

Preparing the Way of the Lord - Holiness

At King'sGate, we're preparing for what the Lord clearly spoke to my heart at the Ebb & Flow prophetic worship gathering on July 18th. He said 7 words, "I'm sending the flood of My Spirit." When asked what this means, He simply said, "Prepare." Then another one word answer to a question was "Embrace." So we prepare our hearts and embrace God's will for what He's doing.

In Rom. 1:2 **TPT** Apostle Paul addresses not just Roman, but all believers, regarding the contents of our calling or summons sent from God: *"I write this letter to all [God's] beloved ones in Rome, for you have been divinely summoned to be holy in His eyes. May His joyous grace and total well-being **flowing** from our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, rest upon you. ... 3. For the Gospel is all about God's Son. As a man He descended from David's royal lineage, 4. but as the mighty Son of God He was raised from the dead and miraculously set apart with a display of triumphant power supplied by **the Spirit of Holiness**. And now Jesus is our Lord and our Messiah."* Vv. 3 & 4 speak of Jesus' humanity & divinity. As a sinless Man, he fulfilled the Law perfectly on our behalf, redeemed us by His shed blood, set us free from the curse of the law, and gave us an example to follow by the power of grace. As God, Col. 2:9-10 **TPT** says, *"For He is the complete fullness of deity living in human form. 10. And our own completeness is now found in Him. We are completely filled with God as Christ's fullness overflows within us. He is the Head (or "Source") of every kingdom & authority in the universe!"*

Jesus became God in the flesh so that we could come into the full likeness of God that Gen. 1:26 for mankind to be (**TPT** *"Then God said, "Let us make a man and a woman in our image to be like us. Let them reign over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the livestock, over the creatures that creep along*

the ground, and over the wild animals. 27. So God created man and woman and shaped them with His image inside them. In His own beautiful image, He created His masterpiece. Yes, male and female He created them. 28. And God blessed them in His love, saying, “Reproduce and be fruitful! Populate the earth and subdue it! Reign over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every creature that lives on earth.”

In order to succeed in their divine assignment, God blessed man, infusing them with power and favor. This was not only to reproduce, but also to subdue, take dominion & control. **This includes the use of our tongues!**

TPT notes: “Man and woman are blessed by their Creator with authority to rule with Him as co-regents. God’s image is reflected in both men and women, and so is rulership.” “This word “subdue” would imply harnessing natural resources in an appropriate fashion, caring for the earth, cultivating and harvesting its fields, mining its resources, and releasing its potential to benefit God’s highest creation, humankind.” Speaking about reproduction, this is one of the, if not the, strongest motivations in the human spirit. As such, God instilled much power of life to accompany it and pleasure to pursue it. However, as co-regents with God, Adam and Eve usurped God’s authority by sinning and twisted God’s mandate into a self-seeking, hedonistic pleasure-pursuit (i.e. Noah’s day).

Redemption Includes the Body of Christ

1 Cor. 6:15-17 TPT “Don’t you know that your bodies belong to Christ as His body parts? Should one presume to take the members of Christ’s body and make them into members of a harlot? Absolutely not! 16. Aren’t you aware of the fact that when anyone sleeps with a prostitute he becomes a part of her, and she becomes a part of him? For it has been declared: The two become a single body (Gen. 2:24; “Paul is teaching that sexual

intercourse causes an interpersonal union that goes beyond a physical relationship.” Today it is called a “soul tie.”).

17. But the one who *joins himself to the Lord *is mingled into one spirit with Him.*” *TPT note:** “The Gk. verb *kallao* means “to unite,” “to knit or weld together,” “to mingle,” or “to join together,” and “or make two into one.” Imagine yourself welded together with the Lord! It is said that a weld is stronger than the unwelded metal either side. Our bond w/ the Lord is extremely strong. Don’t doubt it & don’t believe the Devil’s lies. Believe! Holiness is a Spirit.

Our Bodies – Holy Spirit’s Temple or Sanctuary

18. TPT “*This is why you must keep running away from sexual immorality. For every other sin a person commits is external to the body, but immorality involves sinning against your own body.* **SFLB:** “Sexual intercourse is more than a physical experience; it involves a communion of life. Since Jesus is one with the believer’s spirit, it is unthinkable to involve Him in immorality. Sexuality is a uniquely profound aspect of the personality, involving one’s whole being. Sexual immorality has far-reaching effects, with great spiritual significance & social complications.”

19. Have you forgotten that *your body is now the sacred temple of the Spirit of Holiness, who lives in you? You don’t belong to yourself any longer, for the gift of God, the Holy Spirit, lives inside your sanctuary* [Gk. ‘*naos*’ or “temple”]. **20. You were God’s expensive purchase, paid for with tears of blood,**

so by all means, then, use your body (Aramaic & Textus Receptus: “and in your spirit”) to bring glory to the Lord.”

David & Sampson did the opposite with Bathsheba & Delilah.

We Are One Body & One Spirit with Christ Jesus

For his faith in Christ Jesus, the Apostle Paul wrote the following from a Roman prison: Eph. 4:1-4 **TPT** “*As a prisoner of the Lord, I*

plead with you to walk holy, in a way that is suitable to your high rank, given to you in your divine calling. **2.** *With tender humility and quiet patience, always demonstrate gentleness and generous (Aramaic: “stretching”) love toward one another, especially toward those who may try your patience.* **3. Be faithful to guard the sweet harmony of the Holy Spirit among you in the bonds of peace,** **4. being one body and one spirit, as you were called into the same glorious hope of divine destiny.** **5.** *For the Lord God is one, and so are we, for we share in one faith, one baptism, and one Father.* **6.** *And He is the perfect Father who leads us all, works through us all, and lives in us all.”*

In conclusion, as co-heirs with Christ who have been called with a high, heavenly calling, let’s seek the infilling of the Holy Spirit of Grace in order to live out our holy life in honor to God. **Remember** Heb. 12:14, *“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.”*