

SPIRITUAL CONSTITUTION I

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. **Divine Encounter with the Holy Spirit ~ Heaven's Lawyer**
- B. **What is Spiritual Constitution?**

Spiritual Constitution is the process by which you co-labor with the Holy Spirit in the birthing, development and facilitation of the God given visions, dreams and desires of your heart. Within this series we will explore the following.

- ❖ **The Process of Asking, Seeking and Knocking**
- ❖ **The Process and Importance of Writing the Vision**
- ❖ **The Process of Constructing a Personal Constitution for Your Life**
- ❖ **The Process of Co-laboring with the Holy Spirit in the Vision**
- ❖ **The Process and Development of Godly Hope**
- ❖ **The Process of Creating an Atmosphere Around Your Senses**
- ❖ **The Process of Spiritual Incubation, Brooding and Overshadowing**

II. TEACH US TO PRAY

Luke 11:1-4

- 1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, **Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.**
- 2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
- 3 Give us day by day our daily bread.
- 4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

❖ **Proverbs 9:1-5**

- 1 Wisdom hath built her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:
- 2 **She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.**
- 3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,
- 4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,
- 5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

Luke 11: 5-13

- 5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
- 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?
- 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.
- 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

- 9 And I say unto you, **Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.**
- 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?
- 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
- 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

A. The Three Predominate Phases of Answered Prayer

- ❖ Asking
- ❖ Seeking
- ❖ Knocking

B. The Nature of our Heavenly Father

❖ **Romans 8:31-32**

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also **freely give us all things?**

❖ **Ephesians 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:**

❖ **Psalms 84:11**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: **no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.**

SPIRITUAL CONSTITUTION II

I. REVIEW SESSION I ~ HOLY SPIRIT OUR LAWYER

❖ John 16:7, 13-15

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, **the Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

13 Howbeit when **he, the Spirit of truth, is come,** he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me: for **he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.**

15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.

❖ Comforter (parakletos) Holy Spirit ~ Our Heavenly Lawyer

One who pleads another's cause before a judge, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate, an intercessor.

II. THE PROCESS OF ASKING

A. Scriptural References for Asking

Luke 11:9

I say unto you, **Ask, and it shall be given you;** seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Philippians 4:6

Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

John 14:13-14

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

1 John 5:14-15

This is the **confidence** that we have in him, that, if we **ask any thing according to his will,** he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

John 15:7

If ye abide in me, and **my words abide in you,** ye shall **ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

Psalms 2:8

Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

B. The Process of Asking in Faith

James 1:5-7

- 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
- 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

❖ Know the Will of God

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Ephesians 5:17 AMP

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❖ Fully Persuaded

Romans 4:17-21 Abraham ~ Fully Persuaded

- 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.
- 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.
- 19 And **being not weak in faith,** he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:
- 20 He **staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith,** giving glory to God;
- 21 And **being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.**

III. NOT BY MIGHT ~ NOT BY POWER

Zechariah 4:6

Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Jesus Could Nothing of Himself

❖ John 5:19

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The Son can do nothing of himself,** but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

John 5:30

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

I Can Do Nothing of Myself

❖ John 15:4-5

- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; **no more can ye, except ye abide in me.**
- 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.**

Learning to Carry the Ark ~ We Must Learn How to Carry, Birth & Release the Glory

❖ 2 Samuel 6:1-7

- 1 Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.
- 2 And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the Lord of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims.
- 3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.
- 4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.
- 5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.
- 6 And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, **Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it.**
- 7 **And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.**

SPIRITUAL CONSTITUTION III

I. DIVINE DEPOSITS

Usually Comes Through Dreams, Visions, Prophecies & Words

Isaiah 55:8-11

- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:
11 **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people **perish**...

- ❖ **Perish** ~ to let go, let loose, ignore, let alone, neglect, to loosen

Isaiah 51:16

I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, **that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth**, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

II. WRITE THE VISION

Habakkuk 2:2-3

- 2 And the Lord answered me, and said, **Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables**, that he may run that readeth it.
3 For **the vision is yet for an appointed time**, but at the end **it shall speak**, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

- 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:
5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

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Jeremiah 1:12

Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

Exodus 34:27

And the Lord said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

Exodus 17:13-16

13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 And the Lord said unto Moses, **Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua:** for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it **Jehovah-nissi: (Lord our Banner)**

16 For he said, Because the Lord hath sworn that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, **shall be in thine heart:**

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt **talk of them** when thou **sittest in thine house,** and when thou **walkest by the way,** and **when thou liest down,** and **when thou risest up.**

8 And thou shalt **bind them for a sign upon thine hand,** and they shall be as **frontlets between thine eyes.**

9 And thou shalt **write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.**

❖ Deuteronomy 11:18-20

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19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

Hebrews 6:12

That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

2 Peter 1:4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

SPIRITUAL CONSTITUTION IV

I. FORMULATING A CONSTITUTION / PETITION

The Constitution / Petition Should be Formulated in Writing?

Throughout this teaching, we will be referencing the Petition for Wisdom as an example of formulating a spiritual constitution vision statement. The Petition for Wisdom can be downloaded from the Spiritual Constitution section of One on One.

12 Important Steps to Formulating A Constitution / Petition

1. Determine & establish God's will in writing ?
2. Provide New Testament & Old Testament scriptural confirmation of God's Will to support the petition? (Pg. 2-4)
3. Petition should be forever settled in the Foundation of the Finished Works of Christ. (Pg.5)
4. Petition should catalogue all personal dreams, visions, prophecies or words from the Lord.
5. Petition should include formal approach to the Throne of Grace. (Pg. 5)
6. Actual request should be the bold and specific request. (Pg. 5-6)
7. Petition should formally welcome the Holy Spirit as your legal representative that will stand with you from beginning to end. (Pg. 6)
8. Petition Should include a Prayer of Thanksgiving. (Pg. 7)
9. Petition should have the agreement of witnesses with signatures, times and dates of actual petitions. Your witnesses should be chosen very carefully (Pg. 7)
10. If possible, petition should have visual imagery or point of contact. (Pg.1 example)
11. Petition should have additional scriptures that are formatted for confession: these will be spoken daily. (Pg. 8-9)
12. Petition should be taken very seriously!!!

II. ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

John 7:38

He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of **his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

Ephesians 6:16

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench **all the fiery darts of the wicked.**

SPIRITUAL CONSTITUTION V

THE SEEKING PHASE I

I. REVIEW

Luke 11:9-13 ~ Review

- 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; **seek, and ye shall find**; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and **he that seeketh findeth**; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
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Proverbs 4:20-27

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II. FOREVER PERFECTED ~ FOREVER SETTLED

Hebrews 11:1-3, 6

- 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.
- 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

- 6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for He that cometh to God **must believe that He is**, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Romans 4:16-21

- 16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,
- 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were**.
- 18 **Who against hope believed in hope**, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.
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- 20 **He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;**
- 21 **And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.**

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

❖ **John 19:30**

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, **It is finished:** and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.

❖ **Revelation 21:6**

And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is a thirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

III. THE PROCESS OF HOPE

Romans 8:24-25

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Romans 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

IV. THE SHIELD OF FAITH

Ephesians 6:13-16

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Luke 6:46-49

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like:

48 He is like a man which built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built a house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinketh within himself, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; But his heart is not with thee.

SPIRITUAL CONSTITUTION VI

THE SEEKING PHASE II

I. A DEFINITION OF BELIEVING

John 6:28-29

- 28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?
29 Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe** on him whom he hath sent.

❖ **Believe** ~ A state of seeing and saying that manifest the Inheritance of Christ in you, to you and through you.

Luke 17:20-21

- 20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, **the kingdom of God is within you.**

Ephesians 1:20-21

- 20 Which he wrought **in Christ, when he raised him from the dead,** and **set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,**
21 **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion,** and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Ephesians 2:4-6

- 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath **quickened us together with Christ,** by (grace ye are saved;)
6 And hath **raised us up together,** and **made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**

II. DEVELOPING AN ATMOSHERE OF FAITH

Proverbs 4:20-23

- 20 My son, **attend to my words;** incline thine ear unto my sayings.
21 **Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.**
22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
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Proverbs 7:1-3

- 1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.
2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.
3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

Acts 27:14, 25

- 14 But after no long time there beat down from it a tempestuous wind, which is called **Euroclydon**
25 I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

Mark 4:35-41

- 35** And on that day, when even was come, he saith unto them, **Let us go over unto the other side.**
36 And leaving the multitude, they take him with them, even as he was, in the boat. And other boats were with him.
37 And there ariseth a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the boat, insomuch that the boat was now filling.
38 And he himself was in the stern, **asleep on the cushion: and they awake him, and say unto him, Teacher (master), carest thou not that we perish?**
39 And he awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.
40 And he said unto them, Why are ye fearful? have ye not yet faith?
41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Proverbs 24:30-34

- 30** I went by the **field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;**
31 And, lo, **it was all grown over with thorns,** and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.
32 Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.
33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
34 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

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II. THE POWER OF THE SPOKEN WORD

Proverbs 18:20-21

20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 **Death and life are in the power of the tongue:** and they that love it shall eat the fruit of it.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

2 And were all baptized to Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 And all ate the same spiritual food;

4 **And all drank the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.**

Numbers 20:7-11

7 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and **speak ye unto the rock before their eyes;** and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with **his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.**

John 7:38

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Mark 11:22-24

- 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.
23 For verily I say unto you, **That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**
24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

III. THE PROGRESSION OF FAITH

Luke 18:1-8

- 1 And he spoke a parable to them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
2 Saying, There was in a city **a judge**, who **feared not God, neither regarded man.**
3 And there was a **widow** in that city; and she came to him, saying, Avenge me of **my adversary.**
4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;
5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.
6 And the Lord said, **Hear what the unjust judge saith.**
7 And will not God avenge his own elect, who cry day and night to him, though he beareth long with them?
8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, **when the Son of man cometh, will he find faith on the earth?**

Mark 4:30-32

- 30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?
31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, **is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:**
32 But when it is sown, **it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs,** and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

Isaiah 53:3

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Ephesians 1:6

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein **he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**

SPIRITUAL CONSTITUTION VIII

I. ATTEND THE PROMISE

Proverbs 4:20-23

- 20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; **keep them in the midst of thine heart.**
22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
23 **Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues (source) of life.**

❖ **Issues** (to-tsaw-aw) ~ The source of Life

❖ John 7:38

He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

Proverbs 23:7

For as he **thinketh in his heart**, so is he...

❖ **Thinketh** (shaw-ar') ~ to split or open. **To act as gate keeper**

II. ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY

Romans 4:17-21

- 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.
18 **Who against hope believed in hope**, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.
19 **And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:**
20 **He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;**
21 **And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.**

Genesis 12:1-3 God Speaks His Words Into Abraham at 75

- 1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:
2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 13:14-17 ~ God Opens The Door of Abraham's Imagination

- 14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, **Lift up now thine eyes, and look** from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:
15 For all **the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever.**
16 And **I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.**
17 **Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.**

Genesis 15:4-6 ~ 2nd Door of Imagination

- 4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.
- 5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, **Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.**
- 6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

❖ **Genesis 16 ~ At 86 yrs old, human sufficiency raises up and the birth of Ishmael is the result. (Lesson #1)**

Genesis 17:1-2

- 1 And when Abram was **ninety years old and nine**, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.
- 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

III. THE KINGDOM WITHIN

Before there is ever a true birth of God's Kingdom in the earth, there is always a divine planting, nurturing, harvest, and birth within the heart of a believer. Most every time within this process, the believer will receive witness, confirmation and breakthrough within the domain of their heart before "seeing" the manifestation in the natural.

Luke 17:21

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, **the kingdom of God is within you.**

IV. MEDITATE ~ SANCTIFIED IMAGINATION

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Psalms 1:1-3

- 1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and **in his law doth he meditate day and night.**
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

❖ **Meditate** (haw-gaw') ~ to ponder, **imagine**, speak, study, talk, utter.

1 Timothy 4:14-15

- 14 **Neglect not the gift that is in thee,** which **was given thee by prophecy,** with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
- 15 **Meditate upon these things;** give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

❖ **Mediate** (meletao) ~ to take care of, that is, revolve in the mind: to imagine.