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## Elijah Prayer Discipleship School

Becoming an instrument of prayer

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A Dwelling Place for God by the Spirit

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*(Discipleship=doing the will of God walking in submission of the authority of God so that you can become an instrument of authority)*

### Workshop no. 8 : “On earth as it is in Heaven” – two Kingdoms becoming one.

**But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you:** and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Act 1:8

**Purpose of workshop :** To look into the secret of “on earth as it is in Heaven” in our prayer-life.

**Intended Goal:** To understand the **secret behind the power of prayer** as we acknowledge, that the **Kingdom of Heaven must invade the kingdom on earth**, as we submit ourselves to God and His Word in a lifestyle of prayer.

### Scripture readings :

*For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. Galatians 6:15*

*We were buried therefore with Him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with [him] in the likeness of his death, we shall be also [in the likeness] of his resurrection; Romans 6:4-5*

*Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ: for in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and in Him ye are made full, who is the head of all principality and power: in whom ye were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with him in baptism, wherein ye were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. Colossians 2:8-12*

*If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth. For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Colossians 3:1-3*

*if so be that ye heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: that ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, that waxeth corrupt after the lusts of deceit; and that ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth. Ephesians 4:20-24*

*seeing that His divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through*

*the knowledge of Him that called us by His own glory and virtue; whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in that world by lust. 2 Peter 1:3-4*

*For whom he foreknew, he also foreordained [to be] conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren: Romans 8:29*

*Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is. 1John 3:2*

*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me: and that [life] which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, [the faith] which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me. Galatians 2:20*

*having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which liveth and abideth. 1Peter 1:23*

*And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, establish, strengthen you. To him [be] the dominion for ever and ever. Amen. By Silvanus, our faithful brother, as I account [him] , I have written unto you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that **this is the true grace of God. Stand ye fast therein. 1Peter 5:10-12***

*The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him] , that we may be also glorified with [Him] . Romans 8:16-17*

## **Food for thought :**

### **A partnership where God has the majority shares!**

In the beginning God created man in His image to subdue and to take dominion on earth. In considering Genesis 1:26, we see that it was God's plan even before He formed man. God created Adam as a collective man so that mankind **may express God collectively**. And as a collective man (Adam and his offspring) was **not only created to express God's image, but to represent God in likeness as they put their trust in Him**.

In Genesis 3:6 we saw the fall of mankind, as mankind in Eve and Adam **did not witness concerning God's will, but instead decided to follow their own will**. Jesus as the last Adam came to restore, what God intended from the beginning “*And so it is written, **The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit**. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. **The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly**. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly”*. **1 Corinthians 15:45-49 (KJV)** In reference to the mentioned scripture, let us consider *Ephesians 2:10* “**For we are His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for the good works, which God prepared beforehand in order that we would walk in them**” **This good works, is to trust in God and His Son Jesus Christ** as stated in *John 6:29* “**...that you believe into Him whom He has send**”. The recreated man in Christ Jesus as the last Adam, or second man the Lord from heaven, **is the collective Body of Christ called to witness unto Him in life**. Jesus came to circumcise us in our hearts in order to remove the seed of the first Adam and to give the seed from heaven, the Holy Spirit, so that we can be called children of God and say “Abba Father”, and **that we will no longer walk in the likeness of the first Adam with an earthly viewpoint, but in the likeness of Christ with a heavenly vision to express or to show the Father-witnessing in faith in order** to establish His dominion on earth as it is in heaven. “On earth” refer to the place that God intended for man to establish His dominion

“as it is in heaven” refer to the standard.

Jesus came to express the Father's love for all mankind, in **John 3:16** Jesus said that God so loved the world that He sent His only Son so that all that believe **into Him**, will not perish but will **have eternal life**. Meaning that if we willingly receive this recreated life in faith, we will have eternal life, it is not something to come, **but a new life we receive**. In *1 John 1: 2* “*and this life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and report to you **the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us***”. This divine life, created in Christ, was manifested unto the disciples, and Jesus said in *Acts 1:8* *But you shall receive power when the **Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*** The witnesses refer not only to verbally witnessing about Jesus as the Son of God, but to **witness the very nature of this new life (the recreated life)** through the power that we received from on high, as promise, living within us. That same life that raised Christ from the dead is now living within us, not so that we can boast of ourselves, only so that we can boast in Christ Jesus, and who He is. In **Matthew 16:15-19** we read “*He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art **the Christ, the Son of the living God**. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: **for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven**. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter; and **upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it**. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.* *Matthew 16:15-19 (KJV)* When Jesus said unto Peter that He will give him the keys of the Kingdom of the heavens, it came as a result of the revelation of Jesus as the Son of the living God. The keys, refers to to the revelation of the Gospel as a recreated life, being the good news that we in Christ Jesus will become heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven, being reconciled through Jesus death and resurrection to our Father. The Gospel is the authority given unto the church (which is the collective body of Christ to continue the ministry of Christ), so that the church as representative of the Kingdom of the heavens, could declare the truth, meaning to declare as lawful (loosed) that what is lawful in heaven and declare as unlawful (bind) that what is unlawful in heavens, thus opening the door for the kingdom to advance and be establish on earth as it is in heaven. Jesus said that the gates of hell will not prevail against it, meaning the church (Hebrew: qahal, 'edah; Greek: ekklesia) The people of God; the collective body of believers, as Adam represented a collective man so we have been recreated in Christ Jesus to represent a collective body of Christ. The believers are those who listen and obey in submission to the will of God and the Bible say “*7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*” *James 4:7 (KJV)*

### **The victory is in submission.**

We are not to subdue the earth through our effort, as suggested a lot of time, saying that even now in Christ we have authority to do all things, like to subdue. It is said that man must take dominion of the earth, and for that purpose we have been created, yes it is true but the **means is not by might nor by power but by My Spirit says the Lord, it is not in effort but in being (Christ likeness)** as we choose to witness and live by the will of the Father, allowing Heaven to invade earth as we express our faith in the ability of the Lord. Adam was given authority but he lost it not due to his own inability to subdue but because he did not submit unto God. **The victory is in submission.**

### **Keys to bind and keys to lose**

We so much like to say that we have received this power to bind and to loose in the name of our Lord, but it is once again a snare of the enemy, in the likeness of the tree of good and evil. The enemy said unto the women that if she eat of the fruit she would be like God. We are far from the likeness of God, we do however have by God's grace received a new recreated life in Christ Jesus so that the Spirit of God can take dominion within us so that we as a vessel can be used to establish God's Kingdom on earth as we witness concerning this new life, declare that what is unlawful

(bind) and declare that what lawful (loose) in heaven in submission to God, expressing our faith as we put our trust in God and His Son Jesus Christ, so that the enemy will flee. This declaration must not only stay in words but must be put into practice by our way of living.

### **True story :**

Looking back into the history of the Gospel, we can see two keys, used by Peter to open the door for the unbelievers to come into the Kingdom of the heavens through the declaration of the Gospel. On the day of Pentecost, Peter went out and declared the Gospel unto the Jews who received it and got saved (enter into the Kingdom of the heavens) *14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 **But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: 21 **And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. 22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. 25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. 29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 **Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36 **Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. Acts 2:1-41 (KJV)*********

And at the house of Cornelius Peter was used again to open the door for the gentiles to enter into the Kingdom of the heavens through the declaration of the Gospel. *34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. 36 The Word which God sent unto the*

children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) 37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: 40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; 41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. 42 **And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.** 43 **To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.** 44 **While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.** Acts 10:34-44 (KJV)

The keys proved effective in both stories because of the Word that were spoken in faith and not in accordance to the ability of the speaker but, in faith in the message with a preparedness to put his faith in action.

## **God's authority :**

*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20*

*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)***

***And these signs shall accompany them that believe:** in my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues; **Mark 16:17***

*Whosoever shall receive one of such little children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever receiveth me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. **Mark 9:37***

***But the Comforter, [even] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you. John 14:26***

***Ye did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit, and [that] your fruit should abide: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. John 15:16***

*For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world; looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our **Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works.** These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no man despise thee. **Titus 2:11-15***

*But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for [God's] own possession, that ye may **show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:** who in time past were no people, but now are the people of God: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Beloved, I beseech you as sojourners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your behavior seemly among the Gentiles; that, wherein they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. **1Peter 2:9-12***

***in all things showing thyself an example of good works; in thy doctrine [showing] uncorruptness, gravity, Titus 2:7***

*Finally then, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as ye received of us **how ye ought to walk and to please God**, even as ye do walk,—that ye abound more and more. **1Thessalonians 4:1**  
But as ye abound in everything, [in] faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and [in] all earnestness, and [in] your love to us, [see] that ye abound in this grace also. **2 Corinthians 8:7***

*Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know also how to abound: in everything and in all things have **I learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want. Philippians 4:11-12***

*Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. So that with good courage we say, **The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me? Hebrews 13:5-6***

*They said therefore unto him, What must we do, that we may work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. John 6:28-29***

*In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another; in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing steadfastly in prayer; communicating to the necessities of the saints; given to hospitality. **Romans 12:10-13***

*But we will continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word. **Act 6:4***

***He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in Him:** he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he hath not believed in the witness that God hath borne concerning his Son. And the witness is this, that **God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.** He that hath the Son hath the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life. **1John 5:10-12***

## **Conclusion :**

**To be a witness is one who testifies to any fact from his own personal knowledge.** Under the Mosaic law, two witnesses under oath were necessary to convict a person charged with a capital crime, Num 35:30; and if the criminal was stoned, the witnesses were bound to cast the first stones, Deu 17:6-7 Act 7:58. The Greek word for witness is MARTYR, means to be a living testimony of the resurrected and ascended Christ – the Holy Spirit living within us as a testimony of the promise from God – refer to Peter using the keys to open the door for the Jews and the Gentiles to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

In James 2:16 it state that what is the profit in telling someone to be warmed but not giving him something to warm him, **is like (ver 17) faith, that have no works to prove your faith.** Jesus said that the work required by God is believing in Him, meaning **if we tell people concerning faith in Jesus but our own life fail to witness accordingly, our words of faith is dead.**

**When we as the recreated collective Body of Christ, cannot witness our faith in living, our faith have no power to advance the Kingdom of Heaven.** Looking at the disciples they put their word into action by living according to their belief, and the Lord worked amongst them, proving that He is working with them. A partnership were we have the privilege to see the work of God being accomplished on earth, not by might nor by power but by My Spirit says the Lord.

There is only one reason for division, it is because we are focused on self and not on God and His kingdom. As a collective Body of Christ, let us unite in our faith as we trust in God, and show it through our lives. **"Heaven must first come down into your heart." We must not forget this. We can never enter heaven—until heaven has entered into us. We must have the life of God in us—before we are ready to dwell in blessedness with God.**

We forget that heaven is not *far*—but begins right here in our everyday lives, as we live as a collective body of Christ, a community of believers.

*The beginning of the new life—is the acceptance of Christ as our King. Christian growth is simply—the bringing of our wills into perfect accord with God's. It is learning to do as Jesus did.*

**Questions to be answered :**

1. Why, or for what purpose have we been created?
2. Where or in what is our victory?
3. Who do you represent and how is it being manifested?
4. Where and how do the Kingdom of heaven invade the kingdom of earth?
5. Explain the partnership that exist between the recreated man and God?