

THE SEAT OF REST

We need to learn how to engage God in our spirit and learn how our spirit functions with God. Engaging God is participating in His Spirit, becoming involved in His kingdom this is inside of us.

In our spirit is a seat of government, and we need to learn what it means to have God governing our lives. Either God is leading us and involved in our activities, or we are living independent of Him and doing our own thing.

The seat of government is really the place where God in us rests and has His rule, or we are still ruling and are not at rest.

The lordship of Jesus first of all takes place in our spirit. As we learn the different senses of our spirit, it enables us to activate them, so that the life of God is continually flowing into them.

When we open our spirit to the lord, His presence and His rule comes into our spirit. And then we learn how to engage God there, so that His Spirit can flow out of us, and create a kingdom atmosphere around us, so that the kingdom is at hand.

God's government is a government of rest. When the Spirit of God is flowing in us it produces rest, we need to learn how to operate in this rest.

When Jesus is on the throne of the seat of rest in our spirit then we will be at rest, but if self is on the throne we will be seeking to meet our own needs in our own strength and we will be weary and heavy laden.

Perfect peace does not come from a calm environment and

circumstances. Perfect peace only comes in becoming one spirit with God. Experiential oneness comes in degrees as our spirit grows in its appropriation of God's attributes.

As His love is perfected in us, we begin to live in rest. Through the infilling of His Spirit, His love penetrates into the areas of our soul that have been hurt and damaged, His love begins to make them whole.

His love fills us with His life and provides peace and joy in a dimension that is separate from any evil circumstances or events in the world.

We can learn how to live in our spirit when we become aware of it. When things are troubling us in our soul, we can step back into our spirit, so that we can focus in on the river of life flowing inside of us and disconnect with the thing that is troubling our soul.

Our spirit is dimensional, and as we become aware of it, we can sense it expanding and coming to the forefront of our consciousness. We can feel it penetrating into the atmosphere around us. We can feel it rising up and taking authority.

In first love, we can embrace God with our spirit. God is inside of us and we can hold Him close to us with our spirit. We put our spiritual arms around Him and hug Him like we would, a natural person that we love. We learn how to live in Him, and move in Him and have our being in Him.

We need to become spirit, soul and body, so that the awareness of our spirit has expanded to the outside of us. As the life of God is flowing through our spirit, it creates an atmosphere around us. We can sense our spirit expanding to the outside of us.

As we learn how to develop our spiritual senses and grow our spirit through exercise, we can learn how to visit places in our spirit. We

have four chambers in our heart that we can visit. We have a garden inside our heart, a soaking room, a dance floor and a bridal chamber.

It is the reality of the kingdom world in which Jesus reigns that is destructive to the powers of darkness, but to us it is consuming love, peace and power to do the will of God. This reality produces a sound mind, and peaceful emotions.

The kingdom is in us, it is around us, and it is in heaven. It is that sphere in which Jesus is lord, and the enemy has no access.

The government of God in our life is a seat of rest; we are not doing things in our self, but allowing the Spirit of God in us to do the work. All we are doing is walking in what the lord is revealing, continually drawing strength from Him which is found in the infilling of His Spirit as His love joy and peace is flowing into us.

The key to be able to fulfill our destiny and to experience living real abundant life is to live from a place of rest.

The rest of God is relational and is a result of taking Jesus' yoke upon us.

Our walk with God has to flow from relational rest otherwise we will be doing things for ourselves in our own way, or doing things for the lord instead of with the Lord.

Who is on the throne of our life? Who's in charge of our life? We have to choose which pathway to follow, the pathway of discipleship or the pathway of living unto our self. If we surrender the throne of our life to God and He sits on the throne (on the seat of rest) then we get to rule with Him.

Jesus has sat down next to the father on His right hand, the place

of authority and as we surrender our spirit to the throne of God, then He starts to train us to also rule.

The more we surrender to Him, then the more we will learn and the more responsibility the father releases to us in authority. So with God on the seat of rest we will find that the answers to the questions that we have deep down on the inside of us answered. Who am I? Where did I come from? Why am I here? What is my purpose? Will my life have meaning? We may not on the surface ask ourselves those things but they are the deepest needs that we have.

They become very practical things when God is on the throne of rest in our lives. He will begin to meet the needs of our soul in Him for love.

Love is primarily the deepest need that we have because God is love.

We need Affirmation, just as God opened the heavens and affirmed Jesus as His beloved son, so He also wants to affirm us as His beloved children.

We have basic needs- love, affirmation, approval, significance, provision, protection; all those things are things that our soul needs. We can find them in ourselves and end up most likely hurt or we can surrender to God and allow Him to meet those needs.

We are on a spiritual journey; we are learning how to discover God in our spirit. When we receive Jesus as Lord of our lives, God comes to live within us, and we become a house of God.

Receiving the Spirit of God activates our spiritual senses so that

we experience first love. We experience what it is to be loved, accepted and affirmed by God. We experience the joy of the Lord, which is from another dimension, which strengthens us and is beyond words to describe. This all comes through a flow of the Spirit which the Bible describes as living water, the river of life.

As we learn how to take upon the yoke of Jesus He guides and directs us. We are yoked to the Lord in a first love relationship. This yoke is not only imparted it is shared. The impartation of the yoke is the divine nature of God; it is the eternal uncreated life of God. To put on this yoke is to put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Putting on the new man, putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, putting on the armor of God, taking upon us the yoke of Jesus, this all has to do with the Spirit of God being upon us. This is another way of saying that the life of God is flowing into our spirit and then into our soul, where our soul is aware of it, so that it is clothing us. Clothing has to do with the soul. It has to do with the life of God flowing into our emotions, the life of God flowing as revelations into our mind, the life of God filling and motivating and strengthening our will. Our spirit has expanded so that it is on the outside, and our soul and body are immersed in the life of God.

The yoke of Jesus is shared, which speaks of fellowship. Our obedience is a participation in the Spirit of God, a partaking of the divine nature. To have the yoke of Jesus upon us means we are in fellowship with God, sharing the same life.

When Jesus is on the throne of our lives we can totally trust and rest in Him. He becomes everything to us; our provider, our protector, the one who will guide and direct our lives.

How does the kingdom of God become established in us, through

us, and around us?

We need to understand the government of God within our own spirit. Everything takes place within our own spirit. Our spirit is a dimensional place, where the kingdom is. And there is a door in our spirit that we open because Jesus is knocking on it, He wants to come into our spirit, or you could say wants to come out of that hidden place within us so that our spiritual senses become aware of Him.

As we open that door, His presence fills us and then we can engage Him in our spirit. Then the Holy Spirit searches our heart and reveals areas of our soul life that we need to bring into submission to the life of God in our spirit, so that it no longer blocks the flow of the Spirit out of us.

We don't just want to engage God on the inside of us, we want to release His spirit through us, in the words we say, the things we do. We want the presence of the Lord to be reflected through us so it is seen upon our face, upon our countenance. Through our innermost being, rivers of living waters are suppose to flow. That means whatever is on the inside of us needs to flow out through us to engage the world around us and change it.

We need to learn how to engage the Holy Spirit as the river of life, as living waters that refresh and sustain us. We need learn to engage Jesus, by taking His yoke upon us, so that we become joined to Him, so He can guide and set the direction for our lives. And as we engage the father in the seat of rest, then He can then begin to father us and bring us into sonship.

The seat of rest enables us to live in a place of peace and trust and provision despite the storm that may be going on around our lives. The storms blow against all of us, we are not immune from the storms of

life because we were Christians. But in a storm we can live in the eye of it where there is a place of peace and rest no matter what is going on around us.

Jesus is our example for this, when a big storm arose when He was in a boat with His disciples. Rather than panicking He was asleep because He already stated to His disciples that they were going to go to the other side.

The Holy Spirit is prophetic and revealed to Jesus that He was to minister to the demoniac on the other side. Jesus could see Himself in the future ministering to the demoniac.

The disciples were panicking because they were not in a place of rest. But Jesus said peace, be still! And as we learn how to live in a state of rest, He gives us the authority to say the same thing to the things around our lives.

Peace and joy come not from our circumstances, because happiness is dependent upon circumstances but peace and joy comes from a relationship. Righteousness, peace and joy is ours in the Holy Spirit who is in us. So we can live with an attitude of gratitude and Thanksgiving as a choice. We can learn to be at rest or we can moan and groan and complain and blame everybody else for what is basically our own problem. What is the problem? – Surrender!

Surrender is total submission, and is something we have to practice, because built into us there is this principle, because of what happened with Adam and Eve of choosing a wrong path, that we can do it without God, which is humanism. We can get knowledge without God, and we can do it ourselves. We can look around the world and see the results of that pathway.

This is why God wants us to surrender to Him so that He can begin to change things. No man can serve two masters. Jesus is not a part-time Lord and King. Lordship requires absolute ownership. The question is, are we surrendered to Jesus Christ completely and exclusively? This is contrary to human nature.

A kingdom is a place where a King rules. So God's kingdom is where He has authority. And it says the kingdom of God is within us. It is only within us to the extent that we invite Him into that place in our heart by surrendering our life to Him.

God is already in us, but His kingdom in us is limited, until we let Him take full control. So the kingdom is the place where God rules, where Jesus is Lord, He is called Lord over 700 times in the New Testament. The Lord is His position of government. Jesus is His name and that represents His identity as salvation. And Lord is the position that name he has in government. When we are talking about the Lord we are talking about His governmental position.

One Corinthians 6:17 – says, the one who joins himself to the Lord. The one who joins himself to that governmental position of authority is one spirit with Him, operating in unity and oneness. And this is something we have to do continually, moment by moment.

The life of God flows into our spirit producing an awareness of the nature and power of God. With this awareness of the Spirit of God comes the authority to rule as we are submitted to God's rule in our lives.

We are participating in a common life that is motivated by love to bring the rule of heaven upon the earth.

Our spirit is joined to the lord through the intimacy of love, and as it becomes one with the lord it becomes a place of authority in us. In

our oneness with the Spirit of the Lord, God is seated on the throne of our spirit.

Because of the joining of our spirit with the Lord we are in a place of rest. Our spirit does not desire one thing and the Spirit of the Lord another.

So it is through our awareness of being one spirit with the Lord that we can speak with authority from our spirit the will of God into the earth.

The rule of God is the rule of love; it is the expression of God's nature being outworked in our lives and in the lives of others. When God is on throne, the place of government of our lives: then the kingdom can manifest in us, through us and around us. The works of Jesus are the demonstrations of power, motivated by the love of God to bring about the will of God in the natural realm.

When God is sitting on the throne of our spirit, heaven and the angelic realm recognizes the seat of government and engages around us to help bring the manifestation of Gods will into the earth. When God is on the throne of our spirit we are also on our throne seated with Him in the heavenly places. Authority can then be released to change and influence everything around us

We are learning how to frame or shape our lives through the words we speak from our governmental position. When our spirit is one with the Lord, our decrees and declarations carry authority from the throne of God.

There is accountability for what flows through us and what we speak, so we need to learn to guard our words as we are in training to be kings. There is a process that brings maturity in government. We have to learn how to walk in His ways as a servant; we have to

choose to be a bond servant which is a servant in love with His master. We are first of all a bondservant and then out of that relationship we minister through the gifts and calling the Lord has given us.

God calls and empowers bond servants to become stewards. Stewards are given gifts, callings and resources to administer on behalf of the Lord. They are “talents” or abilities in ministry for God’s glory. It is out of this place that God calls us to friendship. Many are too busy serving to hear this deeper call.

John 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

When we accept the call to intimacy as a friend He begins to reveal His heart about what is to come, who we are in the future, our destiny and the process of sonship.

There is a process of learning to trust the Lord and grow in our relationship. Our Training in discipleship is to encourage our maturity as we learn to overcome and rule. This process involves the trials that reveal our heart attitudes and motives. The testing of our faith is to reveal to us our hearts condition, so that we learn how to trust the Lord to become in us that which is lacking in our appropriation of the divine nature.

We begin a process of discipleship to be trained so we mature to sonship. Heb 12:7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

Heb 12:10- He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. 11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful,

but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Trials provide us the opportunity to enable us to learn to overcome and rule in this life through our appropriation of the divine nature.

As we learn to overcome and mature He begins to call us closer. Rom 5:17- for if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey from slavery to sonship with the attitude of a bond servant, as we experience the presence of the Lord it frees us from what we were held captive to but also imparts the desire to continue to serve. We have to learn how to walk in His ways as a good steward of all His resources

John 15:15 ... but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. .There is a transition in discipleship from servants and stewards to Friends, Lords, Kings and then SONS .This is when we begin to enter through the veil into the realms of the spirit within and also the realms in heaven.

Through the process of discipleship that leads us into transformation, our spirit soul and body come under the government of God from the seat of rest in our spirit. And then from that place of rest, Jesus exercises the authority of the kingdom through us in order to bring everything into subjection to God's will and purpose. We have to learn to live from the place of rest in authority as joint heirs in His kingdom

Psalm 110:1–2 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool.” The LORD shall send the rod of your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of your enemies! We are joint heirs and can rule out of Zion – the heavenly city of God