

Operating in the Courts of Heaven Lesson 2 – “The Books of Heaven”

To get results from the courts of Heaven, we need to know how to operate within these courts.

- Lawyers go to school for years to learn how to operate within the judicial system.
- They learn how to speak the language of the courts – how to address the courts – present cases.

Daniel 7:10 tells us there are books or scrolls in Heaven that must be opened before the court of Heaven goes into session.

“A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the book were opened.”

- The books are foundational to court activity that allows God’s Kingdom purposes to be accomplished.
- What are these books and what is written in them?

Types of Books-

1. Psa. 139:16 each person has a book[s] in Heaven.

“Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed, and in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.”

- The Lord has recorded in a book the destiny and Kingdom purpose for each of our lives lived on the Earth before we ever existed.
- He saw our days – not just the number of them, but the activities and what we would accomplish with our lives.
- The goal for us is to get what the book says to manifest on the Earth.

2. Jesus had a book – Heb. 10:5-7 -“Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, behold, I have come – in the volume of the book it is written of Me to do Your will, O God.”

- There is a book in Heaven that chronicles the purpose Jesus would fulfill in the Earth.
- Jesus came with a passion and commitment to complete what had been written in the books – John 1:14 “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we

beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

- Jesus was the Word sent out of Heaven to be born in the flesh – fulfilling the years of His earthly life obeying the will of His Father.

3. Everything God ordained is first written in a book or scroll in Heaven, then sent out and birthed into the Earth realm.

- When we were born, we began the process of living out our Kingdom purpose as it is written in the book.

Eph. 2:10 We are His workmanship

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- “Workmanship” in the Greek means “a poem.”
You are God’s poem that was written down in Heaven that has now entered Earth.
As a poem, our lives carry a message that is creative and life-giving.

Where do the Books come from?

They come from the counsel of the Lord:

Jer. 23:18 “For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, and has perceived and heard His Word? Who has marked His word and heard it?”

“**Counsel**” in Hebrew is sod meaning “a company of person in session, to consult, or a secret.”

Root word is *Yasad*= “to sit down together, to settle and consult.”

- God’s councils in Heaven are for the purpose of planning future Kingdom events.
- Gen. 1:26 the Lords counsel about creating and forming of man.
“Then God said, Let US make man in Our image according to Our likeness;...”
- “Let US” indicates there was a discussion in the counsel of Heaven concerning man’s formation.
- From Genesis, books were written about the destiny of the Earth, man and God’s creation.

Jesus, in the parable of two sons in Matt. 21:28-31

“What do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, Son, go, work today in my vineyard.

He answered and said, **I will not**, but afterward he regretted and went.

Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, **I go, sir**, but he did not go.

Which of the two did the will of the father? They said to Him, the first.

Jesus said to them, assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.”

- The first son said he wouldn't go, but repented and went.
- The second son said he would go, but never did.

Those were decisions made on Earth concerning the desire of Heaven.

- Once decisions were made in heaven, we on earth are faced with decisions.
- We must choose correctly to be in alignment/agreement with the desire of God that is coming from decisions made in His counsel.

This parable shows:

1. The Lord is very merciful, that even when we get it wrong and repent; we grants us another opportunity to fulfill what our ultimate purpose is.
2. To miss the intent and desire of God for our lives requires sustained rebellion in the face of God's faithful dealings with us.
3. For those who do His will, it is because He works in us by His grace to bring us to an agreement with Him.

Phil. 2:13 “For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”

4. We must choose agreement with Him and when we do, His grace changes our hearts to agree with Him.
5. This obedience or disobedience is what we will answer to or give an account of when we stand before Him.

Manifesting the Books

Rom. 8:29-30 “For who He **foreknew**, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He **predestined**, these He also **called**; who He called, these He also **justified**; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”

Paul lists five steps – Foreknew, predestined, called, justified, and glorified.

To operate in the courts of Heaven and get what is in Heaven into the Earth – we must understand these stages.

1. **Foreknowledge** – speaks of what has occurred in the counsel of the Lord about the destinies made concerning individuals, cities, states, businesses all the way up to the nations.
 - Decisions in the counsel of God as to what role each would fulfill in the Earth.
 - This occurred before it began on Earth in the counsels of God recorded in the books of Heaven.
 - Once written, they became predestined events.
 - These predestined events became our Kingdom purpose for our existence on the planet.
 - The books of Heaven contain the Kingdom purposes of God.

2. **Predestined** – this is not about us having or not having a choice or a will as humans.
 - We can actually have a predestined plan for our lives and not fulfill it.
 - Each person born on Earth arrives with a predestined plan concerning their life.
 - There is a book in Heaven about them.
 - We can either choose to discover and follow what is in the books or disregard it and go our own way.
 - That is our free will and involves responsibility and consequences for our choices.
 - 2 Tim. 1:9 – Paul told Timothy and us the Lord has saved & called us with a holy calling ...in Christ Jesus from all eternity...”
We are given grace to fulfill that calling/purpose.

3. **Called** – at this stage, we get glimpses of what we were made for.
 - The biggest question people have is: “Why am I here and what is my purpose in life? What is written in my book?”
 - What is the predestined plan of God for my life?

Psa. 40:6-8 “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. Then I said, Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart.”

- These words are actually Jesus prophesying over Himself before He came into the planet.

Heb. 10:5-7 later picks up this promise of His coming to bring His flesh to the Earth. We also were placed on the Earth as flesh to do His will.

- “Your law was written on my heart.”
- This is where you and I will find our “calling” God has placed it in our hearts.

- Your interests, passions, aspirations, longings are clues to what is in your book in Heaven.

4. **Justified** – this has legal implications = “to be rendered just or innocent.”

- There are no accusations that can stick to you because of the grace, blood and mercy of God through Jesus Christ.
- Rev. 12:10 The accuser of the brethren [satan] has no right to accuse you. This is how and where we enter into the courtroom of Heaven and every accusation from the devil against us is silenced.
- Accusations are what the enemy uses to keep us from what is written in the books of Heaven about us.
- Many have an awareness they were created for something more than they have become, there seems to be resistance keeping them from entering into all they were made for.
- That resistance is the enemy’s accusations against them in the courts of Heaven.
- The accuser is presenting evidence to God the Judge as to why He cannot legally grant to you what is written in your book.
- Satan knows that if we get what is in our book, then we will do massive damage to his empire on the Earth.
- So, he uses accusations against us to stop us from stepping into all that Heaven has ordained.
- Once satan’s accusations are answered, God, the Judge, is free to fulfill His Father’s passion towards us and grant what is in the book so Heaven’s will is done.

5. **Glorified** –not going to Heaven, but entering fully into what is written in the books of Heaven about our destiny on Earth.

- We live the dream the Lord has for us before time began.
- This is where everything we have gone through in life- the good, the bad all works together to propel us into our ultimate destiny.

Example: The life of Joseph where he was in the father’s house, but then sold into slavery by jealous brothers, ended up ruling over Potiphar’s household, cast into prison on false charges, unjustly suffered; but was finally promoted to Prime Minister.

- He became the preserver of life that his dream/destiny from God was about written in the books of Heaven.
- All the events – good, bad, hard, unfair worked together to get him to his appointed place.

- From this glorified position, he had Kingdom impact that he was predestined by God to have.

Yes, the reaching of our convergence point can be costly and expensive and sacrificial, but worth it.

- In it, we will find the satisfaction of life, but more than that:
- We will glorify our God and His Kingdom purposes will be fulfilled on the Earth.

The most crucial stage of this process is becoming justified by coming through the courts of Heaven and the legal things arranged, then God can grant to us the passion of His heart.