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"This house will be more glorious than its predecessor...and I will provide prosperity in this place, says the Lord of heavenly forces," Haggai 2:9

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GOD'S CHOICE TO INCLUDE YOU IS HIS ADOPTION PLANS

I first started studying Sonship some years back. Not realizing its importance, I did not continue to research it out completely although I have been mindful of it. After salvation, I believe sonship is one of the most valuable biblical topics that can revolutionize your life. Moving from a sinner, God graciously repositions you and I not just as saved, but as his son or daughter. God desires to raise us up as his very own. David confirms this in Psalm 27:10, The Amplified, "Although my father and my mother have forsaken me, yet the Lord will take me up [adopt me as His child]."

MODELING RECOGNITION, RESPONSIBILITY AND REWARD FOR US

Hebrews 4:14-5:10 gives us Jesus' model as a son who worked in his Father's business and got a reward. **Recognition:** Jesus personally knew God as his Heavenly Father, which positioned him as an heir as well. He never doubted he was the son of God, which gave him security. Unbreakable trust was his stability. There was no breach of loyalty, which fostered relationship intimacy. Luke 2:40, The Amplified confirms this, "And the Child [Jesus] grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace (favor and spiritual blessing) of God was upon Him." **Responsibility:** Jesus fully executed God's plan perfectly. He was also called of God to be an high priest after the order of Melchisedec. He followed the steps of one who already had a proven ministry; it was not just on earth for a season, but extended to heaven for eternity to represent God to man and vice versa—in other words, a mediator. Hebrews 7:25 declares, "Wherefore he [Jesus] is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he **ever liveth** to make intercession for them."

Reward: God validated Jesus' ministry, saluting him as the author of Eternal Salvation—there was no other worthy to hold that title. No one can take it away. Hebrews 11:6 declares God as the rewarder and we know that it was recorded that Jesus always pleased the Father. "But without faith, it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." An excerpt from *Daily Loaded!* by Kathryn Joy Foster, the word *reward* is defined as to remunerate or repay as the underwriter. There are three classifications of reward. God always covers: 1-*Reimbursed expenses* - God always pays for what he orders. (Matthew 2:1-15, Luke 5:1-11). 2- *Insured losses* - God, as our surety, always guarantees to leave you whole; nothing missing, lacking, or broken. (John 2:1-12, Luke 8:40-48) 3-*Compensated services* - God always gives bonuses for going beyond the call of duty. (Mark 6:32-44; Mark 14:3-9).

THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD IS JESUS' MOTIVATION

Hebrews 5:7-8 shows the anguish Jesus experienced being separated from God. "In the days of His flesh [Jesus] offered up definite, special petitions [for that which He not only wanted but needed] and supplications with strong crying and tears to Him Who was [always] able to save Him [out] from [premature] death [before the cross], and He was heard because of His reverence toward God [His godly fear, His piety, in that He shrank from the horrors of separation from the bright presence of the Father]. Although He was a Son, He learned [active, special] obedience through what He suffered." Psalm 22:1 vividly illustrates Jesus' testimony of severed ties with God when "he became sin for us"; "MY GOD, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?" Now Hebrews 13:5 records Jesus' vow that nothing can separate us from his love again. "I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]" All Scripture references are from The Amplified Bible.

THE SON OF GOD FUNCTIONS AS A FATHER TO BIRTH GOD'S FAMILY

Isaiah 9:6-7 references Jesus, as the Everlasting Father; he has the endless power to beget sons and daughters to populate God's family. Jesus is first described as the only begotten son of God in John 3:16. Then in Luke 3:21-23, God publicly acknowledges Jesus as his beloved Son. Then in Romans 8:24-30, Jesus is mentioned as the firstborn among many brethren (plural for both genders). Because of Jesus' reproductive seed, he is accredited for bringing many sons (plural for both genders) to glory in Hebrews 2:6-18, which gives credence to our ministry of reconciliation. As Christians, we are the extension of Jesus' hands reaching out to the world with an invitation to become sons and daughters of God and brothers and sisters to us. What a perfect family reunion that will be! Imagine that!

Thought for Transformation

"God setteth the solitary in families," Psalm 68:6. After discovering that verse, I heard this inside, "not to be replaced by any other institution." Why? Because every institution has tried to ineffectively. It is family dysfunction that is the root of government, business, education, even church chaos. Last year, that verse came alive again and this time, the words I heard within were "self-contained deliverance" resides in the family. Everything required, the family unit is capable of supplying.

Operation NOAH Project

NOAH is the acronym for Neutralizing the Onslaught Against the Home. God did everything possible and impossible to enlarge his family. In Abraham, all families of the earth are blessed. Our ministry's assignment is "until all the families of the earth are blessed." So we endeavor to work with each segment, until each member experiences a God-designed home prepared not only in heaven, but also in the earth.

Heavenly Father's Giving Heart

Understand more about Father's heart to give. Father never withholds from you—he already gave you his best gift—Jesus. Father is always in position to supply your needs, even desires, but awaits your request to fulfill the covenant of peace. Father always regulates your provision in harmony with heaven—quality and quality.

Haggai 2:9, Common English Bible