

# Days of Heaven on Earth Session 3

## Prepare Yourself

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### I. Text Scriptures

**Deuteronomy 11:8-21 (NKJV)** – <sup>8</sup>“Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may **be strong, and go in and possess the land** which you cross over to possess, <sup>9</sup>and that you may **prolong your days in the land which the LORD** swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, ‘**a land flowing** with milk and honey.’ <sup>10</sup>For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden; <sup>11</sup>but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which **drinks water from the rain of heaven,** <sup>12</sup>**a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.**

**SKIP to vs 18** – <sup>18</sup>“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>19</sup>You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>20</sup>And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, <sup>21</sup>that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, **like the days of the heavens above the earth.**

### II. Review of Session 1 & 2

#### A. Session 1 – Vision Sunday

1. God is bringing us into a season of a different flow.  
*The flow of heaven on earth.*
2. Jesus changed the flow.

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### B. Session Two – Can You Believe It?

1. Anything that is provided for us, we must use faith to receive.
2. Nothing good came to those who said, *“I can’t believe it.”*

### III. Prepare Yourself

#### A. Two words that are used throughout scripture – *Sanctify & Consecrate*

1. Sanctify – consecrate – to set apart – to dedicate – TO PREPARE
2. Consecrate – dedicate yourself.

#### 3. Scriptures

- a. **Leviticus 11:44 (KJV)** – *For I am the Lord your God, ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves*
- b. **Leviticus 20:7 (KJV)** – *Sanctify yourselves therefore and be ye holy for I am the Lord your God.*
- c. **Numbers 11:18 (KJV)** – *And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow,*
- d. **Joshua 3:5 (KJV)** – *And Joshua said unto the people, SANCTIFY yourselves for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.*

***All of these passages are speaking of “Preparing Yourself”***

**Prepare = make something ready for use or consideration.**

***To make ready beforehand – for some purpose.***

- Athletes prepare
- Doctors prepare
- Pastors prepare
- Students prepare
- Restaurants prepare – *ready to serve – not ready to serve*

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#### 4. The Lord always wants His people to prepare themselves for His presence.

**John 17:16-20 (NKJV)** – <sup>16</sup>*They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. <sup>20</sup>“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;*

- a. Jesus prays that ALL believers will be sanctified – set apart – prepared for everything God wants to do.
- b. Jesus was always prepared.
  - Prepared through prayer
  - Prepared to speak
  - Prepared to act
  - Prepared to obey
  - Prepared for every circumstance
- c. Jesus was praying that believers would “be prepared” for everything the Father would desire to do in them and through them.

*The only way this could occur is IF THEY WERE PREAPRED/SET APART unto HIS purpose.*

#### B. The Blessing of being prepared.

1. **Being prepared means I am interested in what God is doing.**
  - a. I’m showing up.
  - b. I’m giving my attention.
  - c. I’m interested in what heaven is doing.
  - d. What matters to God matters to me.

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#### 2. David, a man after God's own heart.

- a. Saul was not interested in the same things that God was interested in.
- b. **1 Samuel 13:14 (KJV)** – *But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.*  
*What does a man after God's own heart look like?*
  - *A man to whom it matters what God thinks and desires.*
  - *A man who will be prepared at all times to embrace what God is doing.*
  - *A man who takes GOD seriously.*
  - *A man who speaks what God wants said.*
  - *A man more interested in God's purpose, than his own.*
- c. **David did not have to get prepared when Giants showed up. He was ALWAYS prepared.**
- d. **Because David was always PREPARED – the flow of heaven was unhindered when he needed it.**  
 Saul has slain his thousands, but David has slain his ten thousands.  
*How? DAVIDS preparation set him into position for heavens flow.*

#### C. The dangers of not being prepared.

1. **Whenever God is moving toward us and we fail to prepare ourselves for that season – we are in danger of losing the benefit and blessing that God desires to release upon us.**

*When God is preparing to release days of heaven on earth to us and we fail to prepare ourselves – the result may be FAILURE TO ENTER/OBTAIN.*

*When God is preparing to move toward us – WE must be preparing ourselves to move toward Him.*



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*Our lack of preparing ourselves – we stall him – in His preparation for us. Whatever He has been preparing for us – may be stalled or hindered entirely because we did not discern the season – to prepare ourselves.*

**Luke 19:44 (KJV)** – *and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.*

- They did not see what God was doing.
- They did not honor what God was doing.
- They did not participate in what God was doing.
- They did not get with it!
- *They did not discern it enough to begin to prepare to enter into what Jesus was about to make available to them – RESULT = they missed it.*

#### 2. Failure to Prepare is preparing to fail.

##### a. David's failure to prepare for the ark.

**1 Chronicles 15:12-14 (NKJV)** – <sup>12</sup>*He said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel to the place I have prepared for it. <sup>13</sup>For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order." <sup>14</sup>So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.*

##### b. The first time, David did not prepare in an orderly manner for the transporting of the ark; it cost them.

##### c. The second time, David PREPARES.

##### d. There is a proper order.

*The first time, David took a casual approach; the second time he took an honorable, spiritual, and reverential approach.*

##### e. **1 Chronicles 15:25-29 (NKJV)** – <sup>25</sup>*So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the*

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*covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-Edom with joy. <sup>26</sup>And so it was, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams. <sup>27</sup>**David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites** who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master with the singers. David also wore a linen ephod. <sup>28</sup>Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD **with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.** <sup>29</sup>And it happened, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the City of David, that Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David whirling and playing music; and she despised him in her heart*

f. **They made a “Big to Do” – a BIG DEAL.**

*It is dangerous to approach the things of God in a casual manner. God makes His approach to us based upon our approach to him. If we want Him to make a big deal out of our situations, we should make HIM to be the BIG DEAL.*

### 3. Other Examples

a. **Jotham**

**2 Chronicles 27:6 (NKJV)** – *So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.*

b. **Rehoboam**

**2 Chronicles 12:14 (NKJV)** – *And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD.*