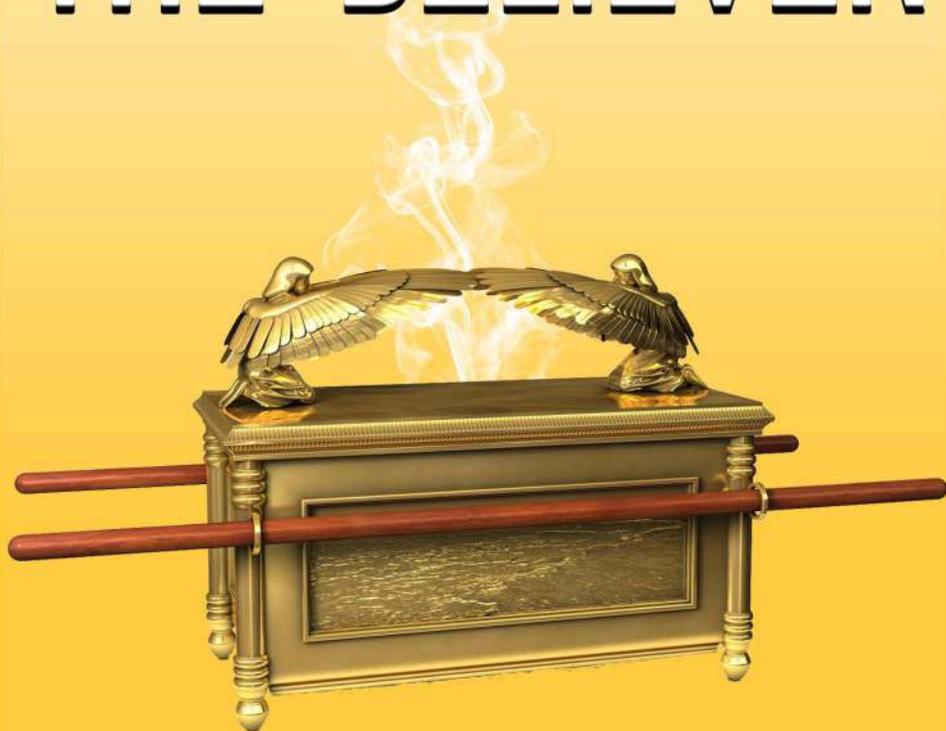
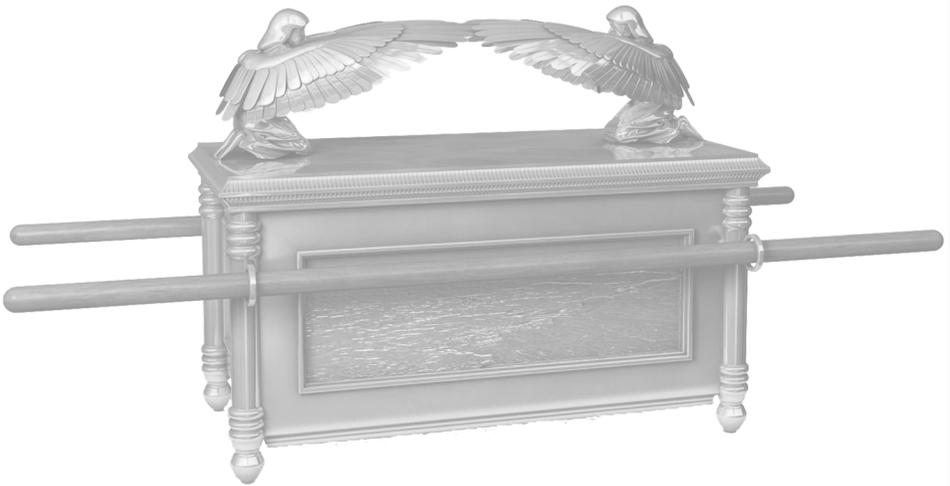


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I dedicate this book to The Lord Jesus Himself! Jesus, I really do want to pour out my life on You! You are the lover of my soul— how I long for your courts and to enter into Your presence. I am a ruined man before you met me and first loved me! Thank you, Jesus!

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We are ministers of the third day. Our journey is a three-day journey, from the outer court, inner court to the holy of holies.

The Believer

You cannot be too careful seeking God because we are in a time where prayer is a necessity and a prerequisite for our advancement. Prayer cannot now be a choice; it has to be a lifestyle. Now is the time for men to learn how to pray for themselves. In times past, men interceded for men, but men must learn to pray and build-up themselves in The Holy Ghost. We have misplaced our priorities as a people and have taken upon ourselves our burdens and neglected the burdens and the demands of God. As such, we become casualties of warfare. We need sons to rise. This is not just a cliché because this is not the season for babies. We are in a Kairos time for serious kingdom business, and you need to define where you belong among the quorum. A generation of a

new breed of people must rise upon the face of the earth, of which God will wheel his mandate on. These men are not partisan to societal and nominal belief.

If we must be relevant in times to come, we must give ears to the whispers of God and yield to his core demands, resist the temptation to conform to that which does not speak about Christ.

As a prophetic generation, we must be a people who know the ways of God. We must strive to have a backup from heaven to function appropriately and accurately within the seasons. If we are aligned with God as a people, we will look like misfits to men. The coming years are not the years of men, but the years of the immortals. Many will be shocked and surprised as the days ahead will become more unprecedented.

Many things will remain a mystery in the lives of many as the years unfold, but only men of understanding will be able to decipher it. There are diverse civilizations that seek to colonize us, but with wisdom, knowledge, and perfect comprehension of the times, we can escape its corruption. Daniel understood the spiritual atmosphere of Babylon that was why he was able to live above the corruption of Babylon through consistent travailing in prayers. We must travail as a generation to breakthrough these reoccurring paerns of Babylon. The first symptom of travailing is restlessness, but as we continue to press forward despite the restlessness, it changes us. A child may be comfortable in his/her mother's womb until nine months when it is time for him/her to come out to desire to come out of the womb. Elijah was a man of like passion like you and me, but praying became the vital tool for his recorded victories. We will keep ascending to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the assembly of the saints, a celestial realm of legislation upon which we all are legal legislators. Do you know you are part of this assembly? You are a representative in that assembly, an honorable member. How is your appointed region, oh keeper of the gates? When last did you stand within the courts of God? God will always come to judge the sons when the sons become irresponsible in dispensing their duties. When the members of the house do nothing, many things will go out of order. Be more responsible, says the Lord of host, for I will give unto you the throne of David and the heathen nations as an inheritance.

Our Journey in the Court of God

The Tabernacle of God symbolizes our journey in Christ; from beginning to the end. God showed Moses the court pattern on the mountain. We are ministers of the third day. Our journey is a three-day journey; from the outer court, inner court to the holy of holies. As we journey into the court of God, the realm of perfection is in the holy of holies where we become one with The Spirit of God and manifest Christ upon the earth.

To each of the courts, there is a veil that separates them. This spiritual veil limits us from accessing new levels of operation in God. That is why, when the veil is taken away, we encounter a new level of glory and manifestation. A believer sojourning may become weary because of this veil hindering him from accessing light and revelation. Many are tired because of their inability to go beyond the veil. You must realize that such veils are there because you are at a particular level within the court of God, and these veils are spiritual and alive. We know that these veils are like curtains that cover things, persons, or people from being seen. In the realm of the spirit, barriers are the same. They also serve as veils and grow thicker or lighter according to your level of light.

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There are veils in our mind which build strongholds; limit us from perceiving and receiving light from God. The limiting veils in our minds are thoughts and ideas that may not be of God and serve as a wall. We need to be open to Christ to take them away from us as we advance in prayer. Every veil will be torn when you offer the required kind of sacrifice. Veils seal possibilities in the Spirit so that those that cannot speak the language of the being which is a veil may not enter, and those that cannot offer the required sacrifice will be kept out of the court. Many things will not be revealed; until the veil covering them is taken away. Even God hides His glory within the veils.

What separates the outer, inner, and the most holy place: are veils, and each open when you have fulfilled the demands of the keepers of the

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gate. These beings determine who enters into that dimension or level in the spirit through their level of sacrifice and ordination. No wonder even the doorway to the holy of holies requires the priest to go from the altar of incense burning and carrying the incense altar as he goes in else he will die. You will advance in the courts of God by dying continually. You must embrace death. Death will always be required by believers to enter

into any pathway in God.

The Outer Court

Each of the courts of God has diverse furniture with distinctive significance.

- **Brasen Altar**

The first piece of furniture you will encounter as you enter the outer court is the brasen altar of sacrifice. This represents the sacrifice for our sin, and all the children of Israel have access to this. They come with a lamb and lay their sins upon it, and the priest sacrifices it on their behalf. Ours is a spiritual lamb, The Lamb of God – Jesus Christ. He became our sacrificial lamb taking upon Himself our sins that we may be free from the bondage of sin forever. Therefore, this symbolizes our born again experience. Believing and accepting the sacrifice of Jesus guarantees it.

The furniture in the outer court is made of brass and is liken to fake gold. It shines but can also fade away. The people at this level will see a manifestation of glory for a little while, and then it will begin to fade away. This shows that there is a need for advancement beyond that level within the court. The sign that a believer is in the outer court is this; today they are on fire for God, and tomorrow they are backsliding. There cannot be consistency because the light and the glory within such a level do not last forever as it will always fade away.

The outer court has no covering or a roof. This means that they see by the light of the sun and the moon. They work in the day and leave by the night; their illumination is transient. Brass is more like judgment. Their sin is judged in the outer court.

- **Brasen Larva**

The second piece of furniture found in the outer court is the brasen larva. Here is the place of sanctification, and only the five sons of Aaron were allowed to minister here. At the brasen altar of sacrifice, many priests can have access there, but at the brasen larva; only the five sons of Aaron were allowed access. Ours is like the washing of the water by The Word. How much has The Word penetrated your soul? Also, the pot is made of brass but polished like a mirror so, one can see his/herself. The five sons of Aaron are likened unto the fivefold ministers; who have access to equip the Body of Christ into maturity. Nobody can enter into such operations except as they are commissioned by Jesus and must be clean. They must clean themselves before they can minister. We are made able ministers of the new covenant.

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:25

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

The water and brass are like the word of God upon which we are demanded to look onto and be sanctified daily. We are demanded to look into the perfect law of liberty to be saved and sanctified. Behold in a mirror-like in a glass to be transformed to the same image of the Christ. After the born again experience comes sanctification through the washing of the water by the Word.

The Inner Court

Entering the inner court requires a degree of holiness from us. The farther you go in the court, the lonelier it becomes. At the inner court, our spiritual senses are activated, and that is where spirituality begins. Only the five priests were permitted into the inner court. Also, the inner court is the realm of Pentecostal experiences and the manifestation of the gifting of The Spirit. The furniture in the inner court are made of gold and not brass.

- **Menorah (The Seven Candle Lampstand)**

As you journey within the court you will encounter the first furniture of the inner place which is the lampstand- the seven candle lampstand of God. It is also called the Menorah. It is known as the seven Spirit of God as seen in the book of Isaiah. Here a believer is supposed to be a partaker of the same Spirit God.

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 11:2

- **Table of Showbread**

Another piece of furniture in the inner court is the table of showbread. This has twelve loaves of hallow bread upon it. Each loaf represents the twelve nature of God. As priests in the new covenant, we are allowed to eat the bread daily like the sons of Aaron through fellowshiping with The Holy Spirit. Self is judged in the inner place because sin is dealt with in the outer court. In the outer court the Word of God which is the water is applied while in the inner court, we are changed into the very nature of God through Koinonia with His Spirit.

- **Altar of Incense**

The third piece of furniture is the altar of incense. At the altar of incense, only the high priest functions in this part. He burns incense on this altar and He alone knows the perfect combination to produce the particular incense burnt on that altar. The altar of incense represents the prayer of the saints – intercession. It was instructed that the fire on the

altar should never go out day or night. As believers, we to pray without ceasing; prayers must continually ascend to God.

In the brasen altar of sacrifice, you may have no work to do, the priest does it for you just like the Israelite, but as you begin to advance in the outer court, you begin to get sanctified and become a co-worker with God. As the priest burns incense on the altar of incense, the nature of God is worked in you. At the lampstand, there are gifts birthed in you, and The Spirit guarantees you are illuminated. At the altar of incense, we become a living fragrance unto God, a burnt offering, and a living sacrifice unto God for our glorification.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live.

Hebrews 12:1-9

Your life becomes an incense to God at the altar of incense. At the altar of incense, you lose your humanity and become immortal. At the altar of incense, the priest afflicts his soul until his spirit becomes more alive in him. At the altar of incense, you become like the living Christ. The salvation of the soul is the end of our journey in mortality. The flesh is burnt, the spirit is revealed, and the soul is afflicted unto salvation. Afterward, we become immortals no longer subject to death.

Receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls. Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

1 peter 1:9-11

After the salvation of the soul and the altar of incense, the veil to the holy of holies is opened.

The Holy of Holies

The holy of holies was entered only once a year, but the inner and outer court can be assessed daily because they must trim the lampstand.

“ The salvation of the soul is the end of our journey in mortality. The flesh is burnt, the spirit is revealed, and the soul is afflicted unto salvation.

We need to work on our soul daily if we must go beyond the Inner court in our journey in God. Like Eden, the Cherubs guard the access to the inheritance of the tree of life. Eden is an extension of heaven.

The brasen larva is the furniture used to enter the inner court. The altar of incense is the furniture used to enter the most holy place. Only Aaron uses it to enter inside the most holy place. We saw the veil of the most holy place parted when Jesus died. The place of the throne is the most holy place. It is the realm of perfection, every man that has ever

lived a life full of The Spirit, died to self to access the Holy of Holies.

Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Hebrews 11:36-40

They saw the inheritance, but they could not enter because it was not revealed to them, Jesus revealed it to us. It is also the realm of life. If you enter you don't die again. When you enter the holy of holies, you live forever and not die. No one accesses it freely; there is a price to pay to be qualified entry. The true reality of the holy holies is that: it is not a realm for taking, it is an experience beyond the realm of mortal men. Surely, many have had a foretaste of it and were taken off the earth.

After that realm, you cannot live here on earth because the world will no longer be worthy of you. There is such a thing as the water of the word, the meat of the word, and the fire of the word. The realm of the fire of the world is the reality of the holy of holies and nothing that lives on earth exists there. It is the realm of perfection, and we are all on a journey to perfection. At the altar of incense, no flesh can see Him as such every flesh is taken away. The holy holies is the place for the mercy seat the evidence of the finished work of Christ. As you enter the place of the mercy seat your work ceases, and mercy takes you further.

- **The Mercy Seat**

The mercy seat is one of the pieces of furniture found in the holy of holies. At the Mercy seat, blood is sprinkled. The blood of animals was used, and then Christ gave His life. This is where the blood of Christ speaks better things on our behalf. The mercy seat responds to nothing, but the blood of Christ.

- **The Ark of Covenant**

The second piece of furniture is the Ark of Covenant, upon which the mercy seat is seated. Inside the Ark of the Covenant are three items that must become our nature. The nature you take up is represented by the three items in the Ark of the Covenant. The First is the Golden pot of Manna. Gold represents God and purity. The incorruptible manna is a nature of divinity in which mortality is swallowed by immortality. The second item is Aaron's rod that budded. It is the nature of life from the dead - the resurrection. The Bible said Christ has brought life and immortality to life through the scriptures (2 Timothy 1:10, 1 Timothy 6:16). Surely, only God has immortality but he has decided to give it to us.

At the stage of perfection, death and grave are conquered and have no power over them that made it thus far. The realm of perfection is for all of us, but you must pay the requisite price.

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

According to scriptures, we will not precede them into immortality, and they will not precede us into immortality also as such many fall at the holy of holies. The reality of the holy of holies is perfection, it is the last journey of a sojourner who strives to advance in God. In the realm of perfection, we see the Ark of the Covenant, upon it is the mercy seat and the two Cherubs that cover the mercy seat with their wings. Inside the Ark of the Covenant, we saw three prophetic items which are natures we must embrace to be work in us for the realm of perfection. The first item is the budded Aaron's rod which

“ Christ died to bring us to the place of the holy of holies.

signifies the nature of resurrection at work in us. The manna; which is the food of the angels. It signifies communion- eating the body of Christ and drinking His blood. The tablet of stones which is the nature of the immortal Word of God written and alive in our heart. After such natures have been worked in us, we become like the begotten Christ who went first for us all. Christ died to bring us to that place of the holy of holies. No man can ever go that far to that realm of perfection except Christ Jesus, He became the light of the holy of holies. In the outer Court; the sun is the source of light, in the inner court; the seven candle lampstand which is the menorah is the source of light while in the holy of holies; God is the light. There, you will see the visible Shekinah glory.

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.

Hebrews 6:1-3

No wonder the writer of the book of Hebrews tagged everything we have celebrated in the body of Christ as elementary. He demanded that we go deeper into the realm of perfection and harness the realities that lie within those corridors. Now necessity is being laid upon us to advance more. We cannot settle for that which is comfortable as a people. As a sojourner in God, you must determine how far you are willing to go because there are levels no man can take you, such as the realm of perfection. It is not the realm of men because men stop at the Inner court. Going deeper to the holy of holies will require an individual dying to self completely.

You will continue to lose yourself as you ascend to such a realm, you become dead that you may live. Here, no one will die for you, no one will make the sacrifice for you. It is a realm beyond mortality. There are many still making effort to enter into the realm of life. I urge everyone as a faithful witness of The Truth to strive beyond the realm of men to journey into the realm of God where perfection is a reality. Even if you fall in the inner place, you are guaranteed a better resurrection. It is more profitable for you to begin the journey and fall asleep in the Inner

place than you never begin at all. Everyone is still on a journey, and as weary sojourners, you must continue as so many realities await you in the holy of holies.

I pray that as we journey, we all will be clothed beyond the realm of men, and become living realities of the realm of perfection in God. I have decided to continually strive; until I am cloth and perfected. I must embrace death, and death is not an object of fear, so help me God.

Amen and amen.

-----Get involve, Get engaged. The master called unto you-----

Cheers.

Godspeed.

Much love.

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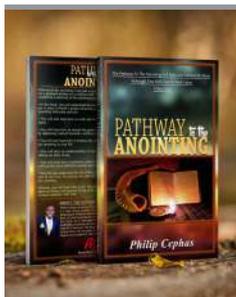
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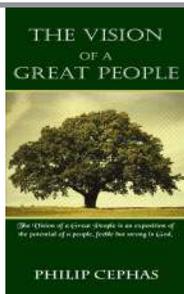
The prophetic and vision is a revelation from The Holy Spirit, and a clarion called into the experiences of the prophetic. You don't have to be a prophet called into the office of the prophetic to function in the prophetic. The speaking and dealings of God is prophetic in nature.

PATHWAY TO THE ANOINTING



Pathway to the anointing is not just a product of a research done in the flesh, but a personal dealing of walking with The Holy Spirit over time which has resulted to a smearing of the anointing upon my life by God.

VISION OF A GREAT PEOPLE



The vision of a great people is a lile story and a fiction of a family who has been helped by God and still being helped by Him. Among many systems of God expansion upon the face of the earth, a man is pivotal.

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My heart bursts its banks, spilling beauty and goodness. I pour it out in a poem to the king, shaping the river into words:

Ps 45:1 MSG

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Ps 68:11 KJV

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