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Expansion Is Controlled In The Spirit Realm

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 NLT “⁹ There was a man named Jabez who was more honorable than any of his brothers. His mother named him Jabez because his birth had been so painful. ¹⁰ He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!” And God granted him his request.”

Hey brother, what’s your name? What’s the meaning of your name? What about you, sister? What’s your name, and what’s the meaning of your name? Did you ask your parents why they named you Christaine or Kingsley? What happened at the time that you were born? Did that have any influence on how you were named? As for Jabez, his mother named him after the trouble and pain that she endured in the period leading to and up to when he was born. The mother had in mind to let everyone know that Jabez came along at a time of great pain. His mother wanted anyone who did not know what pain looked like to find an easy answer on the face of her son. She must have, for many people, personified pain by the image of her son. Could you imagine Jabez applying for a job and saying something like, “If you think of pain, think Jabez. I come with pain. I come with trouble. I am the guy you send to someone you do not like. Would you want someone like that to be your employee or colleague? Would you want him as a roommate? What a name!!!

Drawing from the story of John the Baptist, it wouldn’t be out of place to infer that the kinsmen agreed with Jabez’s mother that he fully satisfied, yes, he checked all the boxes of someone who should be named pain. Luke 1:59-63 NKJV says, “⁵⁹ So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. ⁶⁰ His mother answered and said, “No; he shall be called John.” ⁶¹ But they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.” ⁶² So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called. ⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” So they all marveled.” The name had to fit. The name had to describe what the parent believed she had given birth to. The name had to convey a message that the parent was sending to her future. The message of pain was like a yoke around this man’s neck. He bore this yoke in ignorance until he became restless. And like the word says, and it shall come to pass when you will have dominion, that you will break the yoke from off your neck (Gen 27:40).

Jabez came to a place where he took dominion over his mother’s ignorance, and he broke her yoke of pain off his neck. Jabez came to a place where he assessed his efforts against the results, weighed them on a scale, and realized that his investments were more than the returns, and he decided to break the yoke of limitation from off his neck. Jabez came to the place where he could no longer accept to be defined by the pain of a past that he had no control over, and he decided to break the yoke of justifying mediocrity off his neck. Jabez knew that there was a community of kinsmen to whom it seemed befitting that he be named ‘Pain or bearer of sorrow or bearer of trouble,’ so he turned, not to that community of kinsmen, but to the community that he had come to know to investigate the matter and grant him a new way forward.

Jabez turned to the GOD of Israel. Jabez cried out to his GOD, “Oh, that You would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do and keep me from all trouble and pain!” Oh, that You would bless me and expand my territory! Oh, that You would drive out all these wicked Egyptians that I see today so that I shall never see them again. Oh, that You would bring down this barrier that has stood on my way for all these years and I have not been able to move out of this apartment. Oh, that You would restrict these unending waves of gossips, false accusations and cooked-up lies and defamation against me so that I may have friends and keep them. Oh, that You would push me over the finish line and break this cycle of near success.

The Bible tells us that Jabez prayed, and GOD granted his request. This means that Jabez’s territory expanded. GOD granted his request tells us that GOD was with him in all he did. GOD granted his request means that GOD kept him from all trouble. GOD granted his request means that Jabez’s life going forward was a pain-free life. This could be your story if only you would pray like Jabez. He prayed a prayer of faith. He prayed a prayer by revelation. He knew that his GOD had ears to hear from a man who would pray. He knew that expansion comes by prayer. He knew that the only way to get back on track with full restoration was by praying for GOD to be with you. The prayer itself is a pledge to align with the ways of GOD and nothing else. The prayer is a recognition that you cannot do it all by yourself and you need the help of Your Father. Jabez had examined his life and concluded that it could be better. Jabez looked around and concluded that only GOD, only the GOD of Israel could turn his story around. Jabez cried out to the GOD of Israel and He granted him his request.

I have come to remind somebody that we are all answered-prayers of expansion waiting to happen. I have come to tell somebody that you are one step away from the expansion that GOD desires for you and you must find it necessary to ask. You must find it necessary to seek the face of GOD concerning your story. You must find it necessary to engage by knocking on the doors that you have found by revelation until they are open. We must become restless about our present conditions and break the yoke of their limitations off our necks. Expansion is waiting for when we will realize and acknowledge that we have dominion over the roadblocks and limitations before us. The obstacles we see, the things we fear, the things that discourage us from taking a leap of faith, are all mirages, fake, smokescreens, motion detecting sliding doors waiting for you to approach, because dominion over every fiber of what these obstacles are made of has been given to man.

Let us look at our position in this journey called man and see how we can move from where we are to where we can say a short prayer like Jabez, and the mountains will move to bring about our expansion. Our human story is a story of man created into GOD’s family, he messed up, and his Redeemer came and offered him the opportunity to realign back into GOD’s family. That’s the family into which those who believe in the Son of GOD are adopted into. That’s the family that the adopted must adapt to. Adapting to the ways of GOD’s family brings about our best alignment for expansion because the alignment represents GOD’s divine vision for us, and GOD is only obligated to make provisions for His vision.

Scriptures says in 1 Corinthians 2:9-13 KJV ⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. ¹⁰ But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all

things, yea, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. ¹³ Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

We also learn from John 14:15-17 KJV that, ¹⁵ “If ye love me, keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; ¹⁷ Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” Christ is encouraging us in this Scripture to demonstrate our love for Him by keeping His commandments. By adapting to the rules of His Father’s kingdom. It is Christ of whom the Scripture says, ¹⁹ “For it pleased the Father that in Him all fullness should dwell,” (Colossians 1:19). There has never been any better authority to give mankind the metrics to access what GOD has in store for us than Our Lord Jesus Christ, so we must hold unto every word of His because our present and future depend on His word. Christ was supreme in the beginning and, in leading the resurrection parade, He is supreme in the end. From beginning to end He’s there, towering far above everything, and everyone. So spacious is He, so expansive, that everything of God finds its proper place in Him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe, people and things, animals and atoms, get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of His death, and His blood that poured down and redeemed us from the dominion of Satan.

It has pleased GOD to send the Spirit who raised Christ from the dead to reside in us. Have we searched out how to properly align with this spirit? The Apostle Peter did, and we may get to that if time permits. Every earthly event, achievement, advancement, accomplishment, etc., is a coming to pass of what was in the realms of the spirit. The spirit realms are pregnant with the fullness of GOD’s provision for your life. All that you need to expand and maximize your walk of dominion in every earthly realm – water, air, fire, earth, was released on the day that you were created. Your created being is in alignment as Elohim but your formed being, the Adamic being, needs to benefit from the grace of your Christ being to realign once again as Elohim.

Let’s look at what the Scriptures say in Genesis 1:26-28 Names of God original translation. It reads, ²⁶ “Then **Elohim** said, “Let us make humans in our image, in our likeness. Let them rule the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the domestic animals all over the earth, and all the animals that crawl on the earth.” ²⁷ So **Elohim** created humans in his image. In the image of **Elohim** he created them. He created them male and female. ²⁸ **Elohim** blessed them and said, “Be fertile, increase in number, fill the earth, and be its master. Rule the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that crawl on the earth.”

Beloved, contrary to understanding influenced by religion, Elohim is not a name of GOD the Father, but rather a rank in the realm of created deities that allows for the Son and the Holy Spirit to function fluently. GOD had a high esteem for a being with a free will to share His dominion with. Spirit to spirit communication is by thought. We see an example of this in Genesis 8:21-22 KJV as follows, ²¹ “And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will

not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. ²² While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.” After Noah’s sacrifice GOD smelled the sweet fragrance and thought to himself, “I will never again curse the ground because of people. I know they have this bent toward evil from an early age, but I will never again kill off everything living as I have just done. GOD thought and because of that the angels responsible for times and seasons went to work and have never ceased. In like manner, when GOD thought about creating man, the Elohim went to work and created a being in their image and in their likeness.

GOD the Father was pleased with the work of the Elohim and went ahead to add a second dimension to man by Himself. Genesis 2:7-8 Names of God original translation reads, “⁷ Then **Yahweh Elohim** formed the man from the dust of the earth and blew the breath of life into his nostrils. The man became a living being. ⁸ **Yahweh Elohim** planted a garden in Eden, in the east. That’s where he put the man whom he had formed.” It was Yahweh Elohim, GOD the Father, who formed man from the dust of the earth and breathed His breath into man making him a living soul. Thus, the man created by Elohim in their image and likeness, and given form by Yahweh Elohim is himself Elohim, has the authority of Elohim, and the influence of Elohim upon the earth! You are Elohim. I am Elohim. We are Elohim. The operating system within us is Elohim, and any expansion that you experience is like the discovery and mastery of a new function of a key on your keyboard. The letter or number or symbol key existed on your keyboard when it left the manufacturer’s shop. It was on your keyboard the day you bought the machine. It did not just appear on your keyboard the day that you learned about it. It had always been there.

Just like your electronic device has a keyboard whose strokes communicate with its operating system to yield different outcomes, so too do you have a spiritual keyboard that activates different pockets of information on the Elohim operating system. This spiritual keyboard is your anointing, it is your mantle, and just like the physical keyboard it never grows. People don’t grow in mantle, so it implies that people don’t grow in anointing. They just discover what they have in their hand and operate in that dimension just like someone would discover a new function on their keyboard. Moses had to stand confused by the Red Sea before he would be reminded by The LORD that an additional function that his mantle came with was the parting of the body of water. Mantles are not needed in heaven because no one is sick, there are no deaths, no demon possessed, no one looking for answers, etc., so mantles do not leave the earth. That’s why we are told in Revelation 11 that the two witnesses will come in the spirit of Moses and the spirit of Elijah.

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah the angel told him that John the Baptist shall come by the power and spirit of Elijah and the Holy Spirit shall be with him from his mother’s womb. The mantle of Elijah remained on the earth when he was taken up to heaven by a whirlwind as we find in 2 Kings 2:11. Elisha had a double portion of that mantle and that made it different from the mantle of Elijah. Elijah went to heaven, but his mantle remained on the earth, and when John was promised to Zechariah and Elizabeth, it was made clear that the mantle of Elijah would be given to John. You must take your time to study the life of the person whose mantle you receive to properly function in it. It is important to know the challenges that they

dealt with so that you can better position yourself to overcome. If you do not study their lives, then it is possible that what was supposed to conquer them would conquer you. Let's take a quick look at how John the Baptist died.

Jezebel requested the head of Elijah and Elijah, instead of condemning the words of Jezebel, panicked and asked The LORD to take him home. **So, Elijah left this earth knowing that a wicked queen had placed a bounty upon his head.** Elisha didn't have to deal with this because his mantle was different. But anyone carrying the mantle of Elijah is exposed to this bounty and whenever a wicked queen has the opportunity, she will fulfill this standing request or standing demand on Elijah's head. Words don't die (Isaiah 54:17), words are spirit and life (John 6:63). So, the words of Jezebel will remain in perpetuity on the mantle of Elijah. You must condemn the words spoken against you in judgment otherwise they continue to hover over your mantle looking for when to strike. GOD is the Word, and John 4:24 GOD is Spirit. Words are like instructions released into the atmosphere which will not return void. The words of Jezebel found in Herodias the right partnership for implementation, and she had her daughter ask for John's head on a platter (Matthew 14:1-12).

John died the way he died because of the mantle he carried. You may receive a mantle but fail to function at that level because of your rank. Your business is to discover the full dimension of the operating system of Elohim within you. Man has been given two choices for divine expansion. The first choice that man had was to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **Man was given the God operating system but he did not have the intelligence to ascend to the climax of the Elohim dimension. Satan knew that the best time to cause man to forfeit this dimension was to come at the very early stage of his development in his earthly school when man had not attained the fullness of his capacity.** Satan came to stop man from developing the God dimension within him to become the fullness of the Elohim.

Elohim have the highest authority in the multiverse of GOD. For you to be a trusted Elohim you must be tested on the choices that you make. So, GOD placed a tree, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, in the middle of the Garden. That tree was a test for the next phase of man's glory, but he did not know it. For you to be an effective Elohim you must become skillful at choosing good because it is required of Elohim to be good all the time. Poor choice caused some of the glory to be lost because man listened to a lower class being. Sin reduced the glory of Elohim – for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim. **All of mankind was still in Adam when he sinned so that sin, being an exchange of glory between man and Satan caused man to fall to a lower degree of glory.**

Man's second choice is to receive salvation by grace through faith in Christ Jesus, who is the tree of life. 2 Corinthians 5:16-19 NASB reads, **"¹⁶ Therefore from now on we recognize no one by the flesh; even though we have known Christ by the flesh, yet now we know *Him in this way* no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *this person is* a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. ¹⁸ Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their wrongdoings against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."** You must cause your being to take full residency of Elohim. You must recognize everyone in Christ by the spirit as Elohim. Why would

you want to settle for less when GOD Himself was in Christ reconciling us back to Himself? This reconciliation was to get us back all the way to Elohim before the fall of man. Christ was supreme in the beginning and, in leading the resurrection parade, He is supreme in the end. This is what has been made available to you as a new person in Christ. From beginning to end Christ is there, towering far above everything, and everyone. So spacious is He, so expansive, that everything of God finds its proper place in Him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe, all the broken people and things, animals and atoms, get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of His death, and His blood that poured down and redeemed us onto a new creation with capacity to climax in the Elohim dimension.

There is going to be a limitation of the manifestation of Elohim in your life if you are a Christian who wants to remain in one place. You will not have much influence in the matters and affairs of this world if you don't want to sacrifice and grow in your spiritual rank. Never become complacent with where you are in your walk with GOD; always strive to go higher. Jesus said we will do greater works – He gave this to all who believe in Him. He opened the way as author and finisher or perfecter of our faith, and he expects you to grow or seek after doing greater things than what Christ did. Growing from one level to another is your responsibility.

Your rank in the spirit is directly proportional to your growth in maturity and determines the different roles we play in the kingdom. The more fruitful you are in these ranks talks about your growth. The epistles tell us of seven levels in the body of Christ – Anothén, Nepios, Paidion, Teknon, Neaniskos, Huíos, Pater.

John 3:3 MEV ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly I say to you, unless a man is born again (Anothén), he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Matthew 21:16 MEV ¹⁶ and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of children and infants (Nepios) You have perfected praise’?”

1 John 2:12-14 MEV ¹² I am writing to you, little children (Teknon), because your sins are forgiven for His name's sake. ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers (Pater), because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men (Neaniskos), because you have overcome the evil one. I am writing to you, little children (Paidion), because you have known the Father. ¹⁴ I have written to you, fathers (Pater), because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men (Neaniskos), because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.”

Romans 8:14 MEV ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons (Huíos) of God.”

When dealing with spiritual ranking we need to know whether we are still carnal Christians, babies or infants, children or young men or sons or fathers. Carnal Christians are not even children. You grow in your spiritual rank by overcoming temptation. Growing in rank is not a function of time but that of your ability to overcome temptation. There is a difference between temptation and test. When you pass a test, you grow in grace. When you overcome temptation,

you grow in rank. The Holy Spirit led Jesus to be tempted of the Devil so that when He will grow in rank when He overcomes. During your temptations the Holy Spirit does not overcome the Devil for you. Jesus used what He knows will counter the tricks of the Devil – it is written. It was Jesus who fought and overcame the Devil in the wilderness. It was not the Holy Spirit who did the resisting of the Devil, but Jesus did. That's why we are advised in James 4:7 to resist the Devil and he will flee from us.

Every gift in our lives is backed by grace. If you don't know about the gift, the grace of GOD upon your life will be in vain. 2 Peter 1:2 MEV states, **"Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."** Grace increases through knowledge. You are not just given increasing grace, but you must engage through the acquisition of knowledge. You must do the work after the impartation so that you can scale the heights of that gift. In the spirit realm things are bought at a price. Take responsibility as Elohim, pay the price through acquiring knowledge and serving, commit to focus on fulfilling your purpose, and may The LORD see you through as you expand with understanding.