

Abundant Life Comes from the Internal Kingdom

[Summary of “Acts II & Beyond I” (Josiah Bennett) July 2017]¹

I have rewritten these points from a Kingdom perspective, not a biblical perspective

- Part of the King’s work in us is to break and tear down everything that has been instilled in us over the years through the church system.
- This includes the structures, the systems, the way things have been taught and what has been taught.
- The pulling down is so he can rebuild for his purposes – to have a people who are one with him.
- This is fully one in life, a complete union, with no distinctions – the normal life and the spiritual life are the same.
- This will result in him being the Head of all things, including the *ekklesia* (his Body on Earth).
- We already know this in our head, but it hasn’t been the reality that he wanted.
- We have deviated from this desire of the Trinity.
- God’s goal in this matter can’t be achieved when we have our own goals.
- Because we are pursuing our own goals, we are missing God’s purpose of oneness.
- The things we are pursuing are not just earthly things, we have made the church THE thing Christians are pursuing.
- Rather than the Son being all in all, the church has been put in that position.
- The meaning of Pentecost is: We have the Kingdom life because we have come out of the world and the King has come into us giving this life to us.
- We should not be waiting for a new out-pouring or a new in-filling (i.e. revival), but a greater infilling of the life we already have.
- This is the full and complete infilling of the life that God intended from the beginning.
- This is ‘life reality’: i.e. knowing him intimately, not knowing about him.
- Until we get back to a full proclamation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Bride will not be made ready for the King.
- The whole *ekklesia* is meant to be a messenger of the King.
- However, there are many messengers giving many different messages – the main Kingdom message of the rule of the King inside us is being left out.
- The *ekklesia* is meant to be a pillar of the truth,² not truths, or some truth.
- King Jesus is the Truth – this is the truth we can be firm on because it won’t change.
- The purpose of Father is Jesus as King over all things.
- We are not getting the reality of Jesus being all in all³.
- Preaching and teaching Jesus as the source of salvation is missing the point – he’s the beginning and the end (i.e. he’s everything)
- Just preaching Jesus as the way out of ‘Egypt’ (the world system) and into the Kingdom causes people to go around in circles and not enter the full benefits of the Promised Land (i.e. the Kingdom).
- Like the Israelites our idols distract us from entering into the fullness of the Kingdom which is experiencing the full benefits of the Kingdom within us (i.e. what is also known as ‘Christ in us’).

1 – Conference session #1 soundcloud.com/terrybennettministries/acts-ii-beyond-1-josiah

2 – 1 Timothy 3:15

3 – Ephesians 1:23

- Like the Israelites our rebellion and disobedience by not aligning with Heaven causes our failure to enter into everything that's available for us.
- 430 years in Egypt needed to be broken off the Israelites so that could then enter the Promised Land as a people – that's the reason for the 40 years in the wilderness.
- The same scenario is happening to the church today because it's resisting Heaven's plans.
- Until our heart is on the King and his life in us, we'll keep going around in circles never entering his abundant life.
- He's bringing us out of all the stuff that's been our focus for years – the Christian things that we thought we get us the promised life.
- All the stuff we thought would get us deeper into the things of God hasn't done it for us.
- We've been satisfied with the trinkets, with the external, just like the Israelites.
- The Israelites resurrected what they knew from their life in Egypt because it was familiar to them – they didn't know any better.
- People only build what they know. It takes the Spirit of God to create what the Trinity wants in the genuine sons of God.
- The glory we are to seek is the King's glory which will be revealed through us from our relationship and intimacy with the King.
- The manifestation of this glory that the world will see will not be with the modern church performances or come with the big church organisations that everyone thinks it will.
- The glory will manifest from the inside out, when we 'look' exactly like our King.
- The first step in the right direction is for the messengers to proclaim who the King (Christ) really is in his fullness inside us.
- Teaching about the stuff must not be our focus.
- All eyes must be on the King, not on stuff – i.e. all the Christian and spiritual things, both essential and non-essential.
- We should not be against anything that flows from the Internal Kingdom life, these should not be what we seek.
- Whatever we seek becomes our source, and our source must be the Kingdom, through our intimacy with the King.
- Real life is only in the Trinity through the Spirit, not in the stuff – not even the gifts of the Spirit.
- The stuff is void of real life.
- The stuff is not death – that's the consequences of a sinful life outside of the Kingdom.
- The stuff does produce death-like life in us, by comparison, because they don't have the abundant life of the Kingdom.
- Father doesn't want us to proclaim his favour to the people of the Earth, he wants us to proclaim his son – life and favour are only in him.
- Once we have the King's life in us he can fill us over and over again in greater measure.
- For that to happen he must be everything to us.
- Everything about us must decrease.
- He must increase in us, but not just in our mind – he must be the all-important thing to us.
- He must be allowed to govern his people as the Lord and King that he is.
- Forerunners have become a prominent item these days but they aren't always fulfilling their role.
- The forerunner's main role is to prepare a way/path for the King, not to set up forerunner churches.

- This includes teaching others to have their eyes, ears and heart open for the King.
- Not everyone will comply with the forerunner message – they have to be left for the Spirit to work on.
- Coaxing people into the things of God has resulted in the watering down of the message of the Kingdom so that people feel more comfortable.
- This has made them think they can do what they and have what they want.
- The reality is that the King is the only one who is to have his way in the *ekklesia*.
- Forerunners should be teaching the rule of the King in his people as one of their essential topics.
- The saints must come into the King and align with him, not the other way around – aligning him with themselves.
- John the Baptist was a forerunner who was totally consecrated to God – nothing else was of interest to him.
- The purpose of the spirit and power of Elijah is to turn religious people’s hearts back to God – even people in the church.
- Jesus was a forerunner who was sent to his own religious people.
- The Jews of Jesus’ day had the processes right, but their heart was wrong.
- Jesus therefore went to the weak and the afflicted because they saw their need for God.
- We need to increase our need for the inner life of the Kingdom, rather than to be proud of our godliness and our stuff.
- We are to be thankful for what Father has done in us already, but we must desire to be broken from everything in our past.
- Brokenness is being ‘poor in spirit’ – seeing our need for him continually.
- What the King is doing in us now⁴ is his final work that will lead up to his return.
- To be part of his processes we must be aligned with him.
- Currently the work of Holy Spirit to prepare a people for the King’s return is being thwarted because he’s not allowed to his job in getting each of us ready.
- We’re satisfied and content with the stuff – to play church, to go to church
- We aren’t willing to become the *ekklesia* that Father’s intended it to be
- We’re not prepared to fully come under the hand of God because we have to totally die to ourselves – our desires and our will have to become the King’s only.
- If we want to be like our prototype (Jesus of Nazareth), we need to die to ‘self’ like he did.
- When we consent to die we will go through wilderness periods to train us and reshape us.
- The wilderness is the proving-ground of our decisions.
- If you’re going through hard times, be glad because your being molded and shaped for the King’s work.
- What we declare to others must be exhibited in our own life because we’ve counted the cost and consented to let the King be king of our life.

Ephesians 3:17-19 (TLB⁵) – *And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God’s marvelous love; and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God’s children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.*

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4 – “A New Era in the Kingdom”

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5 – The Living Bible