

A Season of Change – #3

A New Season, A New System

Genesis 1:11-13 - NKJV

¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. ¹² And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And **God saw that it was good.** ¹³ So the evening and the morning were the third day.

There is so much that I want to say just from within this small portion of scripture.

Understand what we are reading about here is a new season.

- A new creative day.
- It was the second day, but now it is about to become the third day.
- Some pretty cool stuff happened over there on the first day.
- Some pretty amazing stuff happened on the second day
- But God wasn’t finished yet.....

I want you to say this with me; **“God isn’t finished with me yet!”**

We must understand that our God is a systematic God.

- He does things in order.
- It may look like chaos to you,
- but in the end, you will understand what He was doing.
- **He’s a revelatory God; He reveals things.**

He is a systematic God. - Day 1, then day 2, then day 3, and so on...

He doesn’t get them mixed up. It is by divine order, decree, and declaration ***that the events of each creative season took place.***

Can I say it? He’s organized. **Nothing happens out of accident.**

In His mind, everything is happening for a reason in His timing for His Glory.

Are you getting this????????????????

Our God is a God of organization. He is a God of arrangement. He is a God of Procedures.

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God wasn't planning on recreating every single tree that would ever grow on this planet.

God wasn't planning on being anybody's gardener, so **He created a system** for all of that.

- **It was the seed that was in itself.**
- **He didn't produce trees, flowers, and grass for the animals to eat ***and not have a system of reproduction*** in place.**

What is the seed?

The seed is the future!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- It means that something is going to continue.
- It meant that a system was in place that was going to sustain the next generations ---
- And future workings of **God's will in the earth.**

Without it, the next season would collapse.

- Without it, the next day of promise would starve to death.
- God put into place a system that would sustain what it was that He wanted to do next.

You want grass to grow in your yard? ***Plant some seed.***

But don't wait on Him to show up like Santa Clause to do a miracle of grass every time there's a dead spot in your yard.

You got a dead spot? Plant some seed. Water it. Fertilize it. Protect it. That's the system.

How many of you know we're not talking about grass here this morning?

See on the 3rd day...

God created and put into place a once and for all System for the season that the Earth was in at that moment.

And that one season would feed the earth and replenish the Earth for eons of time, because **God set a system in place** for it to happen that away.

I'm curious about not just the day 1, day 2, or day 3 in our lives,

- I am wondering about all the seasons of our lives ---
- **What will ultimately be the culmination of God's will and purpose for our lives...**

Here's the message:

If you are going to enter your new season, there's going to have to be a new system put into place to sustain you in that new season.

Matthew 12:43-45 – NKJV - An Unclean Spirit Returns

⁴³ "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. ⁴⁴ Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

In verse 43, the spirit was pushed out of the person's life, but that spirit liked it were he was.

He was comfortable there. He could control some things there. He was even appreciated once in a while.

So the spirit says, "I can't find rest in anyone else, so I'm coming back home with 7 bigger and badder spirits."

- **Why?**
- Because he **doesn't want** to get kicked out again.

We call these spiritual strongholds!!!!!!

Verse 45 says the state of the man is worse than it was in the beginning...

- Now he has that spirit back in his life,
- Along with 7 worse and stronger spirits who have moved in also.

We can't figure out why we can't stop doing some of the things.

We can't figure out why we keep going back to the same sin over and over again.

God's Creative DNA is inside of us.

- We are made in His image and likeness.
- **We have the ability to do something** that the enemy hopes no one will ever understand and get ahold of.

We have the **ability to create and place systems in our lives** that **would not allow the enemy back into our lives.**

- One of those systems is the Holy Spirit of God.
- This is why we need the Holy Spirit living in us - - - -
- **So that** those spirits will not find an empty vessel to move back into.

Jesus knew what He was doing when **He told his disciples and followers in Acts 1** to go into Jerusalem and wait for the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

- He knew they were coming into a season where **they were going to need its power.**
- He knew persecution was coming.
- He knew they were going to face obstacles they had never faced before.
- He knew adversity was on its way.

He knew what the next season had in store and He wanted to ensure that those who believed on Him could be more than conquerors.

If you're not careful, the stuff that you get rid of in your life **will come right back in if there is room for it in your life.**

This is where we have to make a decision.

- This is where we have to replace that void with something else.
- And the something else that God has given us **is His Spirit.**

God doesn't have to recreate some new thing for every person who is fighting off some spirit no matter how big or how indwelled it is.

There are some things that **He has placed in this world that will protect us, provide for us, and keep us in the season that God is taking us into.**

James 4:7 – NKJV - Humility Cures Worldliness

⁷Therefore **submit** to God. **Resist** the devil and **he will flee** from you.

He has given us a system to sustain us in our season.

It will bring to fruition the same result every time.

It will work the same for you as it does for me.

***Prayer works!** Not just 'Now I lay me down to sleep,' but **finding an altar some place**.

***Fasting works!**

Anytime you say **no to your flesh and yes to His Spirit**

- You are not only cleaning your house - - -
- You are also placing some things in order in your life - - -
- **That will keep you in your season.**

***Getting into the Word of God works!**

- **IT Isn't** just for people who have never read it before.
- There's **a lot of seed in this book.**
- There's a lot of stuff that will teach you and show you - - -
- **How to live and be blessed** - - -
- **In the season that God has you in!!!!**

***Fellowship works!**

- **Making church a priority** isn't just for people who don't have something else to do on a Sunday.
- Keeping Sunday Holy - - -
- Creating **a system of worship** and **Word in our week** - - -
- **Will keep us in our season of promise.**

Sunday is where our Spiritual strength comes from!!!!!!!!!!

- The Worship.
- The Fellowship.
- The Word.
- The Ministry to one another.
- The Involvement with one another.

****Evangelism Works!***

- Take the other four steps and begin to share what God has done and is doing for you!!!
- Your mess becomes your message...
- Your test's becomes your testimonies...

This is where we get the spiritual energy and spiritual strength

- ***To get through some of the stuff*** - - -
- That would want to destroy our relationship with God - - -
- And ***keep us from our new season.***

If you want to maintain the season that you're in - - -

- You're going to have to put some systems into place - - -
- So that certain things are allowed - - -
- And other things aren't allowed to happen in your life.

The ***same Holy Spirit*** that speaks to me will, if you listen, speak to you.

- And when He does, its up to you if you are ***going to allow Him to work*** in your life.
- It's up to you if you are going to begin to make the changes you need to.

What is it that needs to change?

What is it that you need to put into place to cause that change to continue?

Ephesians 1:13 - NKJV

¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, ***you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,***

Can I suggest that we consider the absolute importance of being filled with **the Holy Spirit?**

If we are going to be successful in the season that God is bringing us into

- We need to have the Holy Spirit abiding in our lives.

This is why the infilling of the Holy Spirit is so important to the believer.

CLOSE:

There's a reason why Acts chapter 2 didn't happen **until Jesus ascended into Heaven** and the day of Pentecost was fully come.

God didn't get his days or his seasons mixed up.

When it was time for his disciples and his followers to receive His Holy Spirit

- It filled all the house where they were sitting.
- It happened at the appropriate moment.
- It happened in its proper season.
- And when it did, ***it gave the church the power it needed***
- To become ***witnesses to the whole world.***

God put into place a system that would enable His people to live above sin.

- To have ***the power*** in their life
- To overcome the stuff that might otherwise ***destroy their faith.***

See when someone receives the Holy Ghost the way they did in the book of Acts, they receive into their lives...

- ***A seed if you will*** that when planted in a believer's life will produce fruit
- And this fruit in turn will offer what we need - --
- To become ***overcomers*** in the rest of ***the seasons of our lives.***

The Holy Spirit. – It's not a genie in a magic lamp!!!!

What you do with it is up to you.

How you allow it to work in your life is your decision.

The Holy Spirit is the seed that God gives the believer in their due season in order to release His power into their lives.

Acts 1:8 - NKJV

⁸ But **you shall receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Someone might say **“well I don’t want the Holy Ghost.”**

That’s your decision, but understand, you are missing out **on a marvelous gift** that is going to bring something to fruition in your life.

What if there wasn’t any grasses, herbs, or trees planted on day 3?

What kind of world would this world be?

How would it be fed?

We would all starve to death.

God put something there in its due season in order for the world to be fed.

God made something **available to the church** there in Acts chapter 2 **that would feed His church**.

The season we are coming into... where is His Spirit?

What is it doing in our lives?

How is it working to make us better?

If we are going to come **into the season of promise** that God wants to bring us into, **we are going to need the help of His Spirit**.

This is not the only season we are going to come into.

There are other seasons ***He wants to bring us into...***

and in order for those seasons to be successful...

and in order for life to remain in those seasons...

we need to have the system in place ***that He desires for us to have.***

So my question is, ***what are we going to do with this Holy Spirit?***

Do we leave it out of ***our new season?***

Do we try to get by without it?

Do we ignore what it is saying to our lives? ***What are you going to do with it?***

