

PROPHETIC POSITIONING

In the Kingdom for such a time as this



'...Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?' Esther 4:14

Everyone on this side of eternity was created with a purpose to accomplish, yet many of us don't ever get to achieve the fullness of the life we're to live, people to impact and territories to take. More often than not, this is largely because we do not have an accurate understanding of three critical areas.

Interestingly these 3 areas also form part of the simple, yet key questions medical personnel often ask patients who appear disoriented which cover three main areas – identity, understanding of the current location and sense of timing.

In this brief study we will explore how our understanding and assessment of these areas can be applied in helping us understand our prophetic positioning and how we respond to the times and seasons.



Day 1 Identity

'...Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory...' Romans 8:15,17

The Bible tells us that believers are joint heirs with Christ, meaning we have access to everything in God that Christ has. The fact that we are joint heirs with access doesn't stop the enemy from creating confusion by making us think that he still has authority over us, meanwhile that is not the case. If we don't know who we are and what we carry it will be impossible for us to fulfil our mandate of discipling nations and walking in dominion, or successfully complete our specific assignment here.

'You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain and be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name [as My representative] He may give to you.' John 15:16

When we understand the implications of who we are, it becomes clear why the enemy fights so hard to rob believers of their identity because he knows clearly how dangerous a believer with understanding of his/her true identity is to his kingdom. With understanding comes audacity in expanding the frontiers of God's kingdom here on earth. Knowing we didn't choose ourselves but were chosen by Jesus to be His representatives makes it easier to partner with the Holy Spirit to fulfil our prophetic assignment according to heaven's plan for our lives.

'I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him...' Ephesians 1:19

We recognise that we're not expected to work things out in our strength, but with the support of the immeasurable resources of our Father. When it comes to fulfilling His plans, God will always do His part. It's left to us to know who we are in Him so we can successfully do ours.

Prayer: Lord thank You for opening my eyes to see that I am a joint heir with Christ with unlimited access to You. Help me to fulfil all that You designed me to be on this side of eternity.

Day 2

Location

'Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.' Ephesians 1:21

'For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.' Ephesians 2:6

'You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven...' Hebrews 12:23

A strategy often employed by pilots to avoid atmospheric interference is to fly at an altitude higher than clouds where the weather is typically calmer. This is a strategy we should employ as believers on this journey of life: constantly locating ourselves at a spiritual altitude higher than what's going on around us. The Bible makes it clear that because we are joint heirs with Christ, we are already seated with Him in heavenly realms Far above anything that's going on around us and trying to weigh us down.

'Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.' Matthew 6:10

'And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.' Romans 12:2

If we don't realize our spiritual location, we will restrict our focus and dependency to what we can see in the natural and permit the things going on around us to overwhelm us. That's not how we're supposed to live. We are meant to take our cues first from the spiritual perspective and then superimpose it on the natural to drive the execution of God's plans. Recall we learned yesterday that we are Christ's representatives here on earth? It's therefore our responsibility to bring kingdom impact wherever we have been placed (Jn 15:16), rather than be subsumed by what's happening around us. That's the only way we can clearly demonstrate God's kingdom agenda.

Prayer: Thank You Lord for showing me that I am seated far above all the things occurring around me and every power of the enemy trying to hinder me. Help me renew my mind to consistently understand my spiritual location and function at that level.

Day 3 Time

'...You know how to interpret the weather signs in the sky, but you don't know how to interpret the signs of the times!' Matthew 16:3

Jesus chastised the pharisees and saducees severely for looking at life only through natural eyes, and not discerning accurately the time they were in. This tells us that our assessment of time is critical to our perception of and response to life. The enemy would have us live with the wrong perception of time: postponing drawing nearer to God, doing anything for the kingdom because we believe we still have more than enough time so it's okay not to prioritize walking with God, or investing in spending time with Him to understand what His priority is at any given time.

'Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.' Psalms 90:12 NLT

Even if a person lives beyond 100 years, that's still a dot within the context of eternity. The enemy would like us to forget this very critical fact and focus majorly on the here and now. But that's not how God would have us live. Because God has placed the context of eternity in our hearts, most of us have a yearning for more, however this yearning is often drowned out by the activities of life. So it's easier to be busy than to consistently take time to out to invest in nurturing our spiritual growth and understanding the specific assignment God has for us.

'From the tribe of Issachar... All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.' 1 Chronicles 12:32

'See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise' Ephesians 5:15

What stood the sons of Issachar out was their ability to understand the signs of the times so they could respond accurately. God in his wisdom has created both physical and natural timelines and allocated specific times for different activities – both in our personal lives and on a larger scale. This is why the Bible constantly admonishes us to be wise and pay attention to the times we are in so we are not side tracked and end up with the wrong focus for the season and make wrong decisions.

Prayer: Lord, please help me live wisely with a high level of perception, discernment and an accurate understanding of the times so I consistently respond correctly.

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