The Tsunami Blessing Inside and Out, Part 274 Scriptures

This is Section AM of a multi-part instruction. Similar to a nation sending an ambassador into a territory, Jesus commanded the body of Christ to go into all the world. Although your kingdom of God assignment is in the world system, it is not in you. Jesus Christ is! You are His anointed carrier of the presence of God as well as the power of God. Your appointment is to bring the world into the kingdom of God until it is proof positive that, "those who have turned the world upside down are come here too!" Really, upside down is right side up!

Jesus' succession plan names you as His change agent to serve His divine purpose, plan, and path in one or even all the Seven Mountains: 1) government; 2) business; 3) media; 4) education; 5) arts & entertainment; 6) religion; and 7) family. Every Kingdom of God assignment is established on the Word of God as well as executed by the Spirit of God. If it is not, the mission will be an obstruction against your own breakthrough. Your minimum contribution is by prayer and petition, i.e., to intercede. Your maximum contribution is by practice and participation in the sphere(s) of influence God has chosen for you, i.e., to intervene.

Never give your seat of authority to an already failed world system. Let Holy Spirit reposition you to always "see" Jesus as He really is, the King of kings. Then grant the Lord of lords all the living room He requires, without issuing any eviction clauses. As your space restrictions are demolished, you can "be" as Jesus is in the world, a world overcomer. In other words, you are living on top of the world; it is not living on top of you.

The Wisdom of God is the Legacy of Kings and Priests

Psalm 72, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

[A Psalm] for Solomon.

- ¹ Give the king [knowledge of] Your [way of] judging, O God, and [the spirit of] Your righteousness to the king's son [to control all his actions].
- ²Let him judge *and* govern Your people with righteousness, and Your poor *and* afflicted ones with judgment *and* justice.

- ³The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the hills, through [the general establishment of] righteousness.
- ⁴ May he judge *and* defend the poor of the people, deliver the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor,
- ⁵ So that they may revere *and* fear You while the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ May he [Solomon as a type of King David's greater Son] be like rain that comes down upon the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In [b] His [Christ's] days shall the [uncompromisingly] righteous flourish and peace abound till there is a moon no longer.
- ⁸ He [Christ] shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the River [Euphrates] to the ends of the earth.
- ⁹ Those who dwell in the wilderness shall bow before Him and His enemies shall lick the dust.
- ¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the coasts shall bring offerings; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
- ¹¹ Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him, all nations shall serve Him.
- ¹² For He delivers the needy when he calls out, the poor also and him who has no helper.
- ¹³ He will have pity on the poor *and* weak and needy and will save the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ He will redeem their lives from oppression *and* fraud and violence, and precious *and* costly shall their blood be in His sight.
- ¹⁵ And He shall live; and to Him shall be given gold of Sheba; prayer also shall be made for Him *and* through Him continually, *and* they shall bless *and* praise Him all the day long.
- ¹⁶ There shall be abundance of grain in the soil upon the top of the mountains [the least fruitful places in the land]; the fruit of it shall wave like

[the forests of] Lebanon, and [the inhabitants of] the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

- ¹⁷ His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun [indeed, His name continues before the sun]. And men shall be blessed and bless themselves by Him; all nations shall call Him blessed!
 ¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things!
- ¹⁹ Blessed be His glorious name forever; let the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!
- ²⁰ The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.

Footnotes

- a. Psalm 72:1 "This psalm, in highly wrought figurative style, describes the reign of a king as 'righteous, universal, beneficent, and perpetual.' By the older Jewish and most of the modern Christian interpreters it has been applied to Christ, Whose reign present and prospective alone corresponds with its statements. As the imagery of the Second Psalm was drawn from the martial character of David's reign, that of this is from the peaceful and prosperous state of Solomon's" (Robert Jamieson, A.R. Fausset and David Brown, A Commentary). "Jesus is here, beyond all doubt, in the glory of His reign, both as He now is and as He shall be revealed in the latter-day glory" (Charles Haddon Spurgeon, The Treasury of David).
- b. <u>Psalm 72:7</u> See footnote on Ps. 72:1. The ideal concept of the king and the glorious effects of his reign are described, the fulfillment of which is experienced in Christ.

The Wisdom of God is the Loyalty of Kings and Priests

1 Kings 3:5-15, The Voice

Before Israel united as one nation under David, the countryside was inhabited by people who worship other gods. As Solomon prepares to build the temple and centralize worship of the one God—the Lord—in one place—Jerusalem—he finds it necessary to visit the former shrines of local gods and convert them to shrines to God. While this may have worked in the short term by introducing the people outside of Jerusalem to the worship practices of the

Eternal, those shrines, called "high places," will be the undoing of the entire country. By allowing people to worship at local shrines instead of only in Jerusalem, where the priests meticulously follow God's laws, Solomon and future kings are opening the door to the blending of God worship and pagan worship.

⁵ The Eternal revealed Himself to Solomon in a dream while he was still in Gibeon.

Eternal One: Tell me, what is your request of Me?

Solomon: ⁶ You have already revealed Your loyal love to my father, David, for he lived by Your truth and righteousness and honor *during the days of his life*. You have continued to show this loyal love to him by giving him a son who now reigns upon his throne. ⁷ Eternal One, my God, You have allowed me to serve as my father David served, but I am still young and inexperienced. I don't know much about anything, ⁸ yet I am supposed to lead Your chosen people who are innumerable and even uncountable. ⁹ Please give Your servant a listening heart for judging Your people and for knowing the difference between what is good and what is evil. Who is capable of judging Your *chosen* ones, a great people?

¹⁰ The Lord was delighted by Solomon's request.

Eternal One: ¹¹ Since you have asked for wisdom and not for an extended lifetime or for personal wealth or for the annihilation of your enemies, since you have instead asked for the ability to understand justice, ¹² I will honor your request. I have planted the deepest human wisdom into your heart. There has never been nor will there ever be a man like you.

¹³ I have also given you the things for which you have not asked—wealth and an honorable reputation. There will be no other kings like you for as long as you live. ¹⁴ If you live a life devoted to Me, if you remain loyal to My laws and commands just as your father David did, then I will add days to your life.

15 Solomon woke up from his dream. He then returned to Jerusalem and visited the Eternal's covenant chest and presented burnt offerings and peace offerings. Then he prepared a great feast for all those who were in his service.

Colossians 1:9-14, The Voice

⁹ Since the day we got this good news about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We ask:

This is a prayer for knowledge and insight that only can come from God.

Father, may they clearly know Your will and achieve the height and depth of spiritual wisdom and understanding. ¹⁰ May their lives be a credit to You, Lord; and what's more, may they continue to delight You by doing every good work and growing in the true knowledge that comes from being close to You. ¹¹ Strengthen them with Your infinite power, according to Your glorious might, so that they will have everything they need to hold on and endure hardship patiently and joyfully. ¹² Thank You, Father, as You have made us^[a] eligible to receive our portion of the inheritance given to all those set apart by the light. ¹³ You have rescued us from dark powers and brought us safely into the kingdom of Your Son, whom You love ¹⁴ and in whom we are redeemed and forgiven of our sins [through His blood]. ^[b]

Footnotes

- a. 1:12 Other manuscripts read "you."
- b. 1:14 Early manuscripts omit this portion.

The Wisdom of God is the Loving and Listening Heart of Kings and Priests

Proverbs 8, Complete Jewish Bible

¹ Wisdom is calling!

Understanding is raising her voice!

² On the heights along the road, where the paths meet, she is standing;

- ³ by the gates leading into the city, at the entrances, she cries aloud:
- ⁴ "People, I am calling you, raising my voice to all mankind.
- ⁵ You who don't direct your lives, understand caution; as for you, you fools, get some common sense!
- ⁶ "Listen! I will say worthwhile things; when I speak, my words are right.
- ⁷ My mouth says what is true, because my lips detest evil.
- ⁸ All the words from my mouth are righteous; nothing false or crooked is in them.
- ⁹They are all clear to those who understand and straightforward to those who gain knowledge.
- 10 Receive my instruction, rather than silver; knowledge, rather than the finest gold.
- 11 For wisdom is better than pearls; nothing you want can compare with her.
- 12 "I, wisdom, live together with caution;

I attain knowledge and discretion.

- ¹³ The fear of *ADONAI* is hatred of evil.
- I hate pride and arrogance, evil ways and duplicitous speech.
- ¹⁴ Good advice is mine, and common sense; I am insight, power is mine.
- 15 By me kings reign,

and princes make just laws.

- ¹⁶ By me princes govern, nobles too, and all the earth's rulers.
- ¹⁷ I love those who love me; and those who seek me will find me.
- ¹⁸ Riches and honor are with me, lasting wealth and righteousness.
- ¹⁹ My fruit is better than gold, fine gold, my produce better than the finest silver.
- ²⁰ I follow the course of righteousness along the paths of justice,
- ²¹ to endow with wealth those who love me and fill their treasuries.
- ²² "ADONAI made me as the beginning of his way, the first of his ancient works.
- ²³ I was appointed before the world, before the start, before the earth's beginnings.
- ²⁴ When I was brought forth, there were no ocean depths, no springs brimming with water.
- ²⁵ I was brought forth before the hills, before the mountains had settled in place;
- ²⁶ he had not yet made the earth, the fields, or even the earth's first grains of dust.
- ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there.

When he drew the horizon's circle on the deep,

- ²⁸ when he set the skies above in place, when the fountains of the deep poured forth,
- ²⁹ when he prescribed boundaries for the sea, so that its water would not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰ I was with him as someone he could trust. For me, every day was pure delight, as I played in his presence all the time,.

³¹ playing everywhere on his earth, and delighting to be with humankind.

³² "Therefore, children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways.

³³ Hear instruction, and grow wise; do not refuse it.

³⁴ How happy the person who listens to me, who watches daily at my gates and waits outside my doors.

³⁵ For he who finds me finds life and obtains the favor of *ADONAI*.

³⁶ But he who misses me harms himself;

The Wisdom of God is the Lineage of Kings and Priests

Luke 2:46-52, The Voice

all who hate me love death."

⁴⁶ After three days of separation, they finally found Him—sitting among a group of religious teachers in the temple—asking them questions, listening to their answers. ⁴⁷ Everyone was surprised and impressed that a 12-year-old boy could have such deep understanding and could answer questions with such wisdom.

Mary: Son, why have You treated us this way? Listen, Your father and I have been sick with worry for the last three days, wondering where You were, looking everywhere for You.

⁴⁸ His parents, of course, had a different reaction.

Jesus: ⁴⁹ Why did you need to look for Me? Didn't you know that I must be working for My Father?

Little is recorded about Jesus' life between His birth and the age of 30. But this one episode tells so much. First, Jesus' family life is a lot like anyone's—full of mishaps and misunderstandings. Second, as Jesus enters young adulthood, He begins manifesting an extraordinary sense of identity. (Remember, a 12-year-old isn't "just a kid" in Israel—he is becoming a man.) He isn't just "Mary's boy" or "Joseph's stepson." He has a direct relationship with God as His Father, and He knows His life will follow a path of working for God.

⁵⁰ Neither Mary nor Joseph really understood what He meant by this. ⁵¹ Jesus went back to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother continued to store these memories like treasures in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus kept on growing—in wisdom, in physical stature, in favor with God, and in favor with others.

Matthew 3:16-17, King James Version

¹⁶ And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

¹⁷ And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Isaiah 11:1-5, The Voice

¹ But on this humbled ground, a tiny shoot, hopeful and promising, will sprout from Jesse's stump;

A branch will emerge from his roots to bear fruit.

² And on this *child from David's line*, the Spirit of the Eternal One will *alight* and rest.

By the Spirit of wisdom and discernment He will shine like the dew. By the Spirit of counsel and strength

He will judge fairly and act courageously.

By the Spirit of knowledge and reverence of the Eternal One,

³ He will take pleasure in honoring the Eternal.

He will determine fairness and equity;

He will consider more than what meets the eye,

And weigh in more than what he's told.

⁴ So that even those who can't afford a good defense will nevertheless get a fair and equitable judgment.

With just a word, He will end wickedness and abolish oppression.

With nothing more than the breath of His mouth, He will destroy evil.

⁵ He will clothe himself with righteousness and truth; the impulse to right wrongs will be *in his blood*.

Isaiah 11:10, The Voice

Then on that day, that root from Jesse's line will stand as a signal for the peoples of the world Who will come to Him seeking guidance and direction; and glory will be restored to the land where He resides.

The Wisdom of God is the Language of Kings and Priests

John 1:1-18, The Voice

This Gospel begins not with Jesus' birth or John's baptism but with a deliberate echo of the creation story in Genesis. It takes us back before time began to the moment when God interrupts the silence and speaks the cosmos into existence. Only John's Gospel names Jesus as the *Logos* and declares that He existed long before time was measured. This Greek word carries a variety of meanings, all relating to the act of speaking. It could be

translated "word," a thought that comes to expression, message, declaration, reason, or the content of preaching; most are found in various translations. It is clear that John means that *logos* is declared to all creation. John's use of *logos* is unique and has often been rendered as "Word." While this is a useful translation, even a casual understanding demonstrates that "Word" reflects only part of its meaning. Most readers will interpret "word" as a unit of language—a combination of sounds generally spoken but also written—that carries meaning. To understand what John means, readers need something more than their cultural understanding of "word"; they need a new way of thinking about it. This is why we have chosen to offer another rendering, an interpretive, poetic translation, of what may be one of the most theologically loaded words in Scripture. Since logos essentially refers to the act of speaking or bringing thoughts to expression, we have decided to use the word "voice" to capture that reality. John declares that truth has culminated in the person of Jesus. No single word captures the complete meaning of *logos*, but "voice" has a number of advantages.

First, "voice" manifests the act of speaking. Voice is that which is spoken and that which is heard; it comes on both sides of any communication event, bridging the gap between sender and receiver. John intends that in Jesus God is speaking and revealing Himself to the world.

Second, a voice is distinct and personal. We can distinguish people from one another simply by their voices. In <u>John 10</u> Jesus describes the fact that the sheep hear the voice of the shepherd when he calls and they follow, but they refuse to follow a stranger because they do not know his voice (<u>John 10:1-5</u>). John desires that we know Jesus as the Son of God and believe in Him personally as the Good Shepherd.

Third, "voice" is dynamic in that it reflects the robust and powerful activity of a living God. It is historical in that any act of speaking comes to expression and takes place in the real world as a "voice" calling, demanding a response.

It challenges any notion that the Christian faith can be reduced to rules, propositions, or doctrines that can be merely believed or dismissed and not lived out in our lives. Since in Jesus God is speaking and revealing Himself to the world, and since in Jesus we hear the Voice of God, then this new reality changes everything so we, too, must change.

In the beginning

- **1** Before time itself was measured, the Voice was speaking. The Voice was and is God.
- ² This *celestial* Word remained ever present with the Creator;
- ³ His speech shaped the entire cosmos.

Immersed in the practice of creating,

all things that exist were birthed in Him.

- ⁴ His breath filled all things with a living, breathing light—
- ⁵ A light that thrives in the depths of darkness, blazes through murky bottoms.

It cannot and will not be quenched.

⁶ A man named John, who was sent by God, was the first to clearly articulate the source of this Light. ⁷ This baptizer put in plain words the elusive mystery of the Divine Light so all might believe through him. Some wondered whether he might be the Light, ⁸ but John was not the Light. He merely pointed to the Light. ⁹ The true Light, who shines upon the heart of everyone, was coming into the cosmos.

Jesus as the Light does not call out from a distant place but draws near by coming into the world.

¹⁰ He entered our world, a world He made; yet the world did not recognize Him. ¹¹ Even though He came to His own people, they refused to *listen and* receive Him. ¹² But for all who did receive and trust in Him, He gave

them the right to be *reborn as* children of God; ¹³ He bestowed this birthright not by human power or initiative but by God's will.

¹⁴ The Voice took on flesh *and became human* and chose to live alongside us. We have seen Him, enveloped in undeniable splendor—the one *true* Son of the Father—*evidenced in* the perfect balance of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John *the Baptist* testified about Him and shouted, "This is the one I've been telling you is coming. He is much greater than I am because He existed *long* before me." ¹⁶ Through this man we all receive *gifts of* grace beyond our imagination. ¹⁷ You see, Moses gave *us* rules to live by, but Jesus the Anointed offered *us* gifts of grace and truth. ¹⁸ God, unseen until now, is revealed in the Voice, God's only Son, *straight from* the Father's heart.

Ephesians 3:14-21, The Voice

¹⁴ It is for this reason that I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ after whom all families in heaven above and on earth below receive their names, *and pray*:

¹⁶ Father, out of Your honorable and glorious riches, strengthen Your people. Fill their souls with the power of Your Spirit ¹⁷ so that through faith the Anointed One will reside in their hearts. May love be *the rich soil* where their lives take root. May it be the bedrock where their lives are founded *so that together* ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ with all of Your people they will have the power to understand that the love of the Anointed is infinitely long, wide, high, and deep, surpassing everything anyone previously experienced. God, may Your fullness flood through their entire beings.

This is a doxology of praise to the One with power that is beyond understanding.

²⁰ Now to the God who can do so many *awe-inspiring things, immeasurable things,* things greater than we ever could ask or imagine through the power

at work in us, ²¹ to Him be all glory in the church and in Jesus the Anointed from this generation to the next, forever and ever. Amen.

The Wisdom of God is the Landing Strip and Launching Pad of Kings and Priests

1 Corinthians 2:13-16, The Voice

We do not speak of these *gifts of God* in words shaped by human wisdom; we speak in words crafted by the Spirit because our collective judgment on spiritual matters is accessible to those who have the Spirit. ¹⁴ But a person who denies spiritual realities will not accept the things that come through the Spirit of God; they all sound like foolishness to him. He is incapable of grasping them because they are *disseminated*, discerned, *and valued* by the Spirit. ¹⁵ A person who walks by the Spirit examines everything, *sizing it up and seeking out truth*. But no one is able to examine or size up that *kind of* spiritual person, ¹⁶ for *the Scripture asks*, "Does anyone know the mind of the Lord well enough to become His advisor?"^[a] But we do possess the mind of the Anointed One.

Job 33:1-4, The Voice

33 Elihu: So now, Job, listen *closely* to my words; lend an ear to my speeches.

- Wait for it! I am about ready to part my lips; even now, my tongue begins to stir within my mouth.
- My words emerge from a heart of integrity; my lips express their knowledge with sincerity.
- God's Spirit has fashioned me and the breath of the Highest One^[a] imparts life to me.