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Removing the Old Garments

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As we follow the Preparation of the Priests in the Tabernacle of Moses we discover these seven foundations for the Christian / Kingdom Life in the Outer Court realm. Beginning at the “gate” there are seven clear foundations / preparations for the Priesthood Ministry.

(1) These begin as Repentance from Dead Works but seen in the Tabernacle Preparation as “outward circumcision.” No one could advance beyond the first barrier, which was the “gate,” unless they were circumcised. But that is Old Covenant Law, however, Circumcision in the New Covenant is still valid but in a different realm. Today it is NOT outward in the flesh but is inward in the heart.

Rom 2:28 For he is **not a Jew** who is one outwardly; neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. 29 But he is **a Jew who is one inwardly**; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

Philp 3:2 ----- beware of the false circumcision; 3 for we are **the true circumcision**, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and **put no confidence in the flesh**.

Here again is displayed the fact that NO ONE can come into the processes of God unless the Father draw him. Circumcision is the very first foundation and the first required preparation into the Priesthood Ministry and the Eternal Purpose of God. However, this New Covenant circumcision is NOT done by men but by the Holy Spirit. No circumcision = No Entrance! Therefore, the Holy Spirit is guardian of the Gate which is entrance into “THE WAY.” Is it at this point in our recovery and restoration process that we MUST “give up ALL confidence in the flesh” and just rejoice over what was accomplished for us in Christ Jesus at Calvary!

In these past studies we have been sharing that Calvary provides many other provisions beyond forgiveness of sins. These are related to His death, His burial, His resurrection, His ascension, also His being seated at the Right Hand of God, His Ruling NOW until every enemy is put under His Feet and His Coming again to receive the Bride unto Himself. He, Jesus, is also our Baptizer in the Holy Spirit. This great provision of the New Covenant must include His being our Great High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek. He baptizes us into this realm of our preparation for this Eternal Priesthood. Jesus, then, is the Guardian of the Priesthood Realm! This must also point to the GOAL of finding our place in the Body of our High Priest. Each of these seven Foundations is essential for us to be permitted by God to enter and participate in these Eternal Realms. In other words, God is the guardian of these realms beyond the Second Veil. IF GOD PERMITS points to God’s Absolute Sovereignty!

(2) The second preparation seen in the Tabernacle was the sacrifice, the blood and the offerings

at the Bronze Altar just inside the “gate.” The Bronze Altar, in its primary stage, speaks of forgiveness of sins. This corresponds to Calvary in its first dimension and to the Foundation of “Faith towards God.”

Heb 9:22 And according to the Law, *one may almost say*, all things are cleansed with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.** 23 Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but **the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.**

Both we and the heavenly things and those who will participate in the higher realms of His Life MUST be cleansed with the Blood of the New Covenant Sacrifice. This “forgiveness of sins” is ONLY done at Calvary but “Salvation” is through the Blood, His Death, His Burial, His Resurrection and by His Ascension. “Salvation” is also realized personally by our obedience! He is also the Absolute Head of His Body and the guardian of it!

Heb 5:8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. 9 And having been made perfect, **He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,** 10 being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

(3) The third preparation for the Priesthood was the removing of the old garments. While

this relates back to the bronze altar, in the New Covenant this relates back to Calvary and our participation in His death and burial. It was NOT just that He died for us but we also died. One died for all therefore all died. It was NOT just that He was buried but we also were buried in Him! As we participate MORE FOLLY in the Sacrifice of Calvary we participate in His resurrection. These are the aspects of Calvary that are more or less ignored by the casual church systems. Because of this ignorance the “believers” suffer eternal loss simply because they are not instructed in the preparations required by God.

1Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be **born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

(4) The fourth foundation / preparation for the Priesthood is our Baptism in Water. This is essential because it is here that we participate in HIS Death and Burial in order for us to participate in His Resurrection. **If** there is NO RESURRECTION there can be **NO** ASCENSION! Even our genuine born again experience is through the Resurrection of Christ Jesus! It is through the resurrection that we participate in His New Life. Our Resurrection following our death with Christ and our burial with Christ is essential to participate in His Ascension.

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us **who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?** 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so **we too might walk in newness of life.** 5 For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly **we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.**

Col 3:1 **If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.** 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 **For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.** 4 **When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.**

In order for us to participate in His Death, Burial and His Resurrection, God has commanded certain things for us to do. When these “foundations” are ignored the “believers” are sentenced to the “eternal childhood of the believer” and wonder why they do not grow. This is certainly NOT complicated and if we just do it GOD’s Way we will get the proper results. The provision has all been made but the “pastors” refuse to follow the pattern so the believers suffer in their essential preparation and, therefore, experience eternal loss!

Isa 56:10 His watchmen are blind, All of them know nothing. All of them are dumb dogs unable to bark, Dreamers lying down, who love to slumber; 11 And the dogs are greedy, they are not satisfied. And they are shepherds who have no understanding; They have all turned to their own way, Each one to his unjust gain, to the last one.

Some of the dumb dogs are baptizing into the church or into the pastor’s authority or into “our fellowship.” NONE of this is scriptural and many wonder why the “believers” are not developing a spiritual life. Being “busy in serving” is NOT the same thing as being spiritual or being mature.

(5) The fifth foundation / preparation is the putting on of the New Garments which are Christ. (Not Jesus, who is at the Right Hand of God) (Have put on Christ as a Garment)

Gal 3:27 All of you who were **baptized into Christ have put on Christ as if he were your clothes.** (Niv)

Have put on Christ as a Garment clearly explains the New Priestly Garments but what signifies the old garments that must be removed? Christ **IS** our garments so “AS IF He were your clothes” is ridiculous! The old garments speak of everything we were covered with in first Adam and ALL of this is MUCH less, negative and different from being clothed with Christ! Being clothed with Adam is referred to as being naked and dead!

(6) The sixth foundation / preparation is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This is seen in the Tabernacle as the Anointing with Oil which was the Priests FIRST stage of qualifying for the Priesthood.

Exo 40:14 “And you shall bring his sons and put tunics on them; 15 and **you shall anoint them even as you have anointed their father**, that **they may minister as priests to Me**; and **their anointing shall qualify them** for a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations.”

Act 10:38 “You know *of* Jesus of Nazareth, how **God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit** and with power, and *how* He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him.

Act 1:4 And gathering them together, **He commanded them** not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but **you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.”

When the visible church ignored the essential foundations and refused the Baptism in the Holy Spirit they lost the Priesthood and with it the Holy Place ministry. They let the fire on the Lampstand go out and the Holy Place ministry went into darkness. It is the Lampstand Church which is the Church He is building and NOT this pitiful substitute we see. The inner illumination of the Holy Place is from the Seven Spirits of God. Until the saints move into this Holy Place realm and into the Body of our High Priest, the Kingdom of Priests is just another cliché.

Now, in the New Covenant dimension, the anointing is NOT complete by just being upon us but now it is supposed to be within us and upon the New Inner Man. This anointing has a personal manifestation and a NEW dimension of personal teaching that is done by the Holy Spirit! This fulfills what Jesus said in John 14-15 and 16 when He said the Holy Spirit will teach us all things! “And they shall all be taught of God” is the New Covenant provision.

1John 2:27 And as for you, **the anointing which you received from Him abides in you**, and you have **no need for anyone to teach you**; but as **His anointing teaches you** about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

To be ignorant of God’s Plan or to refuse the “anointing upon” (the Baptism in the Holy Spirit) is without excuse! Even though this ignorance is very common, the absence of the “anointing within” (in the Power of the Spirit) is death to any New Covenant Ministry!

(7) The seventh foundation / preparation for the Priesthood is the Consecration Offering. In the Tabernacle of Moses this was the last of the Outer Court preparations / transformations BEFORE anyone (except Moses) could enter into the Holy Place and BEGIN their ministry.

This was also the occasion when the Priests received the “filling of the hands.” Without this “filling” we can “minister” empty hands on the sick but they don’t recover. This corresponds with the “laying on of hands” in the foundations of Hebrews 6. This was also the time and place when the blood was put on the right ear, the right thumb and the big toe of the right foot. This corresponds to the consecration of our hearing, our doing and our walk in the New Covenant Priesthood dimension. While the “Consecration of the Priests” is a very large study we will only mention it here to complete the overview of the seven basic foundations / preparations / transformations for the New Covenant Priesthood.

With just this introduction to these Seven Outer Court Preparations it should be crystal clear why the visible church is in such a pitiful condition. Even the very first foundation has been ignored and the other six have been so distorted that they are as if they weren’t needed.

Act 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, **the Holy Spirit fell upon all** those who were listening to the message. 45 And all the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because **the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles also. 46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God**. Then Peter

answered, 47 “Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *did*, can he?” 48 **And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.**

The Greek says that Peter **COMMAND**ED them to be baptized. In the visible church today baptism in water is ignored or given as an option but to **COMMAND** someone to be baptized would be too legalistic. Peter did **NOT** sprinkle them with water! Why? Because this was Death, Burial and Resurrection.

G907 βαπτίζω baptizo **Thayer Definition:** 1) to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)

Why was Peter so adamant about these “preparations?” This was because he was not preparing these Gentile believers to sit in a pew but to become a functioning Kingdom of Priests.

1Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, **A royal PRIESTHOOD**, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

“His marvelous light” indicates the illumination of the Seven Spirits of God on the Pure Gold Lampstand Church in the Holy Place.

In keeping with the overall design of the material in this study, we will share on the third foundation / preparation for the Priesthood which is the removing of the Old Garments. This indicates the laying aside and bringing to a final conclusion EVERYTHING from our former life. This includes what we inherited from the first Adam and his genealogy and from the deterioration of mankind to unacceptable levels of corruption. Why? Because, the Christian / Kingdom Life is completely New and begins with a New Creation and a New Species of man that must function under a whole New Covenant. Every person of the “called out ones” MUST be of this New Species. This New Species is of the same Species as the Lord Jesus Christ. To be “in Christ” requires that we escape completely “out of Adam.” Why? It is because no MIXTURE can be accepted in the Eternal Realms. Clothed with Adam equals clothed with darkness.

Those who have been properly baptized were baptized into Christ and into His Death and Burial. “Into Christ” means that we have PUT ON CHRIST as a garment. For that reason we must FIRST take off Adam and lay him aside as an Old Garment. Adam, in his fallen state, is STILL dead and naked. But didn't God “clothe him? Yes, but with skins from the earth realm. Since our old man was crucified with Christ it is essential that we get him buried immediately, before sundown!

The “Old Garments” represents the Old Covenant, the Old Friends, the Old Fellowship, the Old Habits and everything that will hinder us from running the whole race to the end. Putting off the OLD is necessary BEFORE we can put on the NEW! Trying to mix the old garments with the new garments is a fatal mistake!

Eph 4:22 that, **in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,** 23 and that you be renewed in the

spirit of your mind, 24 and **put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.** 25 Therefore, **laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH, EACH ONE of you, WITH HIS NEIGHBOR,** for we are members of one another. 26 BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not give the devil an opportunity. 28 Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have *something* to share with him who has need. 29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a *word* as is good for edification according to the need *of the moment*, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

In this exhortation Paul covers both the removing of the Old Garments and the Putting On of the New Garments.

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,**

Laying aside every encumbrance that will hinder us from running the race is essential if we expect to finish our course! This means “putting off” everything connected to our old manner of life or our former ‘life-style” that will hinder us from completing our task and fulfilling His purpose for saving us. These “Old Garments” MUST be removed BEFORE we are ready to put on the New Garments of the Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek. A combination of old and new garments will prevent us from “going on to perfection.” In the Tabernacle of Moses, to enter the Holy Place with the old garments would be a death sentence!

While this subject is too large to cover in one paper I will add a subject that has been causing some controversy recently. There seems to be a variety of Kingdom seekers that have been excluded from fellowship or have carefully chosen another kind of fellowship in which to participate. I receive E- Mail from other places and other countries that suggests that there is NO suitable fellowship in their area. The criticism they hear is that we must NOT cease to have fellowship. Therefore, we want to investigate the context in which this exhortation is given.

Heb 10:19 Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God, 22 **let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.** 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; 24 **and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.** 26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

2Cor 6:14 **Do not be bound together with unbelievers;** for what partnership (a

sharing, communion, fellowship) have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? 16 Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, “I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. 17 “Therefore, **COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE,**” says the Lord. “AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you. 18 “And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,” Says the Lord Almighty.

In the first instance we are encouraged to continually gather together in fellowship. In the second instance we are warned to be careful about the kind and level of fellowship we engage in. Paul defines our primary realm of fellowship. This is NOT about some believers being better than others or just these believers that are seeking a higher / Kingdom Life. Some believers today are exhausting themselves just searching for a “normal spiritual fellowship.”

1Cor 1:9 God is faithful, through whom **you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

G2842 κοιτῶνία **koino⁻nia Thayer Definition:**

1) fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse

1a) the share which one has in anything, participation

1b) intercourse, fellowship, intimacy

1b1) the right hand as a sign and pledge of fellowship (in fulfilling the apostolic office)

1c) a gift jointly contributed, a collection, a contribution, as exhibiting an embodiment and proof of fellowship

It appears that all Christian fellowship is designed to BEGIN in our fellowship

(participation in, a sharing, a communion) with His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Our primary fellowship is vertical and from that realm we may have fellowship horizontally with others who are fellow shipping vertically. Now, when we add the Kingdom realm or the priesthood realm of fellowship the whole picture of “fellowship” changes again. These “exclusions” that Paul listed become necessary. Why? It is because that carnality destroys Bible Fellowship! For us to fellowship in the Kingdom / Priesthood Realm it is essential that our fellowship reach at least as far as the Holy Place. Why? Because that is the context of Hebrews 10 that we are addressing.

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conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

It seems clear to me that the fellowship being spoken of in this scripture is to be centered in the Holy Place dimension. **Not forsaking our own assembling together, is related to the Holy Place dimension.** This dimension of fellowship is with those who are living in a full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. In other words our fellowship is with those who have passed beyond the basic foundations and have approached the area assigned to the Priesthood of our Great High Priest. This IS THE REALM of the pure Gold Lampstand Church and the Seven Spirits of God. Since the Lampstand Church is hammered out of one piece of Gold, the “fellowship” spoken of is quite different from that experienced in the visible church.

It seems obvious that this fellowship is more in the vertical dimension than in the horizontal plane. In other words this “fellowship” is NOT about carry in dinners and days at the beach. This is also confirmed by John.

1 John 1:3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, **that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.** 4 And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. 5 And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that **we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;** 7 but **if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,** and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

John explains the level of fellowship that we should all seek. John explains to those who want to have fellowship with him and that group to be aware that there is a quality and standard connected to this level of (koinoⁿia) fellowship. To start with, he explains, their primary fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ! Then he explains the problem to those whom are seeking this realm of fellowship. This is the principle of fellowship in that realm; that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie. However, if we all walk in the light AS HE is in the Light, THEN, we can have fellowship with one another.

While this seems rather exclusive and maybe a little arrogant, John is setting limitations upon “their realm of fellowship” and he seems to explain it rather well. Fellowship BEGINS in the higher realms of the Father’s Light. Nothing of darkness can possibly fellowship in that dimension. Therefore, if you tell us that you also have fellowship with the Father but it is obvious that there is still much darkness surrounding you, this level of fellowship will not be possible.

Now, either this is one of the most arrogant things he could possibly say OR he has a much higher revelation of fellowship than is normal in the primary stages of our preparation. It may be possible to interpret (fellowship) in different dimensions that is acceptable in various stages of our preparation. The fellowship that is acceptable in the Outer Court is no longer acceptable in the Holy Place. We do seem to enjoy “fellowship” with those who are in the same stages of growth within our preparation even though we may not have our primary fellowship in the highest realms.

It should be clear that no one is attempting to place himself higher than any other but when it comes to fellowship there should be some distinction made that incorporates the Kingdom Seeker who is laying aside the Old Garments and the Old Man. The Kingdom Seeker is intent upon getting ALL the foundations in his life and growing beyond, at least, the first levels of maturity. Hopefully, it will be acknowledged, by those who are concerned, that the Kingdom Seeker is entitled to a higher level of fellowship than is customary with the casual, lukewarm believer.

AFTER we break with the concept of “fellow shipping” with the back someone head, we should be able to comprehend that this “seating level of fellowship” has very little to do with Fellow Shipping with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ!

It is clear that even “the basic new believer” **MUST** break with the fallen society of the unbelievers, the heathen and the pagan people of the world system. It is true that the heathen may get offended but this separation is essential or the “new believer” will soon be a casual, lukewarm believer.

The same thing is true of the Kingdom Seeker. If he continues to fellowship at the lowest level of the casual believer, he will soon discover he is falling behind the normal growth patterns seen in scripture.

The complaint I hear is that the only fellowship they can find in their area is of the very lowest level. Rather than be forced to fellowship with those who are not yet living in the Christian dimension, they just stop fellow shipping. It is this testimony that is being attacked in many places and that is why I am including this deficiency of proper fellowship in this article dealing with the removing of the Old Garments.

Ceasing to fellowship with the “corrupted human level of persons” is

understandable and one of the exclusions Paul lists. The controversy seems to revolve around the necessity of fellow shipping with the “carnal, natural, fleshly human level of persons.” However, fellow shipping with the “natural human level of persons” could be acceptable IF there is an opportunity for these souls to develop, grow and mature into Kingdom Seekers.

Being integrally involved in these higher realms of preparation, for a higher level of fellowship, is called “Christian ministry” and is focused upon the perfecting of the saints. The failure of providing this level of fellowship is the result of the lack of understanding among the “leaders.” They seem to fail to recognize their call to the “ministry” of maturing the saints so the saints are equipped to do the work of ministry.

When it is obvious that the “ministry” is totally incapable of developing the saints, any expectation of finding mature saints for a higher fellowship destroys our hope and confidence in the “ministry.” It is in these situations that the true Kingdom Seeker just gives up and stays home even if they don’t fully understand why.

It seems to me, as I travel and answer my e-mail that this group of “dropouts” must be in the thousands or even millions world wide by now. The solution for the “ministries” that are seeing

a BIG turn over on Sunday Morning is to change the focus from just “winning souls” and warehousing babies to the perfecting of the saints. They may have a smaller group that are interested in a total change but at least the “ministry” might not totally waste their life in fruitless activity and produce NOTHING eternal. It is certainly true that we must “win souls” before they can be matured. That is NOT the problem! The real problem is that the souls, who have been “won,” are NOT growing. The job description for the ministries is NOT winning souls but the “perfecting of the saints.”

Winning souls to inhabit the big nursery in the sky, designed for baby Christians, is quickly losing its relevancy and its following. More and more believers are seeking something real and eternal. What they are finding in the visible church is a lot of hype, irrelevant “messages” and exciting music, along with carry in dinners that produce NO GROWTH so their frustration is multiplied by attending that level of “pseudo-fellowship.”

Laying aside these Old Garments that rejoiced in the fellowship at the first Adam level will probably be very controversial and be met with much criticism. It would be wonderful if EVERYBODY had eyes to see the real problem but this is beginning to look unlikely. Why? Most “pastors” have settled into their own vision and agenda and want to continue with the Old Routine and be at peace until their final retirement from “service” and then someone else can fight for this desired change.

Luke 6:26 **“Woe to you when all men speak well of you,** for in the same way their fathers used to treat the false prophets.

When all men accept you, it simply means that they agree with everything you stand for. It means there is no controversy between your life and their life. Your vision is the same as their vision. They feel a unity of purpose with you so they speak well of you. Jesus said this was a dangerous situation and was to be avoided. Why? It identifies you with the false prophets because the people were quick to agree with them. All persons of this dimension can fellowship together without controversy. The Kingdom level of “fellowship” is of a higher order!

The danger of this “concept of the Kingdom” may produce a smug satisfaction that we are of a higher calling so we become intolerant of others. We might become unmerciful and exclusive and avoid the casual believer. Anyone who has developed the “strength of certainty” concerning the Kingdom MUST be very careful to include everyone who is intent upon this radical change.

However, the Second Veil becomes the guardian of the Holy place and is designed to reduce us down to a total helplessness and hopelessness by the revelation of ultimate Truth. This “TRUTH” is not about who we THINK we are but about what He KNOWS we are. This Veil reveals our bankruptcy and our total lack of possessing any good quality or of possessing a natural life that can manifest anything of eternal value!

But isn't that just confessing negative thoughts? Yes! That is the Charismatic concept but this Second Veil is about reality and our final preparation for the Lampstand / Priesthood Ministry. Most all arrogance and pride MUST be laid aside BEFORE we enter this Holy Place Realm of His Life and Ultimate Truth. Why? None of these negative (devilish, Adamic) qualities can possibly be in the Body of Our Great High Priest. It appears that the main deficiency is in our

conception of truth and our tendency to consider it complete. The “Trauma of the Second Veil” reveals our severe limitations. But why shouldn’t we just be satisfied with what we know and have experienced? The obvious reason is because the “truth” we know and accept is still not the “Absolute and Ultimate Truth.”

For example; Each of us defines sin by our own concepts and standards. But what if God defined “sin” as living outside the Kingdom Realms. Let us take a simple example;

Mat 5:21 “You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’ 22 “But I say to you that **everyone who is angry with his brother** shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, ‘Raca,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty *enough to go* into the fiery hell.

Mat 5:27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY’; 28 but I say to you, that **everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.**

The Kingdom cannot be defined by a moral code or by establishing a new set of laws of behavior to follow! Jesus is describing how we will be able to live WHEN the Kingdom becomes our LIFE.

The common response to this “sermon on the mount” is that this is just an impossible idealism. However, let us then experiment by doing everything OPPOSITE of what Jesus spoke in Matthew 5 - 6 & 7. That would render all arguments against the Kingdom null and void. Why? Because the results will reveal the just verdict and the judgement is instant. Test this Kingdom Manifesto by trial and error and observe how that works out for you! We will soon discover that every time we live opposite the Kingdom we defeat ourselves. When we sin against the Kingdom we sin against ourselves. Why? We were designed for the Kingdom.

The conclusion is this; Each foundation is experiential and essential to “make ourselves ready” for the Kingdom dimension of function. The Kingdom dimension of function is within the Holy Place and as a Kingdom Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek. When seen from the Kingdom viewpoint, it is really stupid if we stop short of this realm of Life! When seen from the visible church viewpoint; God loves us like we are! Their proof is John 3:16.