



Day One: The Restoration of All Things

Last week, we looked at the fact that Jesus' eyes are set on the fulfilment and restoration of all things. The footnote in Ephesians 4:9 – 10 actually says in the Greek, 'that HE might fill all things'.

This is how the fulfilment and the restoration of all things is possible – when people are filled with Jesus; when schools are filled with Jesus; when governments are filled with Jesus; when businesses are filled with Jesus; when movies are filled with Jesus; when nations are filled with Jesus. It's happening! It's happening!

As we are filled with His fullness and take His life and His way of doing things (in other words, the Kingdom of God) to every facet of our world, we will see what has been prophesied.

Habakkuk 2:14 (KJV) *For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*

The rapture is not our hope. Jesus is our hope.

I remember asking the Lord once, when I was still confused by beholding the darkness that was around me, and listening to the ungodly narrative of the church: *"Are we going to have to go through the tribulation? Is this for your people, or are you taking us out of here before then?"*

Holy Spirit clearly said to me, *"You're going out of here in a blaze of glory."* I immediately clapped my hands together and said, *"That's good enough for me!"* Not one time since then, has end time theology mattered to me. Whether He comes before or after the restoration is complete makes no difference to me. All I know is that my eyes are on Jesus and we're fulfilling God's dream together, and that's all that matters.

We don't need to 'put off' the fulfilment and the restoration of all things to a future time. We can walk in oneness with Holy Spirit right now, and ask Him how He wants us to release the fullness of His life through us, and how to bring His life to the various facets of the world around us. We can be part of the fulfilment of this prophecy and see the knowledge of His glory cover the earth.



Soak Time

Do you really believe you can have an important part to play in the fulfillment of the prophecy that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea? Why or why not?



Day Two: Until We All Attain Oneness

So we could put it this way: That Jesus' return is based on completion, not a set date. God's focus is simply restoration, and He's given many other scriptures to show us that He intends to forge towards this goal until He sees it fulfilled.

One example is Ephesians 4:13, in which He talks about the five fold ministries and how they have been established by the Lord as part of His plan to see the fulfilment and restoration of all things. The five fold ministry is the apostle, prophet, evangelist, teacher and pastor – working together! These anointings are the anointing of Jesus and when they function together, it makes what has seemed impossible (the fulfilment and completion of all things) possible.

Ephesians 4:13 - 16 (TPT) *These grace ministries will function until we all attain oneness in the faith, until we all experience the fullness of being one with the Son of God, and finally be become one perfect man with the full dimensions of spiritual maturity and fully developed in the abundance of Christ. And then our immaturity will end... All our direction and ministries will flow from Christ and lead us deeper into him, the anointed Head of his body, the church.*

The key word in this scripture is UNTIL. The Lord says that the five fold ministry will be given on the earth UNTIL we ALL attain oneness in the faith (in other words, oneness with each other) and experience oneness with Him. God is not giving up, Jesus is not coming back and the five fold ministries will not stop operating on this earth UNTIL this happens. And when it does, we will finally be operating as one perfect man – which is exactly what the 'body of Christ' is created to do and be. We are to be one perfect man – Christ on this earth, for 'As He is, so are we in this earth' (1 Jn 4:17). We are to receive our direction from Him because we are one with Him – our direction is never to come from the rules, institutions, expectations and requirements of man.

Sadly, we have often looked more like a dismembered corpse than 'one perfect man' in the past, but the Lord is raising up His bride and she is becoming more and more radiant, and as the five fold ministries open up and operate and function in this earth and everyone finds the place in which they 'fit' within His body, we will see the fulfilment of His words. Whether or not the world becomes perfect before Jesus returns, we can see clearly here that the Lord intends to do a work in His church.



Are we to be excited about Jesus' return? Absolutely! But not for the reasons we have been taught to in the past. We're not to be excited by the prospect of being rescued, but the prospect of presenting the world back to the Lord in glorious splendour.

"The promise of Christ's return does not give me permission to be irresponsible with Christ's command." Bill Johnson

Regardless of how much we anticipate the Lord's return, we were given no permission whatsoever to ignore the commission that Jesus gave us before He left the earth – the last thing He told us was to take His authority and use it to preach the gospel to all nations, to disciple the nations, and to operate in His signs and wonders on this earth. (Matthew 28:18 – 20). He's made it clear what we're to do, and the level of vision that we're to walk in. Let's just go the direction He's heading and leave the rest up to Him.



How does Christ's commission to you in Matthew 28:18 – 20 impact your life when you know that we're not waiting on the rescue mission?



Day Three: #4 He's Already Done It

So we've been looking at the ways that we can get off track by beholding darkness. The first is declaring the judgment of God, the second is expecting things to get darker and darker, and the third is hanging out for the rescue mission. We've countered each of these lies with the truth found in His Word.

Finally, we're going to look at the last way, which is an excessive and unscriptural focus on spiritual warfare. Is spiritual warfare important? Absolutely! But we have to know at all times that we war FROM victory, not for victory. We have to know without question, that He's already done it!!!

We must stop begging God for a revival as though He hasn't already given it to us! Revival is life - HE is life! Life is in our hearts at every moment of the day or night; we can be in revival at any moment. Rather than begging for revival, let's choose to be in revival, and watch what God will do in the lives of those around us!

So many things we already have possession of, because His spirit is one with our spirit (1 Cor 6:17) – we just have to believe and declare it. He's already given us healing; He's already given us prosperity; He's already set us free and made us whole! While we're still begging for something we've already got, we receive no value from the gift already given to us.

In his book, *The Believer's Authority*, Andrew Wommack tells the story of the Scottish Hebrides Revival. There had been people praying for months, begging God for revival. One evening, a man who had never been there before came into the meeting and prayed with them for a while, then suddenly He stood up and said, "*Either God's Word is true, or it isn't. We've got it! I'm going home.*" And interestingly enough, revival broke out the very next day.

Often, the body of Christ projects an underlying mindset regarding prayer, which says that somehow God is co-dependent, and that He is changed or moved by our begging, or by the length or fervour of our prayers. However, we know that God is the same, yesterday, today and forever. When we perceive that we must beg Him, we are believing one or more of these lies: That He doesn't really love us; That He is not a good Father, withholding things from us;



and that He is moved by our begging (as opposed to our faith). All of these are lies!

Our Heavenly Father most certainly is a good, good Father, who loves us ALL beyond measure. He, Who did not withhold even His very own son, has never withheld a single thing from us! (Matt 7:11; Luke 11:13). He is not changed or moved by our begging, because He's already gone before us and He HAS moved! He sent Jesus! And this purchased everything for us! It's when we come into agreement with what He has already done, that He can effect what He has already decreed on our behalf!

We're not waiting on God to do anything – God is waiting on us to step into the authority and the victory that has already been given to us, and decree and declare it!

When we war FROM victory, and from the promises, we will see them come to pass. We will know what it is to walk in the authority of sons of the Most High God. When we don't know what is ours and we beg God for things that He's already given us, we are wandering around as orphans in our hearts – we may be adopted by our Heavenly Father, but still live out of the fear and insecurity of our old orphan heart.

Just like the father who said to the older brother in the parable of the prodigal son, *'Everything that I have is yours!'* (Luke 15:31), we have already been given all things. We can either act as though we still have to work for our inheritance, or we can trust that everything our Father has is ours.

Spiritual warfare is where sons of the Most High God decree the inheritance that has already been given to them, and command the destiny of the nations to fulfillment.

Will you declare YOUR inheritance?



You are a son of the Most High God. Ask Holy Spirit what spiritual warfare looks like for you?



Day Four: A Defeated Foe

Another lie that plagues much spiritual warfare, is the perception that satan is stronger than us and that WE have to war in order to defeat him. But the truth is that *'Greater is He Who is in me than he who is in the world'*, (1 John 4:4) and Jesus – who is in us - has already defeated satan! He's won!!!

Jesus openly paraded satan, just like the kings of old would do. When a leader in Bible times would take over another geographic area, they would capture the king of that area, cut off their thumbs and toes so they could no longer wield a weapon or run, and parade them naked down the street before the people, so that they would no longer be fearful. Jesus has done the exact same thing to satan – he is stripped, naked and defenceless.

Colossians 2:15 (NIV) *And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

The only thing that satan still has is deception, and if he can get us to believe that somehow we still have to defeat him, then that's exactly how we will war against him.

The truth is that he's a defeated foe and He's not to be feared, or even fought. He's to be dictated to, by the terms of our covenant with our conquering King! We find out what we already have, and we declare it to the demonic forces – they can do nothing but bow to the name of Jesus.

Spiritual warfare can be a deception, when it causes us to be distracted by fighting battles that have already been won, or telling us that we're 'under' something. True spiritual warfare is executing the victory already purchased for us, and it can look very different to how it has been presented. I'll tell you what spiritual warfare is:

LOVE GOD – LOVE ONE ANOTHER – DECLARE GOD'S STORYLINE

Love and prophetic declaration to enforce the victory we already have will do more to build the kingdom of God than many of the strategies that have been presented to us as spiritual warfare. Don't weary yourself fighting battles that



Jesus has already been victorious in. Decree His victory and walk in the fullness of the life and love of the Lord Jesus Christ. And you will see satan flee.

Soak Time

What is the storyline that the Lord wants you to declare?



Day Five: Prophesying God's Dream

So the question is, are we going to declare God's dream or satan's dream? Because what we declare (prophecy) out of our mouths, affects what will happen on the earth, and how long it will take before we see the fulfilment and restoration of all things.

Like Ezekiel, we are to speak life over dry bones. God took Ezekiel to overlook a valley full of dry, dead, scattered bones. They weren't even whole skeletons, just bones scattered all over the valley – a dark and desolate place. No sign of life to be seen. Yet God asked Ezekiel *"Can these bones live?"* (Ezk 37:3).

His question to Ezekiel is really no different to His question to us today, as we look around the world, as we see the challenges our youth are facing, as we watch economic hardship in our nations or feel the tangible fear evoked by terrorism within our societies. When we hear reports of Christians being slaughtered, or we see cancer wiping out lives left, right and centre. In the midst of all of this, the Lord asks us the same question. *"Can these bones live?"*

But Ezekiel's lips didn't respond with what his senses told him. He didn't speak out the negative words shared by those around him. He didn't even come up with a positive spin on his own words. He simply asked God what HE saw, by saying, *"You know Lord."*

He heard what God has to say about the situation, He spoke exactly what God said and how HE saw it... and the dry bones came back together bone to bone, skin and sinews and life came back and they stood on their feet, *'...an exceedingly great army'* (Ezk 37:10).

Our focus is not to do more. Our focus is intimacy – to look within, not outwards. To hear His secrets for ourselves and for our nation. Let Him whisper to us, what He sees for our individual and national destiny – and then prophesy it! Speak it out! We have each been given the capacity to receive and declare the words of the Lord.

Many have been prophesying fear, and by doing so, partnering with the spirits who are working to bring forth satan's agenda. No more! It's time to declare God's storyline! It's time to feel His heart and to hear His words, and release

