Court & Council Etiquette

Father

Lord, how do we get comfortable getting out of our heads and into the council? In Christ?

- Men are comfortable in their heads (in control).
- They want me to come to them, into them (Holy Spirit does that)
- I want sons to come to me, my house, Zion, Council
 - Jesus made a way (Jn 1:51); prepared a place (Jn 14:2-3)
- **Gen 28:12** And he (Jacob) had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels (H3297 Messengers) of God were ascending and descending on it.
- Jn 1:51 And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."
- Jn 14:2 "In My Father's house are many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you.
 - *3) "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you also will be.*
- **Ps 84:1** How lovely are Your dwelling places, LORD of armies!
 - 2) My soul longed and even yearned for the courtyards of the LORD; My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
 - 3) The bird also has found a house, And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may put her young: Your altars, LORD of armies, My King and my God.
 - 4) Blessed are those who dwell in Your house! They are ever praising You. Selah
 - 5) Blessed is the person whose strength is in You, In whose heart are the roads to Zion!
 - 6) Passing through the Valley of Baca they make it a spring; The early rain also covers it with blessings.
 - 7) They go from strength to strength, *Every one of them appears before God in Zion*.

Scene – men leaving their heads to ascend to the council

- They learn real thinking, creativity, connection, Kingdom.
- Outside the confines of their own head.

Heb 11:16 – But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for <u>He has prepared a city for them</u>.

- **Heb 12:1** Therefore, since we also have such <u>a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us</u>, let's rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- **Heb 12:22** But you have come to <u>Mount Zion and to the city of the living God</u>, the <u>heavenly Jerusalem</u>, and to <u>myriads of angels</u>,
 - 23) to the <u>general assembly</u> and <u>church of the firstborn</u> who are enrolled in heaven, and <u>to God</u>, the Judge of all, and to the <u>spirits of the righteous made perfect</u>,
 - 24) and to <u>Jesus</u>...

Jesus

Lord, what is in Christ? How do we get there?

Jn 14:20 – "On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me,in the Council and I in you......Sons carrying Father's purpose on Earth

Jn 15:5 – I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Rom 8:1 – There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ

Rom 8:8 – and those who are <u>in the flesh</u> cannot please God. (vs "in Christ" = in the Council)

John, you are changed (transfigured/transformed) from glory to glory.

- You go to the Council and bring back a measure of glory.
- Then a greater measure
- You go from strength to strength (valor to valor) (Ps 84:7)
- From Glory to Glory (2Cor 3:18)

It's how sons grow, by experience ascending and descending (using Jacob's ladder)

- 1) Experience Glory, purpose
- Then bring to earth (sonship)
 Pro 4:18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn That shines brighter and brighter until the full day.
 - **Isa 40:31** Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Holy Spirit

I am the helper, the Spirit of truth (Jn 14:16-17)

- Helping sons bring Glory from heaven to earth
- Not a replacement for ascension

Rev 4:1 – Come up here and I will show you things to come.

John, see the connection between

- 1) The Place Jn 14:2-3 (in Heaven)
- 2) Greater works Jn 14:12 (On earth)

You are brings greater works back (purpose and power)

Wisdom – strategy

Receiving and giving glory – the progression is intentional, faithful.

Mt 7:21 – "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

22) "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

23). "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Never knew – never ascended.

Understanding – tactics

The KPI is ascending and bringing something back.

- The glory
- You open gates for the King of glory to come in (Ps 24:7)
 Heb 2:7,9 You have covered Him with glory and honor.

Heb 2:10 – In bringing many sons to glory.

Heb 3:1 – Holy brothers, you who share a heavenly calling (invitation).

- Sons bring the glory back.
- They are crowned with it, represent it, carry it.
- They are ambassadors for it
- They contrast it with earthly realm of the flesh (Rom 8:8)

Counsel

Don't put your focus on what others are doing, or aren't doing.

- Set your heart on the glory in heaven, what Father is doing.
- Or bringing that to earth
- It is the realm of greater works
- The glory is what sets captives free
 - From the earthly realm (between the ears)
 - The flesh, materialism, carnality, dryness

You are changed by the glory via:

- Ascending and descending Gen 28:12, Jn 1:51
- From strength to strength Ps 84:7
- From glory to glory 2Cor 3:18

Might

John, because you can see purpose in the distant future (Reformation)

- Doesn't mean you can make it happen in your wisdom
- There is still a need for Father's power
- That power is released a day at a time (Seers and Doers)
 - \circ $\,$ Seeing in the Council $\,$
 - Bringing back the glory (His glory, purpose, power, majesty)

You are mighty in the moment of his purpose and power.

Jer 10:23 – I know, LORD, that a person's way is not in himself, Nor is it in a person who walks to direct his steps.

Pro 14:12 – There is a way which seems right to a person, but its end is the way of death.

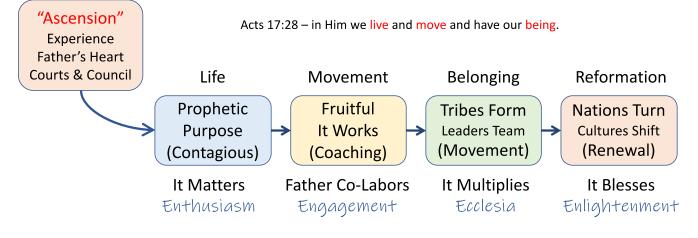
Knowledge

The council releases your creativity, initiative, courage, entrepreneurship

- Because everything starts with purpose, Father's purpose.
- Life, movement, Tribe, Reformation all begin with purpose.
- The River of life flows from Father's thrown... and rivers of living water out of your belly.

Ja 1:17 – Every good and every perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father of lights who does not change like shifting shadows

Movements Start with Kingdom Purpose In a Son! In a Kingdom Business!



Fear of the Lord

Have your senses exercised to discern:

- The realm of the flesh (Rom 8:8, Mt 7:21-23)
- The realm of the spirit (where God dwells)
- Where living words originate

Honor what is real from Father- it's treasure; it's alive.

From glory to glory He's changing sons, transfiguring, transforming in the Council

2Cor 3:17 – Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

18) But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being transformed (G3339, Metamorphoo) into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.