<u>Seeding Heaven for Revival</u> – Lesson 2 – "The Atmosphere of Eden"

Revival or Transformation must be considered a culture – not an event on the church calendar – it must be a way of life for the believers of Christ.

- In times past revival has been reduced to 7 or less days of conference services with special speakers.
- Revival/transformation is not confined to dates, personalities or programs.

True revival/transformation is the sustained presence and power of God that results in transformation of culture!

Culture is more than music, food, language, it's the unseen atmosphere that shapes how people think, speak, believe and behave.

- This includes shared values, beliefs, customs, and habits passed from one generation to the next.
- Culture is the lens through which people interpret reality.

<u>Webster's definition of culture</u>: "The customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a religious or social groups; the set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization."

Revival/transformation culture is a way of seeing, thinking, and living that is centered on God's manifest presence.
It's not a microwaved ministry – it's a marinated devotion.
It requires daily choices to cultivate an atmosphere where Gods' Spirit remains.

<u>The Power of Environment or Atmosphere</u>

Everything the Lord created is designed for a specific environment because a product will only function properly in the atmosphere for which it was made.
If placed in the wrong environment, it will malfunction.

- Fish were created to function in the environment of water: some salt, some fresh.
- Trees/plants were created to function in the environment of soil.
- Birds were created for the sky [most of them]

Everything has an atmosphere in which it thrives, and outside that atmosphere it diminishes.

Try using your hair dryer in your bathtub to make a jacuzzi and see how that works out for you. It will be a shocking discovery that water and electricity don't blend well together.

- The hair dryer in the wrong environment will fail to fulfill its purpose and will malfunction.

So, a product out of its environment not only malfunctions, but it forfeits its purpose and usually cause pain to others.

<u>Man's Designed Environment: Eden</u>

Eden was never simply a geographical location.

- It was not just a garden, Eden was an atmosphere – the place where the presence of God dwelt unbroken, the place where man waked with God without hindrance.
- The Hebrew word for Eden carried five layers of meaning: "Spot, Moment, Presence, Open Door, and Delightful Place"
- God took the man, Adam, and put him in a spot for a moment in time, where the presence of God was an open door to Heaven.
- Eden was the original open Heaven on earth, the place where Heaven and earth met in continual fellowship.
- Adam didn't have to strive or perform to experience God; he simply had to live in the atmosphere of Eden.

<u>The principle</u>: God always creates the environment before placing His creation in it.
Eden was man's true environment and assignment.
Work was never meant to be man's resource – God's presence was, and Eden was the atmosphere where man could thrive, multiply, and release the glory hidden within him.

Man taken out of Eden malfunctions – remove man from Gods' presence and his potential is stunted.
He may function at a surface level – appear successful – but the fragrance of God, the evidence of God's design, will not flow.

This is why sin is so devasting; it is not only moral failure, but it is also an environmental one.
When man sinned, they were driven out of Eden, removed from the atmosphere of God's presence, and humanity began to malfunction – chaos, division, and death entered.

Cultivating the Right Atmosphere

This is why seeding the heavens is so important.
Remember:

Revival is not Random; it happens where the atmosphere has been prepared!

Eden reminds us that when the atmosphere is right, God's glory can dwell.
When the atmosphere is polluted/defiled, heaven's flow is hindered.

This principle is repeated throughout scripture
Whenever God's Spirit moved, He first prepared the atmosphere:

- He hovered over the chaos of creation before releasing light.
- He came down in fire on Mt. Sinai after Israel consecrated themselves.
- The upper room was filled with worship and prayer before the Spirit was poured out at Pentecost.

The atmosphere is always the womb of revival!

Genisis 27 – Jacob was running for his life.
Genesis 32 – his brother Esau was coming to meet him with over 400 men who previously plotted to kill Jacob the next time he saw him due to Jacob stealing his birthright.

- In the middle of the journey, he fell asleep on the ground using a stone as a pillow.
- As he slept, the heavens opened and he saw angels ascending and descending.
- The Lord spoke and told him: "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land." Genesis 28:15
- Jacob's revelation: "…Surely the Lord is in this place… …This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven!" Genesis 28:16-17

God revealed an open heaven to Jacob, and there he received promises from the Lord, with the assurance he would live and possess the land promised to his father. He was so impacted by the revelation that he erected an altar and named the place Bethel – a dwelling place for God.

What had been ordinary ground became sacred space because the atmosphere opened.
Jacob recognized that God had prepared the environment and his response was to mark it as holy.

Atmosphere matters, when we cultivate the right atmosphere, heaven responds.

Revival is not about chasing moments –
it's about cultivating an atmosphere that sustains His presence!

If man was created for Eden, then revival is Eden restored – a restored atmosphere where God's presence is welcome to dwell.
Not a place for occasional visits – but a place for God to inhabit.

He is not looking for services where He can drop in –
He is looking for cultures where He can dwell!

Revival culture is not built overnight; it is cultivated like a garden.

- Prayer tills the soil.
- Worship waters the ground.
- Unity clears the weeds.
- Hunger breaks up the fallow earth.

When these elements are present, the atmosphere becomes conducive for His glory to come and dwell.

The question then is not whether God wants to pour out His Spirit.
The question is whether we have created the atmosphere for Him to dwell.
If you want Eden restored in your life, home, family, church, your city – Eden must be the atmosphere.

You must make space for His presence, not just occasionally, but as the very environment in which everything else exists.

How Do We Open The Heavens?

The principle of cloud seeding teaches us something powerful: when the right particles are released into the atmosphere, they connect with what is already present in the clouds to produce rain.

Revival will come the same way:
When we seed the heavens with prayer, worship, obedience, and hunger, those seeds rise into the atmosphere and connect with what God has already made available.
When the conditions align, heaven opens.

What is an open heaven?

It is the restoration of Eden's atmosphere –
A place of unbroken communion between God and man.
A place where fellowship is not interrupted, where the veil is torn, where God walks with His people.
A place where God breathes His breath into what seems dead, reviving it by His presence.

We prepare the atmosphere through our prayers, worship, unity, and communion.

Kingdom Key:

Man was created for Eden – the atmosphere of God's presence. Outside of that environment, he malfunctions. But when the atmosphere is seeded, the heavens can be opened and man's relationship with God can be restored.