

Module 5 – Responsibility 08 – New vs Old 04 – Forerunners

Session 08

What is responsibility?

What is our responsibility personally and corporately?

Definition - the state or job of being in charge of something and of making sure that what happens is right or satisfactory

We have a responsibility for the Joshua Generation and harvest scrolls

- To fulfil our responsibility we need to learn how to access heaven beyond the veil and take our positions on the mountains and thrones in the heavenly realms
- When we are seated in the heavenly realms we have the responsibility to established kingdom government

We have a personal responsibility to be a gateway of heaven into the earth

We have a corporate responsibility as the Joshua Generation to be forerunners who prepare the way for others to possess their inheritance and outwork their destinies

We are responsible to prepare for the harvest of harvesters that is coming

1 Chron. 12:32 Of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do

- As Joshua Generation forerunners we need to be aware of the end of the old and beginnings of the new days, seasons, ages and eras etc.
- We need to be ready and not surprised

Isa 42:9 “Behold, the former things have come to pass, now I declare new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you.”

- We must be listening and aware when the former or old things have come to the end of their usefulness

Isa 43:19 “Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.

“The New” “The Old” we need to understand the times and seasons

We are in the 7th day and preparing for the 3rd day of the church age

- The age for kingdom sons to arise
- We need to be ready and prepared
- We need to know and administrate the times and seasons
- We need to rule as sons
- God always sends forerunners to prepare for the change of season
- Joshua and Caleb spied out the land and gave a good report
- Joshua Generation are forerunners
- Joshua generation operates in a different spirit to prepare
- That is the Elijah spirit

➔ **When God prepares forerunners they go through times of testing and transformation**

- Elijah went through Cherith to circumcise everything
- Jordan to descend into the death burial of the flesh
- Zarephath the all-consuming fire, the smelting place, workshop for refining

God's kingdom operates using the foundational law of precedent or testimony

Precedent definition - an earlier event or action that is regarded as an example, guide or reason for a present action or event

Legal definition a decision by a court on which future decisions are based

God sends forerunners to set precedents that others can follow

They can use doors that have been opened for access and use the legal rights obtained by forerunners

➔ **Forerunners become the testimony that others can repeat, follow, experience and then passed on**

Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord God does nothing Unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets.

Examples of forerunners who set precedents that still apply today

- Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice
- Abraham engaged with the celestial realm and angelic realm
- Jacob engaging an open heaven He was a forerunner for others and for Jesus
- Moses and 70 elders accessing heaven set a precedent
- Moses engaging God face to face
- Moses engaging in what was seeing the past
- Moses engaging the dark cloud
- Enoch and Elijah going beyond the veil without dying
- Paul and John going into heaven without dying
- Elijah passing on his mantle
- Elisha's servant seeing in the spirit
- Isaiah engaging the heavenly altar in the temple and getting a mandate
- Joshua engaging the courts of heaven
- Joseph given a position of authority
- David's tent open access worship
- Jesus engaging under the earth
- Jesus engaging the angelic realm
- Jesus being in the Father
- The Father being in Jesus
- Jesus performing all the miracles
- Jesus water and Spirit baptism
- Jesus transfiguration
- Jesus experiencing the cross
- Jesus resurrection

Jesus' ascension and enthronement

- Philip's trans-relocation
- Many saints of old were forerunners who paid the cost to reopen access for us to experience truth that had been lost
- **Joshua and Caleb preparing access for the next generation**
- **You and I as the Joshua, Enoch, Daniel, Joseph and Elijah generation of forerunners**
- **We must prepare to pass the baton to the next generation**

When new things come they are often challenging to our minds and the mind-sets of our existing experiences

New things are often strange, weird and different to what has gone before

This can affect us individually

Corporately through institutions and reactionary groups - Luddites

- Noah building an ark in the desert - surely he must be deceived or mad?
- John Baptist comes out of the desert wearing camel hair and eating locust and honey not what they were expecting
- Rejected because he didn't look or dress like a priest was supposed to so he was dismissed by the religious institution

The new order priesthood is very different from the old priesthood so it is rejected by those who have power in the old

New wineskins are different from old wineskins so they are therefore treated with suspicion

New things are often rejected because there is no reference point or grid for them

- John preached a changing of mind
- When Jesus came He hung out with tax collectors, prostitutes, sinners
- This totally challenged the prevailing understanding of what was culturally acceptable
- Jesus redefined the norms and values of society

Matt 17:10 And His disciples asked Him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" 11 And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things; 12 but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, 13 Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

John 3:1 Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 3 "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight!'"

Matt 17:11 And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things; Act 3:20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, 21 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

Mark 9:2 Six days later, Jesus ... brought them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; ... 4 Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. .. 7 Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"

Elijah was a forerunner to prepare the way

Forerunners need to operate in the spirit of Elijah

What is the spirit of Elijah?

Many prophetic words referring to Elijah and the Elijah spirit

Mal 4:5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.

- The last words of the old covenant system was a promise of the coming of forerunners

Mal 3:1 "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the Lord of hosts.

Luke 1:17 It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

- The Spirit of Elijah will enable us to engage our lost brothers in the wilderness and the world
- Those who need to be released from their religious and worldly prisons back to relationship with the Father.

2 Kings 2:15 Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho opposite him saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha."

- **This is something visible**

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners;

- Elijah spirit is associated with forerunners who prepare and make a way
- for Elisha to get a double portion
- Joshua and Caleb prepare for the next generation to receive an inheritance
- John the Baptist makes way for Jesus
- Church makes way for the world

Matt 11:11 Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

- **A new day of sonship is dawning**

James 5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. 18 Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

Isa 40:3 A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. 4 "Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley; 5 Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together;

Joel 3:12 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

➔ **There are 2 valleys of decision: one before the Red sea in Egypt and the other before the Jordan in the wilderness**

- Forerunners must prepare and make a way for others to cross over into their physical and spiritual inheritance
- The mountains of the old authority structures must come down
- Valleys must be lifted up so people can see their inheritance and cross

1 Kings 18:1 Now it happened after many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the face of the earth."

1 Kings 18:37 Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that You, O Lord, are God, and that You have turned their heart back again." 38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed. 39 When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God." 46 Then the hand of the Lord was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins and outran Ahab to Jezreel.

1 Kings 18:30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord which had been torn down. 31 Elijah took twelve stones according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name."

The old must end for the new to come and bring

- A new name
- A new order and mandate
- A new position of government in heaven and on earth
- A new authority
- New values ideals

- **Elijah's name means "My God is YHVH. "**
- **An Elijah people will operate as the Order of Melchizedek**
- **A reflection of the heavenly kingdom government of the four faces of God**

- **Lion Ox Eagle Man**
- **Kingly Prophetic Apostolic Priestly**

God has been releasing a sound a vibrational frequency that carries a message

- calling from heaven to His children
- Calling the Joshua generation to rise
- Peoples' spirits are beginning to resonate and stirred to see more
- There must be more than this!!

We are now leaving the 2nd day of the church age and are about to enter the kingdom age

➔ **It is time to mature into the full stature of Christ as sons, coheirs in the kingdom**

Those representing the old things that God has done have historically opposed those through whom God does something new

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

- ➔ There is increased activity and excitement within the cloud of witnesses or men in white linen, spirits of righteous made perfect
- Relay race analogy where they have completed their earthly laps but are around us watching and cheering us on
- There is more they have their past experiences and mantles to pass on to us
- They have already invested in the race and they want to trade into our lap
- **To be the Joshua, Joseph, Daniel, Enoch and Elijah generation - we must be willing to embrace transformation that enables us to come out of the old and enables the old to come out of us**
- **So we can be raised up into mature sons forerunners of the third day**



<p>Jesus is with you Present yourself to Him as a living sacrifice Let Jesus unveil your mind Let Jesus reveal a new reality to you</p>	<p>Let Him take you by the hand Be open to go wherever He takes you and engage whatever He shows you Jesus please take us through the veils Take us to engage the court of the upright Reveal the cloud of witnesses to us</p>	
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