

We Gather as Sons, Nothing Else

[Transcript of my teaching on this topic]

When we come together during the week as Community, as a micro *ekklesia*, we gather under the auspices of the Kingdom. That is, under the endorsement of Heaven, with King Jesus as our Head, and Holy Spirit as our leader. We come together as sons only. Everything from the natural and from culture has to be put aside, as we meet. That is, before we connect with each other. Like Asian people who leave their shoes at the door when they enter a house, when we come together, everything is left behind us, except our sonship and our Kingdom family connection with each other.

This message is a reminder to us, as we learn to be a Kingdom Community and function as this type of community should function. When we gather as an *ekklesia*, any non-Kingdom connection between us ceases to exist for that period of time. That's because we come into a spiritual, Kingdom environment. As Paul said, there is to be no Jew or Greek, slave or free, etc. In other words, we come as spirit beings, sons of the Most High God, and connect with each other as sons. That means, there are no marital relationships, no filial relationships, and no friendships.

We come together as Father's family, as if we were in the heavenly realms, connecting as spirit beings. This means that husbands and wives should not operate in those roles when we come together. All the soulish, fleshly, natural stuff that comes with marriage must be left behind. It can't be allowed to materialise, otherwise, it destroys the flow of the Spirit. Any frustration, any annoyances, any bad attitudes, any hatred, anything that is within a marriage at home between the spouses, mustn't occur in the meeting.

When parents and children gather with us, the children come in as sons, provided they are spiritually reborn. Parents have no jurisdiction over them in this setting, they have no parental role to play. If discipline needs to be carried out, it must be done by the oversight, or the child taken out of the meeting and spoken to by the parent.

Of course, when we finish our session and we have lunch together, we go back to normal, natural socializing. At this time, all our relationships and connections are properly re-introduced.

The key point is this: When we come together, we have to see it as spirit beings coming together with spirit God and allowing Holy Spirit to guide what we do, as we honour Father and the Lord Jesus by our presence and what we say and do. Now, this doesn't have to be a 'super spiritual' event.

So, while we are together, we need to learn to function as spiritual beings, even though we might have a cup of tea and eat biscuits, read something spiritual from a book or listen to some teaching to edify us while we are there. We have to realise that we're there for spiritual matters, for Kingdom matters, and that we relate to each other in the right way. If we don't, we kill the move of the Spirit and it ceases to be an *ekklesia*, or a Kingdom Community. Instead, it becomes a connection of like-minded people, or a social club based on theological ideas.

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