

The Great Commission as the Father's Heart

JOHN 13:20 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me."

John 13:20 is the master key that unlocks the entire mystery of the Seven Church Ages. Without this foundational concept, the revelation of church history and divine leadership fails to yield itself to the believer.

To be Christ-like, or to follow Jesus in any generation, a soul cannot bypass the messenger sent for their day. Jesus is represented in each age by the star held in His right hand representing His sovereign power and spiritual authority. Every messenger is the *husbandman* who partakes of the first fruit, bringing forth the unadulterated **Doctrine of Christ** and the **Doctrine of Godliness**.

Prophetic language to a prophetic people

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First is humanistic and that's the way that man first began to follow the Seventh Seal from a humanistic standpoint. Humanistic always brings confusion. That's why there was so much different ideas: opened, not opened, sealed, he's going to come back and open them and you know all different ideas.

Second is divine revelation. Now that does not bring confusion, it brings separation. You either believe it or don't believe it. Revelation brings separation.

And third is visions and visions or dreams interpreted is THUS SAITH THE LORD.

WMB is telling you that in any approach; to get a message or to get an understanding, you have three different levels. That's why you can be talking to somebody about the Seventh Seal, if they're from a humanistic standpoint and you from a revelation standpoint, you never agree.

God's Oracle

An *oracle* is defined as a person, place, or spoken revelation through which divine wisdom, knowledge, and understanding go forth.

The **Spoken Word Oracle** is characterized by the following:

- **The Revelation Realm:** While the written Word (the Written Oracle) can be approached from either a humanistic mindset or a divine perspective, the *Spoken Word Oracle operates strictly in the divine revelation realm*. It does not produce human confusion; rather, it produces separation and faith, operating on the principle that "*faith cometh by hearing*".
- **The Prophet's Spoken Message:** It represents the living message delivered through a prophet, typed in the Old Testament by *Moses bringing the spoken Word* to the people.

There are three distinct oracles:

1. **The Written Oracle:** The written Law and Scriptures kept in the Ark of the Covenant.
2. **The Spoken Word Oracle:** The spoken revelation delivered through the prophet in the revelation realm.
3. **The Prophetic Oracle (Dreams & Visions):** The supernatural realm of visions, dreams, and divine experiences that operates through a singular, one-man ministry to deliver unchangeable *THUS SAITH THE LORD*.

When a believer receives, honours, and follows that vindicated messenger, they receive Christ Himself, and in receiving Christ, they receive the Father who sent Him. When you surrender your human reasoning to follow that sent gift, the messenger's Word becomes your *absolute*.

This is not following a man in the flesh; it is following the leadership of the Holy Spirit speaking through a human vessel. Investing your faith, time, and obedience in that sent gift brings the initial dividend of *Eternal Life*, translating you from the Book of Life into the Lamb's Book of Life.

The Approved Apostolic Pattern vs. The Curse of Perversion

GALATIANS 1:8 "*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*"

The Apostle Paul set the original, immutable blueprint for the Church under the direct hand of God. Paul alone possessed the full, uncompromised revelation for his age as the Prophet-Messenger to the Gentiles.

Therefore, any minister or individual who deviates from Paul's doctrine, church order, or pattern enters directly into a *spiritual curse*. We are not responsible for the light of past dispensations; every believer is held strictly accountable for the Message brought by the messenger of their specific day. Outside of this approved pattern, human morality, social decency, or church attendance is nothing more than a *bloodless religion*.

Just as God stripped Adam's self-made, bloodless fig leaves before placing him under the bloody skin of a slain lamb, God strips away human righteousness today. To be under the Blood is to be under the Life, and to be under the Life is to be under the Word. Deviating from the vindicated Word of your day brings the curse of Laodicean blind deception.

Prophetic Harmony and Absolute Commandment

1 CORINTHIANS 14:37 "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord."

The highest office capable of interpreting the Word of God is the office of a prophet. A true prophet is God's divine interpreter. Here, Apostle Paul challenges anyone claiming spiritual authority or prophetic insight to align strictly with the doctrine he laid down.

One true prophet can never contradict another true prophet. They may add clarity, bring deeper scriptural support, or expand the revelation line upon line, but they will never breach the fundamental Word pattern. When Apostle Paul wrote his pastoral and church epistles, he was not expressing his own opinion; he was writing the absolute commandments of the Lord. Any local elder, teacher, or believer who claims spiritual maturity while setting aside Paul's instructions on order, family, or finance proves that they lack the genuine Holy Ghost.

Divine Vindication through Unmistakable Power

JOHN 15:24 "If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father."

God never holds an age accountable for rejecting a messenger unless that messenger is thoroughly vindicated by supernatural power. The messenger of the age stands out clearest in both *Word pattern and supernatural power*, performing works that no ordinary religious man could ever perform.

Because Christ performed works among the Jews that no other prophet had done, their rejection of Him left them completely without excuse, incurring judgment. In the same manner, God vindicates the end-time messenger so that the Bride can recognize Her shepherd. Once God vindicates the messenger and his Message, He does not need to separately vindicate every local pastor or elder; rather, God uses faithful local pastors to preach that vindicated Message to separate the true grain from the mixed multitude.

God has established an unchangeable divine order for delivering His truth to the earth. When the fullness of the Word was brought to manifestation, the divine transmission did not bypass order; it moved in a precise progression from the *Angel* to the *Prophet*, and ultimately to the *Shepherds*. Just as Gabriel brought the initial message to Mary and angels appeared to the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks in Bethlehem, God established a perpetual pattern.

The prophet brings the supernatural revelation through dreams, visions, and experiences, but the living channel ordained to bring that revelation directly to the sheep is the shepherd. Immediately following the opening of the Seven Seals, Brother Branham preached the crucial message *Why it had to be Shepherds*.

Understanding why God chose shepherds is essential for navigating the mystery of the Seventh Seal. The Unwritten Nature of the Seventh Seal: Because the Seventh Seal contains a half-hour of silence and no written text or symbols, it cannot be interpreted using standard scriptural formulas or human logic.

The Prophet's Role vs. The Shepherd's Role: The prophet's commission was to bring forth the supernatural revelation, not to formulate a standard organizational doctrine. It was required that shepherds catch the hidden line of direction behind those visions and experiences.

Connecting the Flock to Rapturing Faith: Rapturing faith lies directly under the Seventh Seal and is tied to the descent of the Lord with the Shout. If the shepherd fails to catch the revelation of the Seventh Seal, the local congregation will never catch it.

There is a fundamental divide between the public domain and the secret revelation realm.

Approaching spiritual truths from the public mindset leads directly into humanistic reasoning, debate, and confusion.

The Humanistic Realm: The Seventh Seal, the Seven Thunders, and the Third Pull were never intended for the natural mind. When humanistic minds attempt to dissect these secrets, it produces conflicting opinions and endless division.

The Secret Realm of the Third Pull: The Third Pull is a profound secret reserved exclusively for the revelation realm. Its divine purpose is to throw out into the deep waters to catch the "rainbow trout" the true elect Bride.

The Dwelling of the Shepherd: While the prophet operates in the domain of visions, signs, and dreams, the true shepherd is ordained to live and abide in the revelation realm. Through this realm, the shepherd discerns the hidden secret of God's tabernacle and keeps the flock separated from public confusion.

The Ripening of the Bride

A true shepherd carries a sacred, non-transferable accountability before God for the growth and protection of the local flock.

While evangelists and teachers contribute valuable gifts to the body of Christ, they do not answer for the spiritual state of the flock. Just as a husband answer for his wife, only the local shepherd answers directly to God for the spiritual food given to the sheep. Believers are not ripened into spiritual maturity merely by sitting under tapes or reading books in isolation. True spiritual ripening occurs as believers gather under the God-ordained ministry of a living shepherd who feeds them the living bread of life. The central message of a true shepherd in this hour echoes the greatest news flash ever brought to earth: **"The Messiah is here now!"**

The shepherd guides the flock to distinguish between the general *Appearing* of the Son of Man in His Word and the physical *Second Coming*, anchoring them in the present reality of Christ among His people.

The true Bride of Christ the wise virgins do not shrink back from deep revelation or complain about spiritual complexity. She possesses an intense, God-given hunger to know the fullness of the Word.

When the flock walks under the guidance of a shepherd living in the revelation realm, they are brought out of denominational traditions and anchored upon an unmovable foundation.

Standing under the true oracle of God, the Bride recognizes her present Messiah, receives her spiritual inheritance, and steps into complete rapturing faith.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost..." Matthew 28:19

The Great Commission is not a side project or a secondary program of the church; it represents the singular desire burning in the *Father's heart*. God does not have ten competing commissions He has exactly one. The work of redemption was accomplished at the Cross, but that salvation must be carried out to the universal elect across every city, state, and foreign nation.

This fulfils the original mandate given in **Genesis 1:28** to be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth. An apostolic mother church must never become self-absorbed, caring only for its own local comfort. Once a congregation pays its local expenses, its primary spiritual duty is to pour resources into global missions, foreign church planting, and sending sent ministers into the harvest fields.

Storing Up Treasures in Heaven

MATTHEW 6:19-21 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..."

Jesus issues a direct warning against the delusion of earthly hoarding. Earthly wealth stored in paper currency, real estate, or bank accounts is vulnerable to inflation, economic collapse, and excessive taxation.

Hoarding wealth for personal security reflects an indifferent, rich-young-ruler mindset that trusts in uncertain riches rather than Almighty God. When a believer takes their surplus material substance and invests it into the Kingdom supporting missions, establishing outposts, and feeding the flock they convert temporal paper into **eternal treasures in heaven**. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. When you cross into the Eternal City, those investments yield eternal rewards, position, and heavenly dividends that can never be stolen or destroyed.

Spiritual Qualification for True Missionary Outreach

ACTS 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Divine power (*dunamis*) is not emotional excitement; it is the spiritual empowerment and capability that comes *after* a believer is baptized with the Holy Ghost. Only those who are genuinely born again of the specific Word of truth for their day are scripturally qualified to be witnesses and missionaries in the harvest fields.

Denominational systems send thousands of unquickened workers into foreign lands, but because they lack the unadulterated Message of the hour, they cannot pass on spiritual life.

A true missionary goes forth with an open Book, understanding the **Doctrine of Christ** and the **Doctrine of Godliness**, establishing believers in pure apostolic truth.

Establishing Local Order and Appointed Elders

ACT 14:21 ASV And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to Antioch, 22 confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God. 23 And when they had appointed for them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they had believed.

In the expansion of the early church, Apostle Paul demonstrated the true missionary pattern. He did not simply preach an evangelistic campaign and leave the converts as orphans; he returned to confirm their souls through deep doctrinal teaching and to appoint local *elders* in every assembly. Here we must discern the scriptural difference between *five-fold ministers* and *appointed elders*:

- **Five-Fold Ministers:** Sovereignly predestinated and called by God before the foundation of the world; belong to the priesthood; live off the altar/tithes; and give account for souls.
- **Appointed Elders:** Appointed by apostles to meet local administrative needs; helpers to the ministry; *must work a secular job*; and are *strictly forbidden from handling or living off congregational tithes*.

Appointed elders serve as local guardians, maintaining order, rehearsing the doctrine, and keeping the watering hole clean until a qualified, five-fold pastor is recognized and voted in.

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E-75 I counted my money. I had exactly two dollars and seventy-five cents and had to go home. So I counted how much gasoline it would take me: a tank of gas to get home. I had seventy-five cents left. So they... Going on, their meeting was going on, they was having a conference, a national conference. And I went down and got me a whole big bunch of stale rolls with sugar on them and wrapped them up and put them under my seat. And I knowed I could live off of that. **Although they was having dinner there, and so forth, but I had no money to put in, so I didn't want to eat from them when I couldn't put nothing in the offering.** So I couldn't find a place to stay, so I went out in the country in an old cornfield and stretched out my seat out of my car, and put my trousers under there to press them that night, and laid down.

Family Responsibility vs. Church Charity

1 TIMOTHY 5:8 "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

Under apostolic order, the primary burden of social welfare and material care rests upon the natural and extended family, never upon the local church. God ordained natural family networks parents, children, grandchildren, and nephews to care for one another in seasons of distress. When a believer experiences financial strain or when an elderly parent needs support, scripture commands the family to step up and "requite" their relatives. If a person has the means to care for their needy parents or household members but bypasses them to force the church to pay, that individual has denied the Christian faith and is classified by God as worse than an infidel.

This strict order protects holy church funds, so they are not drained by general welfare, keeping resources dedicated to supporting true "widows indeed" (destitute women with zero surviving family) and financing the Great Commission.

Double Honor for the Shepherds of the Flock

1 TIMOTHY 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward."

The scripture explicitly commands that five-fold shepherds who labour night and day in preaching, studying, and guarding the flock are worthy of *double honour*. "Honour" in scripture carries both spiritual respect and material, financial provision.

A true pastor lives off the altar. Congregational tithes belong strictly to the priesthood to the shepherd who feeds the sheep and gives account for their souls. Just as an ox treading out the corn is permitted to eat of the harvest, a God-called pastor who devotes his life to supplying fresh spiritual sheep-food must be fully supported by the altar, so he remains untangled from secular commercial work.

The Mandate of Labor for Appointed Leadership

2 THESSALONIANS 3:10 "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."

Apostle Paul delivers an unyielding law against sluggardness and spiritual freeloading.

Except for five-fold pastors and apostles who live off the altar, every appointed elder and church member is commanded to work with their own hands and eat their own bread. An appointed elder who lacks a five-fold shepherd calling cannot demand that a local assembly support him financially from congregational tithes. For an appointed elder to refuse secular work while attempting to live off church funds breaks the Genesis mandate ("by the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat") and creates an unscriptural burden. Appointed elders must maintain secular employment, providing an example of diligence, integrity, and self-sufficiency.

The Law of the Harvest and Thanksgiving Offerings

GALATIANS 6:6 "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."

Galatians 6:6 establishes the spiritual **Law of the Harvest** regarding the relationship between a believer and their spiritual tutor or father. The word "communicate" means to share, distribute, and make oneself a partner in material blessings.

When a spiritual teacher or father imparts spiritual life, revelation, and direction into your soul (a higher gift), you are commanded to reciprocate by sharing physical life money, food, and "good things" (a lesser gift)—with him. This is distinct from tithing or general church offerings; it is a personal *thanksgiving offering* rooted in the Fifth Commandment ("Honour thy father"), ensuring that as God prospers the student, the spiritual father who nurtured him is honoured and cared for.

Missionary Sowing and Fruit Credited to Your Account

PHILIPPIANS 4:15 ASV And ye yourselves also know, ye Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with me in the matter of giving and receiving but ye only; 16 for even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my need. 17 Not that I seek for the gift; but I seek for the fruit that increaseth to your account. 18 But I have all things, and abound: I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God. 19 And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

The church at Philippi demonstrated the true mind of Christ by consistently sending financial support to Apostle Paul's missionary journeys. Paul made it clear that he was not begging for money, nor was he operating for personal gain. Rather, Paul revealed that when individual believers and local assemblies sow financial offerings into true apostolic outreach and global missions, *fruit is directly credited to their heavenly account*.

Every soul saved, every church planted, and every region established through that missionary effort yields eternal dividends that are credited directly to the supporters when they stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ.

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I also appreciate Peter's word in 1 Peter 5:2 when he wrote to church elders, directing them to "shepherds of the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under human compulsion but voluntarily, according to the will of God and not for sordid gain but with eagerness." [See, he don't want you to enter the ministry to make money. He don't want you to enter the ministry so you have influence over people. That's the wrong reason to be an elder. That's the wrong reason to be a minister. It's that you see it as an opportunity to make money. You see it as an opportunity to have fame and use it. You see?]

To shepherd the flock of God voluntarily should be at the heart of every preacher who performs his ministry according to the will of God. ...

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All my tickets, my hotels, my meals, and even I paid for others also, especially in the early years. I travelled for weddings and funerals, counselling, always carrying my own expenses.

[People say, "Brother Tony, **can you do this wedding?**" It's quite in South Africa, it's quite somewhere. Nobody's wondering how I'm getting there. What place I'm going to stay, no, they just think about the wedding. But if I can do it, I will do it.

"Brother Tony, can you do this funeral?" Nobody is wondering how I'm going to get to India to do that funeral or to get here to do this funeral. And I don't have an envelope ready to give them for expenses, I don't do that.]

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Kingdom Partners Ministering of Their Substance

LUKE 8:1 ASV And it came to pass soon afterwards, that he went about through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good tidings of the kingdom of God, and with him the twelve, 2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary that was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuzas Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered unto them of their substance.

The Gospel record reveals that the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ and His twelve apostles was sustained by a dedicated group of converted, wealthy believers who ministered to Him out of their private substance.

Women like Joanna, the wife of Herod's chief household manager, used their financial assets and social standing to ensure that Christ's ministry had physical provisions, food, and lodging as they travelled. These believers did not give their temple tithes to Jesus their tithes belonged to the priesthood. Instead, out of a heart of deep gratitude and revelation, they presented *missionary and love offerings*, using their earthly wealth as faithful stewards to advance the Son of Man ministry. Their names were recorded in Holy Writ as an enduring testimony that using God-given wealth to support His sent ministry yields a return on investment that echoes through time and eternity.

The Elijah Principle

Divine Order, Leadership, and Stewardship



PRINCIPLE OF RECEPTION

To follow Jesus, a soul must receive the specific messenger, the 'husbandman' who brings the unadulterated Doctrine of Christ.

THREE LEVELS OF UNDERSTANDING

Divine Revelation
Results in separation and faith.

Humanistic
Results in confusion.



THE PROPHET

Prophet brings supernatural revelation and visions.

VS



vs. THE SHEPHERD

Shepherd lives in revelation realm to feed sheep, catch 'hidden line'.



THE MASTER KEY OF AUTHORITY

FATHER

SON

THE DIVINE CHAIN OF COMMAND



ANGEL



PROPHET



SHEPHERD



SHEEP



DIVINE VINDICATION

God holds an age accountable only when a messenger is vindicated by supernatural power and a perfect Word pattern.

CHURCH ORDER & MINISTRY ROLES



FIVE-FOLD MINISTERS

Sovereignly called by God and live off the tithes.

- **Origin:** Sovereignly predestinated by God.
- **Financial:** Lives off the Altar (Tithes).
- **Duty:** Give account for souls/ Word/Doctrine.
- **Authority:** Priesthood level.



APPOINTED ELDERS

Administrative helpers who must maintain secular jobs.

- **Origin:** Appointed by Apostles/Ministers.
- **Financial:** Must work a secular job.
- **Duty:** Administrative needs; local guardians.
- **Authority:** Helpers to the ministry.



THE STANDARD OF LABOR

Except five-fold pastors, all members and elders are commanded to work with their own hands; spiritual 'freeloading' is strictly forbidden.



THE SPIRITUAL ECONOMY



THE LAW OF THE HARVEST

Believers commanded to share material blessings with teachers of the Word; a personal thanksgiving offering.



FAMILY FIRST WELFARE

Primary burden of social care is on the family; bypassing it for church funds is 'denying the faith'.



DOUBLE HONOR FOR SHEPHERDS

Pastors laboring in the Word worthy of 'double honor': spiritual respect and full material provision from tithes.



INVESTING IN GLOBAL MISSIONS

After local expenses, church's primary duty is funding global missions to fulfill the Great Commission.

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