

**THE HEAVENLY PLACES SERIES**

**EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE**

We have been touching on the throne room of God. We are continuing to touch on some other aspects of God's throne room. There are many different experiences that all of us will grow into that all of us will need to experience. Christian life can be said to be a continuous experience with God. God is not just a theology. Christianity is not just a creed. God is a person; therefore Christianity is a living vital experience with God. And we need to grow from one experience to another. We need more and more experiences. We always need to experience God in a different way. Even if you were to experience God in a particular way several times it doesn't matter. Each experience is new. We need to see our prayer time that we spend with God whether on Sunday or on Friday as a time that we have come to experience God, a time when we have come to make contact and communion with Him.

Now there is a realm in the throne room of God, which I can never ever forget. In fact it has a very lasting effect and impression on my heart and in my mind. And that is where at the throne room of God and the experience of the throne is such that all time ceases. There is no past there, no future there and no present. All the realm of what we have lived with all of our life doesn't exist in God. The realm of time doesn't exist at God's throne. Imagine time to be like a big circle around the throne of God. Of course it goes far out into the galaxy and into the universe. The whole universe and the whole galaxy revolve around the throne of God. And God's throne is at the center of the universe. God's throne is at the center of all His

creation. It is just like the spokes of a wheel. Like my hands being stretched forth, right now, like the spokes of a wheel. There is a scientific principle we need to be aware of that is taking place every time something turns. As I go round in a circle with my hands outstretched like the spokes of a wheel, the velocity of my fingertips is greater than the velocity of my head going round. My fingertips have to move a greater distance in the same time than my head. And right in the central point of my body there would be no motion at all. That is why when ice skaters do the ice ballet, they use the scientific principle of motion and control the diameter or radius of the circle that they are turning. For example if their hands are stretched out and they start turning, they will move to a certain "X" amount of velocity. But if they suddenly pull their hands in, it will cause them to move much faster. Then to slow down again, they would stretch out again. All those principles are always there in nature. The very tip of the spoke of the wheel would have to move at a faster rate than where the center of the wheel is.

Lets get back to spiritual things as we discuss that. God is in the center of all His creation. All His creation in time exists at the spokes of the wheel. And the nearer you move into God, the more you realize that time stands still. Time exists only in the spokes of the wheel. And that's something strange because we cannot conceive of being timeless. How does God view our creation then? We say that God is the Alpha and Omega. He is the one who was, who is, and who is to come. Now God can see the past. He can see the present and He can see the future as if the whole thing is completed. So when God looks from His throne, to Him it looks as if everything is in the past tense, like everything has been completed. The Old Testament has a very strange word that the translators have difficulty translating. It is what you call the vowel conjugation. And when it is used in a certain manner, it is God speaking in a past tense. And there are many passages that are familiar to you and I that the translators had put it where God said to Abraham. Our translators said, " *God said, 'I would make you a father of many nations.'* " That's what our translators in the English version say. But in the Hebrew it actually says *I have made you a father of many nations*. You and I know that when God was speaking to Abraham at that time he didn't even have a son. And yet God said *I have made you a father of many nations*.

And in the New Testament it tries to explain that principle. Look at Rom. 4:11-22 *As it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" - in the presence of the God*

*whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believes against hope, that he should become a father of many nations; as he had been told, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "reckoned to him as righteousness."*

There are several things that are mentioned here. First God lives in a realm where everything is past tense to Him. Abraham was not yet physically a father of many nations. But God sees past, present, future as past. As if it has already taken place. Here is an important key Abraham needed to move into that same realm to bring it to pass. Since the fall of man circumstances and the physical world are not fully obeying God. That is why Paul in Rom. 8 tells us the whole world is groaning. If the whole world were functioning perfectly it wouldn't groan. Obviously the groan is caused by forces that are resisting the way God want things to be. Not everything is in God's perfect will yet which is obvious. Otherwise the Lord's Prayer will not be that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. It is because His will is not being done on earth. So there are a lot of things that are not flowing in God's power and God's will. How do we move circumstances? Definitely not by our own strength. Definitely not by our own power. Human beings have been altering and changing this earth with brute force as much as they can. But even those brute forces have been guided sometimes by the mercy of God through ideas that God gives to adapt this world to be more a habitable world.

But there is another way in which we could change circumstance. There is a very powerful invisible force, which we could tap upon. Some have tapped upon it and they understood it as the laws of prayer; prayer changes things. Some have tapped upon it and they discovered that those are the laws of visualizing and confession. Some have tapped upon it and they discover that those are the laws of believing God and exercising faith. All these are different definitions but they all point to one similarity: control over the forces that are around us that are out of line with God's will and God's purpose. Obviously there is a battle and obviously we have an enemy called Satan with his cohorts who are fighting against God.

Behind all our prayers, behind all our visualizing, behind all our believing is the bringing of everything to the subjection to the name of Jesus, the will of God and to the power of God. We need to get back to the basic understanding of the source of our power and force and authority. The word of God has shown us how prayer changes things. The story of the bible is the story of how men and women who believed in God changed the destiny of nations, of families and peoples. In the bible every single man or woman of God have faced insurmountable odds. Every single one of them was in hopeless situations. It was required of them that they tap on some higher power and change the world around them. The real key is to get back into that realm where God exists and see how things should be and work out from there. And when God said to Abraham, "I have made you the father of many nations," He was getting Abraham to see that it was already done in the spiritual realm despite whatever level of his experience of God.

Some people ask, "What do you mean by the throne room experience?" By throne room experience it may not mean that you are actually ascended on high. You meet Jesus sitting on the throne. Every time you have a consciousness or a sense of your prayer or circumstances being perfected, you have contacted that presence at the throne room. There is one word that is used here in Rom. 4 that I want to focus on. Rom.4: 17 *"I have made you a father of many nations" - in the presence of the God in whom he believed. Verse 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised.* Fully convinced, believe, now there is something about believing that is very essential to our spiritual progress. What you will receive in the next few hours depends on what you believe. What you will receive in the next few months and in the next few years depends on what you believe now.

There is no such thing as a non-believer in the same sense as there is no such thing as a non-worshipper or somebody who does not worship anything. We all were created with an inherent ability to worship and to believe. We either believe the wrong thing or worship the wrong thing. When someone says I don't worship anything, in actual fact, they do. They worship their own intelligence and ability; man has become his own god. Someone may not be worshipping idols or some false religion, but money may be their god. Somebody may say I don't believe in anything. It is not because they don't believe. It is because they believe in other

things. They believe in other things that are opposite from what you and I believe. To exist as a human being you do believe something. You think that's what you are. If you lose your ability to think you are a vegetable and you are a non-functional human being. As long as we can think we can believe and we can choose.

Believing is vital to our continual experience. And it was the main thing that prevented the Pharisees and Sadducees from believing in Jesus. Believing can be with great effort too. Try to put yourself in the position of the Scribes and the Pharisees. Was it easy in the natural to believe that Jesus is the Messiah? You have watched that boy growing up. You have known His brothers and His sisters. You have bought some tables and chairs from that carpenter's shop. He has served you before. Then suddenly He comes down from some wilderness and says the kingdom of God is at hand. In other words He is saying that He is the Messiah. Think about it: how easy is it to believe? I am bringing that as an illustration to show that some of the things we are choosing not to believe today is the same attitude that the Pharisees and Sadducees had. And we can give excuses and natural reasons. We can reason ourselves out of believing. That is why one with child like faith can only enter the kingdom of God. There is simplicity of believing that we must preserve to get it into the depths of God.

In the gospel of John chapter one, there is a man called Nathanael who finds believing difficult. Philip came to Nathanael in John 1:45 and Philip said we have found him. We have found the Messiah. For centuries the Jews have been waiting for the Messiah. Every religious man and every devout Jew was waiting for the Messiah. And suddenly here comes a friend who said that they have found the Messiah. Nathanael reacted like many natural people would react. Now Philip was very persuasive. *We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth the son of Joseph.* Nathanael replied, *"Could anything good come of Nazareth?"* You know it is not easy to believe. I have analyzed this quality called belief. I have found that it is not so much an ability to question and analyze. **But belief is an ability to put aside our reasoning mind and follow our heart even though we don't understand yet.** It can be a simple thing to do yet paradoxically the hardest. How many people would be willing to put aside their mind?

There is no such thing as a prayer meeting where you can always run it the same

way day after day. There is no such thing as a prayer meeting where you lift up the prayer items and pray to God. It is because true prayer is God telling us what to pray. The other thing is man's cry. You have a shopping list and you came today with a shopping list. They are man's cry. But true prayer is praying what God wants us to pray. Being human we protest, "What about all these needs, situations, circumstances, my job, my rent?" Look very carefully at them: are they our cry or are they really prayer? The true essence of prayer is that we die to everything that is within us and allow God to pray through us for whatever He wants to be prayed for.

People who protest that way haven't read Matt. 6:33; or maybe they have read it but they didn't see its true meaning. When you paraphrase the verse as "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and He will add a car to you" then only they would understand what Jesus was talking about. Isn't that what Jesus is talking about? When He says all these things will be added to you, He talks about physical things. Why can't we get it into our understanding that those things would be taken care of? Yet how many times prayer meetings would revolve around our personal needs. I am not saying that we don't pray for those things. Sometimes God have it come out through your life. But it is more in the flow of what God wants you to pray. Give us this day our daily bread. So there is an avenue for that. There is a deep realm of prayer where you move further. And you have been seeking after God and all these things are added onto you. Now there is a realm of belief where we need to get in.

Lets get back to Nathanael. Nathanael said he finds it hard to believe that the Messiah has come; that the Messiah could have come out from Nazareth; that the Messiah could be Jesus son of Joseph the carpenter. In verse 46 Nathanael said could anything good come out of Nazareth. Philip said come and see. Now when he came and saw - imagine what was the condition of his mind? He didn't come saying, "Yes, yes He is the Messiah." He didn't come with that attitude. He came with the same attitude as mentioned in verse 46. And as he came to Jesus, before he utter one word, Jesus of Nazareth took one look at him and said, "*Behold an Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile.*" Nathanael replied, "*How did you know me?*" In other words, he was asking Jesus, "How did you know the condition of my heart? How did you know my spiritual condition?" Verse 48 *Nathanael said how do you know me? Jesus answered before Philip called you, you were under the fig tree I saw you.* Jesus had a

supernatural word of knowledge in a visual form.

Look at Nathanael's response in verse 49 *Rabbi; you are the Son of God*. That's a big proclamation which even the others haven't said anything like that. *You are the king of Israel*. In other words you are the Messiah. Now the question that we want to ask you: Has Jesus given him any intellectual reason? Has Jesus given any analysis to believe? All He did was told him the condition of his heart. He told him how He saw him even when Philip was coming to him under the fig tree. That was enough for Nathanael. He started to believe. On what basis and theological issue did Nathanael establish the fact that Jesus was the Son of God and Jesus was the king of Israel? He just based it on a simple revelation of Jesus knowing who he was and where he was. See there has to be that child like quality.

God doesn't want any one of us to come to Him with a big head. He is not against intelligence. He is not against our ability to be intellectual. He is not against our analytical ability. But He is against us coming to Him without simplicity of heart. You can develop intelligence; analytical, logical thinking but we must learn how to put them aside when we come to God. Never approach the Master in that manner. That is where a lot of people are prevented from having spiritual experiences. We cannot analyze what we cannot see. I move between two worlds all the time. I could switch on the spiritual world and switch it off. The natural can be distracting to the spiritual. The reverse is also true. If I open my eyes and see into the spiritual world all the time, I will not be able to perform in the natural. That turn on and off is an ability we need to develop in order to get deeper and deeper in God. Jesus said that the kingdom of God had been revealed. And all the parables that He revealed have been given to little children. Wise men who sought after Him have not been given the meaning of the parables but to the disciples it has been given. So there is a certain way that He will come to us. Some of us may think that this applies to only very spiritual religious things. These are truths that can affect your daily life or professional life.

Nathanael says you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel. Verse 50 and 51 are promises that you and I should claim. Don't ever miss this Jn. 1:50-51. *Jesus said because I said to you*. Now Jesus knew the reason why he believes. It was because of the word of knowledge. *Because I said to you I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe?*

*You will see greater things than this. And he said to him most assuredly I say to you shall see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man. He was going to have his throne experience. It all started by believing. I am trying to draw your spirit to ascend into the throne room. Some of you are waiting for that big nuclear explosion. But all the tiny little ones you are not responding to. We are not responding to that tiny little experiences He has given. If you don't respond to the tiny little ones there won't be the big one.*

Nathanael believed just because He said He saw him under the fig tree. What's so great about seeing him under the fig tree? Yet straightaway he believes. Because of that, Jesus said that he was going to see greater things, to the point where heaven is going to open to him, to the point where he will see angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man. That's the realm that very few people reach. All because Nathanael believed when Jesus said He saw him under the fig tree. Although Nathanael was an intellectual he had a very simple heart. It all revolves around the little word called *believe*. Do you believe?

Now there are 3 different realms that I am going to talk about. The first revolves around the word *believe*. The second is the word *knows* and the third is the word *know*. We don't believe everything. We have to believe things that are in line with the word of God. But once it has passed the word of God test, we need to be open enough to those things. If they are truth we will receive the side effect of those things. But people don't believe that easily. And that's the problem. That's why city folks struggle more than country folks when it comes to believing the miracles of God. The reason is we doubt too much we question too much. We can remain in the city but retain the simplicity that country folks have. And God will begin to bless us by allowing us to enter into more of that spiritual realm.

This is the word that God said to remind each one of us here. Some of us are not seeing the higher realm of the Spirit and the deeper realm of the Spirit of God while others are progressing deeper and deeper. Some do not taste the depths of the throne room of God, or the fullness of spiritual experiences because when the Holy Spirit through some means give you a very simple revelation, you took it lightly. It was a simple revelation like you were under the fig tree when this thing happened.

What does under the fig tree represent? It represents a simple revelation that we took lightly. It represents a simple thing that God does in our heart and in our mind that we didn't respond to or bring us to a point of decision. What brought Nathanael to a point of decision? He was questioning what good could come out of Nazareth. With just one revelation from Jesus and he was fully convinced.

When will we believe? So we have to switch to the simplicity of heart and mind to believe. Get out of the mode of complication and move into simplicity. Do you have a friend call Philip or Ramasamy come and tell you something? Do you have that stage to start with? It is bound to be something somewhere in your life. Wherever you are now God is trying to reveal something to you. Do you believe that God is revealing all the time? What is He revealing to you now? Whatever level of spiritual growth are you at? He is revealing something. To say that He is not revealing anything is to say that we were never under the fig tree, neither was there any fellow called Philip. We were before Nazareth existed. The moment you are born again the Holy Spirit starts leading you into all truths.

Let me just quote a simple experience from my life. When I was first baptized in the Spirit. I didn't know that it was the baptism in the Spirit. I spoke in tongues, as I was hungry for God, fasting and seeking more of God. And I started speaking in tongues without realizing that it was tongues. A couple of words came out but I didn't believe that it was tongues. For the next one year I never believe that I had the baptism in the Spirit. Nor did I believe that it was tongues. I didn't believe what I received. It took me one and a half years to establish the fact that those tongues were genuine and real. It took me one and half years to establish the fact that, that was the baptism in the Spirit with power that Acts chapter one talked about. You probably have some sort of experience right now that you are not responding to. The only thing that blocked you from spiritual progress is the non-acceptance of the revelation that God had given you no matter how simple it was. It could have been something that you had not believed. But it's wrong not to believe because it's the right thing. And your spiritual life will be stagnant at the point where you didn't believe. That is why for the non-Charismatics who do not believe in the baptism in the Spirit or speaking in tongues for everyone, for the next 20 years they will always be where they are. They believe that Jesus is the Savior but they don't want to move on.

What is your personal spiritual experience? There is something that the English language cannot communicate. Although I do understand a lot of spiritual things now, they came gradually. But a lot of the spiritual experiences boggled my own mind. And I had to accept them as from God first before I could understand them and study them in the bible. And the spiritual world continues to be fascinating and mind-boggling. Look at Heb. 1:6 *Without faith it is impossible to please him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe.* There are 2 things you must believe. What are the 2 things? That He is and that He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. One is the existence and the other is the reward for those who pursue that existence of He who exist. Now obviously you won't do No.2 unless you have No.1 but No.1 can be difficult when there is invisibility.

If I were to tell you right now that there are angels that are surrounding us, some of you may believe and some of you won't believe. Some of you may think that it is mere imagination. If I were to tell you that as I walk in I could see some oppression over some people's lives and that has to be broken before the word of God is ministered, you wouldn't believe. Some will believe and some won't believe. But these are things that are real. Whether you want to believe them or not is a different matter. You move into the realm where you know what is imagination and what is real. I know imaginative people can imagine different things. But there is a whole realm out there that we need to believe that He is the rewarder to those that diligently seek Him. Every time I go to a meeting I don't care what the people do there. But if I go to a meeting to seek something I believe that I am going to meet God. In my heart I would be satisfied that I have contacted God, because I believe He is and that I will diligently seek Him and He will reward me for my diligence.

What you believe is very important. What you believe that will happen now is important. You have to believe it first before you can go to the first level knows and then second level know. In Eph. 1:18 the eyes of your understanding be enlightened that you may know what is, what are and verse 19 what is. The 3 what. Believing always come before knowing. But the world has got it the wrong way. Knowing comes before believing. That's in the natural. They must know before they believe. But in the spiritual you must believe before you know. In the natural we ask for the fact first before we come to the conclusion and say we believe. But the natural

world is opposite from the spiritual world. In the spiritual world you must believe first before you can know. You must believe that you are seated at the right hand of God. You must believe what the bible says you are. You must believe what the bible says has been done for you. You are redeemed from the curse of poverty. You are redeemed from the curse of sickness. You are redeemed from the curse of spiritual death. Jesus was made poor that you are made rich. That you are in perfect health, perfect wealth, perfect blessing, you must believe. I know we may not actually experience those things yet. But we must say believe. What do we believe? We believe what the word of God say. The written word sometimes becomes the spoken word in your spirit. You must believe, you cannot underrate or under emphasize that word that God is impressing. And it involves the written word and the spoken word.

There is something that God has spoken that you know what God wants you to do in your life. You must believe. Whatever God says in His spoken word whether you have it now or not is irrelevant. Do you know a lot of people find it hard to believe? And then are some things that God has said to you personally on your inside. I call it the rhema of God's voice. He has spoken some secret things that He may reveal about your life and your destiny. Sometimes they may be confirmed by prophecy. Of course it has to be in line with the word of God. When you hear something that God will tell you about your life you must believe. If you don't believe you are accountable for it not coming to pass. Read Kenneth Hagin's biography, "I Believe In Visions" again. You will find that there is something God told him to do that he never did. One day God confronted him and God said you are accountable and responsible not only for the written word that I gave to you but also for the spoken word that I had given to you. Obedience is not only to the written word but also to the spoken word. And he fell down on his knees and he cried. We must believe what God has spoken to you in the written word, what God has spoken to you about your life. What did God say that you would do in your life? I didn't ask about your ability to bring it to pass. All I am asking is do you really believe those things? Do you know that out there in the world there are a lot of people who are dominated by Satan, while others dominated by the flesh and the soul who believe in the wrong thing? How did a cult leader like Jim Jones lead so many people away? They were actually deceived. They believed that they were really what they were which was not in line with the word. And he tapped on the soulish power and demonic power to move circumstances to what they believe.

All things are possible to those who believe. Jesus made that statement in Mk. 9:23. Now out there in the demonic realm and in the soul realm and in the flesh realm people believe they can do a lot of things. And some of the things they believe are from the devil and from themselves and are not in line with God's word. And they can do so many things. How much more if the people of God who believe in what God is telling them in the word and telling them in their spirit, how much more with power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus and with power of the Blood of Jesus would they do great things far beyond what the devil or what the flesh could ever achieve. When you have believed long enough even if you can't see it around you, something happens. You know those things. It is no more believing you know. Like for example, I don't just believe that we are all going to heaven if anyone dies. I know it. Once upon a time as a young Christian when all these things were new my Christian philosophy was still developing. And my mind still has some philosophy from this natural world. I had to believe that when one accept Jesus that they will be saved. If they were to die that they go to heaven. Those who don't know Jesus they will end up in hell. I had to believe those things. I chose to believe those things. But after so many years believing is no more an effort. You are convinced. It is not even just believing; it is knowing it.

Remember just now we read the word Abraham was fully convinced. There are different levels of conviction. Faith is the conviction of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen. Different levels: there are half conviction, quarter conviction, a little conviction. Some of us have a little conviction. And as they are convicted they reached a stage where they are full convicted. When it is full conviction you don't just believe you know. Now the process the mediation, takes prayer and may take time. There was something that God told me that I would be doing in my life. I wrote it down and every morning and every night I meditate on those things. I prayed in tongues sometimes for hours over it. Sometimes I cry and weep over those things in prayer. But after many years if you were to talk to me about some of those things I don't believe any more I know it. I know it like I know my destiny. I know it like I know I am destined with that kind of destiny. It is no more just trying to believe it. I am so fully convinced that I live my life around that destiny. Can you see it's a different level?

We are conscious of the physical world and we are a little bit conscious of the

spiritual things. Then when you move into that realm you are conscious of the spiritual world and you are aware a little bit of the natural world. You are aware that there are circumstances that are difficult that need to be overcome. You are fully conscious that your destiny is there and it will come to pass. That's the second realm it's a deep realm of consciousness. At that second level of being fully convinced, you are now into the realm of timelessness. Whether it takes time, whether it will be fast or slow is immaterial. You know your destiny. You know where you are going. You know what your life is about. You walk with your destiny.

The third realm Eph. 3:19 *To know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.* It's the realm of the depths of God's presence because First John tells us God is love. So you move from believe to fully convinced and knowing. When some people say I believe that I will be able to do it is different from someone who says I know that this can be done. They seem to have some other knowledge coming from somewhere higher. And in a different realm where you are experiencing the awesome love of God flows forth, it is just literally coming out through your inner man. That's why in this Eph. 3 the inner man is strengthened. And it is just pouring out of our inner man to such an extent that it is breaking through all the circumstances around you and that's why he ends up in verse 20. The first word in verse 20 is the word *now*. Having said that entire thing he says *now*. The result of that entire thing is *now*. Eph. 3: 20 *Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.* That must be a very powerful realm. A realm beyond your asking.

Remember I talked about a realm where people ask. I call that the cry. And above that realm that you think the highest thought that you could think. It says above all that we could ask or think according to the power that works, and these last words are important, *in us*. If you don't have the last two words the whole sentence is different. Just as we ascend into the heavenly realm, the heavenly realm descends into the depths of our consciousness. At this third realm it is no more just fully convinced or knowing. There is an invisible force (you can call that force field) that flows out from you that attracts like a magnet all circumstances to conform to what need to be conformed to God's will. So wherever you are whatever you do every circumstance although it may take time not instantly will start moving and shifting until it is to God's will, because you carry the presence of God on your inside. The

bible calls it the love of God. But that same presence is the power of the universe. And it just attracts the things around you to conform, to flow into that pattern, just by your physically carrying it there. Our body becomes the vessel. And that energy that flows through your life, the force field will move all the iron filings and the magnet field that is out of order into position according to the force field that radiates from your life.

Because Jesus was in God and God was in Him everywhere Jesus went, those who were not in line with the will of God began to feel the pressure that pushed them to doing God's will. And those who were in God's will were pushed into a position that draws him or her closer to Jesus. You could feel that pressure. Let say a person who is not living his life right and that presence that you carry even if you don't say a single word will put pressure on his life as long as he is not in line with God's will. Lets say if he is living in God's will that presence that you carry even without you saying a word that flows out of you will put energy to help her fulfill the will of God. And will conform and move and shift circumstances, people and everything around you to fulfill the will of God.

That's the third realm the energy force that flows from your inside. And it's beyond the point of asking, beyond the point of thinking. It's the depth of God's presence. In the first realm you got to believe. Let me tell you I feel sad for many Christians here. They struggle to believe one day and not believing another day. Doubting one day; not doubting another day. They don't go deeper. For one thing they don't meditate on God' word. Then they don't meditate on God's rhema for their life. Do you know that if God gave you a rhema for your life you got to meditate on that as much as you meditate on God's word? And so we constantly struggle with believing what God wants us to do. And sometimes when you are seeking with your heart to do what you think God wants you to do, you reach a wall. So what most Christians do is to give up and say this cannot be God's will; I think I will do something else. They easily become persuaded by circumstances that they heed that is not God's will. Paul was firmly convinced that he was an apostle of God even though the circumstances were tough. He was whipped, shipwrecked, and had all kind of things happening to him. There was tremendous pressure on him. But he was fully convinced who he was and what he wants. All Christians are in this realm. This is the realm of the time zone. Not of the depths of God's presence at the throne room. Because there is a throne room force that is powerful. It comes into

your very inner being.

Abraham knew now though at one point he was shaking. But he reached the point where he knew that he was the father of many nations. The faith, the conviction, the vision, that energy that was released by Abraham continues to affect and move the destiny of nations. What kind of force field are we releasing through our life? Is it weak or is it strong? Abraham knew he was the father of many nations and he received the energy to be the father of many nations. He was tested many times. And his final test was his giving up of Isaac. And at the giving up of Isaac there was one special phrase that was added to his blessing: *Your children shall possess the gates of their enemy.* Look at Gen. 22:17 *Your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.* Do you know what realm that was? He reached a point where the energy released through his life was going to cause his descendants to be successful in their exploits and in their destinies of nation formation. Think about the energy that affects the nation. No wonder we are now called the seed of Abraham. Now bring that into our situation. How much energy does it take to affect this nation for God? It doesn't have to take 10 intercessors. It just has to take one man or woman of God. That is why I don't understand why people talk about taking authority over nations like it was something very hard to do. If Abraham can affect the destiny of nations, how come we don't seem to get more people getting into that realm? In these last days we need to move into that heavenly authority at the throne room. The nation is your inheritance. You are the seed of Abraham. When you pray tonight you know that the prayer that you release can affect nations. When we are talking about conquering nations spiritually, praying to get a new house or car is incidental. When you get the nation it contains all the people there plus all the houses there plus everything else. Those things begin to flow into God's will.

Tonight as we come before God in prayer, we don't come as tiny little worthless creatures that don't know who we are; who are struggling with life and with mortgages and sin and weaknesses. If you came in that realm those are not prayers. Those are just cries. We have to pray from the throne room outward. Put aside all your difficulties, all your obstacles you may be facing. Don't think about what the world says, don't think about what people say, don't think about all those things but focus on what God said in His word about you in His rhema to you. Did He say that you would have those businesses? If He said so then it is. Did He say that you would have that ministry? If He said so then it is. We have to constantly move

away from those circumstances and focus on what did God say. The secret of Jesus' life was that He was only conscious on what God said. Even at the end of His life He told His disciples, "I have given you the word that the Father gave me to say to you." He was all the time conscious of the word of God both rhema and logos. As you come before God in prayer put aside your requests for your incidental needs. Every time you pray the first thing must be settled is who you are and what you are. We are children of God bought with the precious Blood of Jesus redeemed from the curse of sickness, spiritual darkness and poverty. Born after His image. Called to affect nations, called as seed and children of Abraham, called with different ministries, anointed for different things. Believe and you move deeper into all those things and you know those things will take place. Then you allow God to lead you to pray into whatever way. Tonight as you pray there has to be something you receive in your spirit man. You never go from a meeting like this without something changing in your inner man. That is a portion of the throne room presence in your inner man.