

# The Apostle – A Spiritual Perspective

(Summary of audio clip)

1. The 5-fold ministry is the structural government for the church that has been ordained by God.
2. Their purpose is for the perfecting of the saints.
3. That is, they ‘beat’ us into order because our lives are mostly in rebellion against government (authority).
4. Their purpose is also to help us understand government.
5. We have already received teaching about being a believer.
6. This has resulted in masses of instruction being poured out in the church.
7. We realised from that knowledge that we needed caring (shepherding), so the pastor took his place.
8. But, the pastors began to govern the church.
9. Out of the pastors came the idea that we need to get people saved, so the evangelist began to operate.
10. Then came the massive restoration of the prophetic realm and God began to unlock the whole prophetic arena.
11. From the prophetic, the mysteries of God began to be seen.
12. Out of the prophetic came the realisation that the mysteries of Heaven needed to be brought to Earth.
13. This is designed to happen through the apostolic.
14. The apostolic is not about a ministry.
15. The apostolic is the gate that lands the blueprints of Heaven onto ‘the face of the Earth’<sup>1</sup>.
16. This releases the structure of Heaven so it can be built on Earth.
17. God is looking for a ‘shadow’ of himself.
18. Without a ‘shadow’, God will not acknowledge what has been set up because it does not look like him.
19. The ones who carry this ‘shadow’ are the apostolic.
20. The job of the apostolic is to cause the prophetic to look into Heaven; the evangelist to look into the supply of Heaven; the pastor to look into the nature of God; and the teacher to find the processes of God.
21. So instead of everyone trying to control the church, it’s all about landing the ‘blueprint’ of Heaven.
22. There is a problem with this – there are 2 other matters that also need to be considered:
  - Sonship
  - Kingship
23. Sonship cannot be ‘landed’ unless it comes through the doorway of the apostolic.
24. The apostolic is the ‘gate’ through which sonship manifests on the face of the Earth.
25. Kingship cannot ‘land’ unless it comes through sonship.
26. Unfortunately, we’ve been taught that the apostolic is the pinnacle of the head of the ‘mountain’<sup>2</sup> when it is only a position of operation.
27. An apostle can be a king and a son.
28. The pinnacle of the ‘mountain’ is not an apostle, it’s a king.
29. This is because a king is about the administration of a higher order, of a realm that they’ve been given dominion over.
30. Ephesians 2:6, 6:12 – “Heavenly places”.
31. Unless we know what a Heavenly place is we will have the idea that it’s a mystical place

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1 – This is a spiritual term referring to the terrestrial surface of the planet, including people.

2 – This refers to a seat of authority or government.

- way out there, and not understand what it is until we die.
32. A “Heavenly place” is a realm of dominion where authority is exercised from.
  33. It’s known as ‘The Seat of the King’.
  34. Jesus has the capacity from in us, from the kingdom, to transition us through the protocol of function into the operation and mandate of sonship, and into the essence of kingship.
  35. God is wanting to change our belief system, because what we see in the apostolic in the church today is not the true apostolic yet. It hasn’t morphed into what God is really wanting it to do.
  36. The apostolic today has become: Building a ‘mountain’ and a ministry.
  37. When you take something and give your life to it (eg. the current idea of the apostolic), you buy into the supply of the realm you are trading with.
  38. Someone will say, “Come and join my [apostolic] network.”
  39. The apostolic is not a network.
  40. An ‘apostolic network’ is a trading-floor.
  41. When you join the network, you trade with others who are connected to that 'mountain' and you come under the governmental protocols of that 'mountain'. You add into that 'mountain' what you have of your own 'mountain' and you give it to serve that 'mountain'.
  42. That’s why they want you to join their network so they can be your ‘covering’.
  43. Our covering is Christ, not another apostolic house or network belonging to someone who calls himself an apostle.
  44. The job of an apostle is to ‘father’ people – not to build a ministry.
  45. What is fathering? Fathering is looking for those I can put an inheritance into, to train them to inherit all that I have.
  46. When you belong to a network you are not being fathered. You’re not being trained to inherit all that those who call themselves an apostle possess.
  47. People who say they are apostles are not wrong. There is the governmental position of an apostle, but the function of an apostle is not what it should be with them yet.
  48. The ‘skin’ of the apostolic is:
    - Time,
    - Finances, &
    - Relationships
  49. The ‘father’ spends **time** with the son, training them. Imparting into them all that they **have in relationship**.
  50. The invitation of the apostle (father) is: “Come and work with me”; “Come and stay with me”; “Come and live with me”; “Come and engage me”.
  51. Relationship is built out of that time together as the son gets to know the ‘father’.
  52. In this way you won’t do what the father says, you’ll do what the father does.
  53. Greek teaches us to do what the father says: Hebrew teaches us to do what the father does.
  54. Jesus said, “The things that I do, you will do also.” He did not say, “The things I have spoken you will do.”
  55. ‘Finances’ is the investment from the father into the children.
  56. The children do not carry the investment of the father until the father has bestowed their blessing on them.
  57. This means the father will have done himself out of a job.
  58. A major problem in the church today is that no one is training anyone to do themselves out of a job.
  59. This is because we are too busy holding onto a 'mountain' because we lack the understanding of the government of God.
  60. God wants us to do ourselves out of a job.
  61. God wants to do himself out of a job by giving to his sons the fullness of the Kingdom so

- they can take over the Father's responsibility by doing what he wants them to do.
62. The apostolic is judged by their fruit – they can be discerned.
  63. Three criteria to judge by are:
    - Have you seen Jesus? – because this is how you'll see what he does.
    - Are you fathering people? – bringing them into the Kingdom realm to replace you – to do yourself out of a job.
    - Do you know the bad parts of an apostle? - what their downfalls and failures are (usually pride and self-idolatry).
  64. If you think you are an apostle and reached the pinnacle of the realm of the Kingdom, you are deceived. That's only the starting point.
  65. You need to train others to do yourself out of a job so you can go higher into sonship and into kingship.
  66. The only way we can move into the realm of sonship and kingship is if we take responsibility for the position God has us in at the present.
  67. God's desire is the whole thing of fathering.
  68. In churches today many have leaders who are 50-65 years old and there's no one in their church to replace them.
  69. The problem has arisen because leadership has been about, "My church". It's about "What I have built".
  70. Some leaders want their sons or daughters to take over from them – this is nepotism.
  71. Sometimes the sons you bear are not the ones God wants to replace you.
  72. If you don't want others to replace you it's because you get your affirmation from your job and not from God.
  73. These will become vital over the next couple of years<sup>3</sup>:
    - Sonship and kingship.
    - What it means to rule, to have dominion.
    - To understand there are things God is wanting to give us responsibility for in Heaven so we can mandate it on the face of the Earth.
  74. *For example*: Prophets today could go to their nation's president and declare that it will not rain until they say so.
  75. Alternatively that it will rain non-stop until I say so. (This would completely disrupt the agriculture of that nation as the rotting crops will 'poison' the soil.)
  76. The nations would then know who's really governing the country and acknowledge the power of God in the realm of sonship and kingship that God has destined us to rule in.
  77. We read the accounts about government in the bible as mere stories, not really understanding what God is trying to say to us.
  78. He's wanting to show us what it will be like in that day when we stand in our role as a king and begin to execute judgement on the face of the earth.
  79. The Earth is our practising place – we have to practice ruling.
  80. Ruling is not about, "I'm so good and more spiritual than you."
  81. It's, "Do you hold a position in Heaven where you can administrate and execute out of Heaven onto the Earth the desire of God and begin to change all the natural world?"
  82. The various levels of the natural world should obey the word of God that is inside of you.
  83. God is releasing knowledge about Kingdom and unfortunately, we're trying to fit it into our existing belief system.
  84. *For example*: We've been taught to get to the top of the 'mountain' and control everything that's beneath us.
  85. But...Jesus said that the greatest must be the servant of all.
  86. God governs out of Heaven all those above him and serves all those below him on Earth

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3 – From 2002 onwards.

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87. So to govern, you have to learn how to be a servant.
88. REVISION: The apostolic is to train the church so that it rises to maturity and so that the apostolic can be done away with – i.e. “until the perfecting of the saints”.
89. We are going to rule with Christ when he returns so we have to learn how to do it today.
90. All the scriptural references to those/him “who overcomes” is about rulership.
91. This is ‘Christianity 101’.
92. Our church belief systems are in a mess. Nothing has changed since the 1600s. It’s just been repackaged so it seems modern and retaught in bible colleges and seminaries.
93. Revelation will be required to understand some of what is in this transcript as a person may not be able to find it in scripture.
94. Cars, electricity, stainless steel, plastic, computers, etc. are not in the bible, but that doesn’t mean that a person is in deception when they use them. These are technological revelations of the times we live in, and we know they are the truth because our experience has taught us that they are normal.
95. God is wanting to empower the church to come into government. This means coming into the fullness of sonship, coming into the fullness of maturity so that the Kingdom realm can be fully expressed in our lives.
96. God wants to manifest his fullness through our lives so that who we are as sons can be revealed.
97. **Holy Spirit leads us to Jesus: Jesus leads us to Father: Father presents us to the world as sons.** Eg “This is my son in whom I am well pleased. Hear him”.
98. It’s about a body of people God is calling into life and into Kingdom so we can be revealed on the face of the Earth.
99. The presence of God is wanting to engage us to bring us into maturity and into responsibility.
100. In Heaven, everything is about responsibility.
101. The Kingdom is not about giftings.
102. Miracles and signs are fabulous, but when these happen it don’t mean we are mature. It just means stuff is happening to engage us to become mature.
103. When God uncovers (reveals) things to you, you realise just how much you don’t know.
104. He gives revelations which causes us to undo what we have done and learn a whole new thing.
105. God’s onward revelation means new stuff for us in the near future.
106. **NOTE:** God never gets stuck in one place.
107. Jesus was the chief cornerstone.
108. A cornerstone’s function is to set a right angle for the foundation.
109. The cornerstone is about praying and living a servant life.
110. Jesus laid his life down.
111. Apostles are not the pinnacle of the church metaphorical ‘building’.
112. The apostolic must set a cornerstone of their function with God and then their life must be laid out so the whole building weight of the church can be laid on top of them.
113. The pastor cannot be a person’s covering, nor rule their life.
114. The pastor’s job is the ‘local house’.
115. Outside of the ‘local house’ he doesn’t have governmental authority over a person’s life.
116. Outside you have responsibility for your life.
117. **NOTE:** Jesus is our covering.