in the end of the

age: < ⁸ "Therefore wait for Me," declares the LORD, "For the day when I rise up as a witness. Indeed, My decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out on them My indignation, all My burning anger; for all the earth will be devoured by the fire of My zeal.

⁹ "For then I will give to the peoples purified lips [NKJV: 'pure language' – Is this a new realm of tongues?]; that all of them may call on the name of the LORD, to serve Him shoulder to shoulder. >

In 1 Corinthians 14:2, 1-6 [NKJV] Paul declares: < ¹ Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. ² For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

³ But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. ⁴ He who speaks in a tongue edifies [builds] himself, but he who prophesies edifies [builds] the church.

⁵ I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied [tongues facilitate prophecy]; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

⁶ But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? [Tongues open revelation, prophecy, knowledge and teaching!] >

We have in this article tried to introduce an understanding of the HOLY SPIRIT and His ministry in the context of the end of the age.

It is my prayer that we will each encounter the HOLY SPIRIT from our inward parts so that we will be able to become vessels of the outpouring of the HOLY SPIRIT in the end of the age. Be blessed to be a blessing – always!

Maranatha!

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