

THE SHIFT

Kingdom Reformation

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INTRODUCTION

In the last 30 years of Christianity and the church, there have been significant times of shifting and change by God to make room for His fullness of expression through gifts and callings. I remember in the 90's how the divine move of God was restoring the prophet's gift and prophetic culture back into the body of Christ. For so long, the church-world as we know it, at least in the United States, has been led by a pastor/priest-only paradigm working with the evangelist and teacher giftings as well. To mention someone is a modern-day prophet or apostle seems deceptive and simply not true to many. However, true prophets of the past era battled against tradition and mockery to find their place reestablished in the house of God. As a result, many ministries and churches today have the prophetic culture as the norm. The same thing is now happening with apostles and the apostolic culture that God is shifting his people with back into His original design when He changed the covenant at the cross. The remnant church that is shifting with Him is now coming into a renewed proper 'Kingdom' of God mindset not limiting herself to a church-house only mindset. Many today are finding themselves shifting into this paradigm by the Spirit of God.

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CHAPTER 1

What is a Shift in the Spirit?

The term 'shift' according to Dictionary.com means:

verb (used with object)

1. to put (something) aside and replace it by another or others; change or exchange:

to shift friends; to shift ideas.

2. to transfer from one place, position, person, etc., to another

God is doing a shift in his people and in His church today. He is shifting them from a church-house-only mentality to a proper Kingdom of God mentality. This is a more vast higher way of thinking and dwelling with Him. However, the modern-day church has been stuck and steeped in tradition and religion for so long that they have been divided into many schisms and divisions instead of united as Kingdom-family. However, a divine shift by the Spirit of God is transferring and transforming people with a new wineskin to have the true function of the Kingdom. As this has been occurring in many recently, minds and hearts are changed with new language and understanding from heaven to interpret God's true design of the Kingdom and church.

A shift in the spirit is when God begins to reform and activate His people with a new way of thinking and operation. Many times He did this with Israel when they needed to be reset and start over from their destructions and legalistic religious ways. The Old Testament is riddled with examples of this process. However, God has not stopped reconciling, reordering, and bringing back into alignment man since the fallout in the garden of Eden. God brings a necessary shift by the Spirit to reform and awaken.

A divine shift is a supernatural influence and change of things that God is implementing in the church to implement Kingdom. He removes you from old ways, seasons, and thinking to divine alignment with Him in true Kingdom design.

For the kingdom is the LORD's, and He rules over the nations.

- Psalm 22:28 (NKJV)

Church and life must become Kingdom living and thinking in order to live within the blessing of God to the fullness. When we design and build our own lives and kingdoms, we enter a place where God did not tell us to go. Oh, how so many have made this mistake spending their lives, time, energy, and devotion to what they think should be rather than what God says should be. It will be torn down even though the individual that does this will be saved, but ending empty handed.

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

- II Timothy 2 (NKJV)

CHAPTER 2

Why a Shift?

Why is there a need for a shift in today's modern era of church and Christianity? It is due to the lack of expression of the true Kingdom design of 'church' and 5-fold ministry. The answer to this lies within man's ability to build spiritual structure according to God's design.

Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.

- Psalm 127:1 - (NKJV)

When the house of God and the ministry of Jesus is not built according to God's design, it will be malfunctioning, lacking power, and not have God's favor upon it. For God to be obligated to show up in His glory and confirm His word with signs and wonders, we are required to obey King Jesus our Lord according to the new testament design of His church and Kingdom. Why would God be obligated to pay for and empower such a work of us building what we think is the Kingdom-designed Spirit/Presence-filled church and Kingdom-ministry if we don't do it the apostolic, prophetic, evangelistic, pastoral and teacher paradigm way Jesus established it to be? We need to understand what kind of heaven-ordained, heaven-sent leadership gifts that Jesus ordained in the earth to establish His Father's house and Kingdom! When we don't, not only are we ignorantly or knowingly denying our Lord's command to do so, but we are also creating a lack and void of the power of such offices and gifts. God only anoints what He designs and ordains. Without His design, unction, and anointing, our construction of ministry is nought and ineffective as God is not obligated to show up with His power. The devil knows this too.

See what happened here with some Jewish men who needed to be shifted into proper order with the Spirit of God and weren't and tried to conduct an exorcism (deliverance session):

11 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. 13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcize you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” 14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” 16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

- Acts 19:11-17 (NKJV)

We must understand that we need to surrender and submit to the Spirit of God in order for Him to shift us into the dimension of His Spirit and His Kingdom operations. This includes gaining understanding and activation in God's Kingdom dynamics and power of His Spirit. Religion and wrong believing come to stifle these things from coming into our lives as sons of God. That is why so many churches and ministries have been stuck and ineffective in the things of the Kingdom and God's power manifesting in their midst.

A shift back into alignment and order with God's kingdom by God's Spirit is necessary to re-culture the church to the Lord's new testament design after He ascended to the right hand of the Father after His crucifixion and resurrection. We don't tell God how His house and church is supposed to be built or conducted. He is the King of Glory. We must surrender to His Lordship and design of it all. Besides, we can't make the Kingdom fit into our church structure. The church is an entity that fits within the Kingdom. We are not seeking to become members of a church, but rather we are citizens of the Kingdom. But, if we only think limitedly that everything revolves around the church and not be 'Kingdom-minded' about it, we become denominational isolated into groups and schisms rather than united as citizens of God's Kingdom. This has been the church's demise in the age of our country rather than God's building of His house for all of us to unite in. Denominational, divisional, segregated churches are coming down as God is shaking everything that can be shaken. Kingdom churches, apostolic ministries, and revival hubs are being built in this current era to bring the expression of God fresh and aligned with His glory, fire, and oil on them!

25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." 27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:25-29 (NKJV)

It is time to SHIFT!!!

CHAPTER 3

5-Fold Ascension Gifts

The gospel of the Kingdom contains a new form of government for the local body of Christ in the new testament than the old testament did. When Jesus completed the work at Calvary by putting to death the sin of man and the curse of the law from the old testament, He brought a renewal of spiritual gifts and redesign of leadership to His body. Since His resurrection from the dead after the cross, He now shares these five expressions through the ekklesia of born-again children of God:

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore He says:

“When He ascended on high,
He led captivity captive,
And gave gifts to men.”

9 (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) 11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint

supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

- Epesians 4 (NKJV)

This is the heavenly God-designed church and Kingdom structure to be built in the earth. Those whom God has called and anointed with His Spirit for ministry should be aware and activated in whichever of these gifts He unctioned them with. Apostle Paul makes aware here the specific gifts to grow the body of Christ into maturity and proper foundation in the believers' life.

Apostle - A governing leader within the Kingdom to the church and believers to establish and disciple them according to God's design and purpose. Apostles are 'sent ones' with the message of Christ with authority and power to reform, awaken, and revive the people of God while active in the harvest of the lost who need salvation in Christ. The Greek word 'apostle' is a term used by the Greeks as a delegate or sent one (the new testament was written in Greek). Think of an apostle like a governor or mayor with delegated authority and powers to establish order.

Strong's Concordance definition: 652. apostolos (Greek #652) a delegate; specially, an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ ("apostle") (with miraculous powers) KJV usage: apostle, messenger, he that is sent.

They carry the weight of God's glory and mandates wherever the Lord sends them to establish the kingdom. They bring the alignment and order of God. They bring revival and breaker anointing. They work with prophets to bring a shift to atmospheres, structures, and belief systems while establishing order. They are networkers among the body of Christ, churches, and ministries with leadership oversight among them. They work with evangelists, pastors, and teachers locally to bring salvation to the lost and develop maturity in the believers.

Prophet - Prophets are the eyes and ears (watchmen) of the body of Christ who bring down language in the Spirit to make known God's will with understanding. They are always calling God's people back to intimacy with God and others into a relationship with God who have never known Him. They bring the fire of God, messages of repentance and of restoration, and prophesy what is in the future into the present. They see what God has ahead and reveal it to believers to advance them toward it in faith and obedience. They shift atmospheres with the

dimension of the Spirit they walk in. A prophet works alongside apostles to bring down what is in heaven to earth among the people. They are often sent on 'prophetic' assignments being led by the Spirit to do specific things and speak specific messages to specific people.

Strong's Concordance definition: 4396. prophet (an interpreter or forth-teller of the divine will)

Usage: a prophet, poet; a person gifted at expositing divine truth.

Prophets move in intercession by the Spirit with eagle eyes knowing and seeing things in the spirit above and beyond where other believers and congregations cannot or may not see. They take down enemy combatants in the spirit realm before they get to do their destructive deeds against the people.

Evangelist - An evangelist is one who seeks the lost to bring the salvation message of Christ to them. They operate in a miracle power-breaker anointing in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They shift the atmosphere in the power of God's Spirit with a divine influence in the anointing that brings conviction and reality of God's righteousness showing the listeners their current condition they are presently in and the need for salvation, repentance, and restoration to God.

Strong's Concordance definition: 2099. euaggelistés: an evangelist, a bringer of good news, a missionary, bearer of good tidings.

The word evangelize comes from the Church Latin evangelizare, "to spread or preach the Gospel," with the Greek root euangelizesthai, or "bring good news."

Evangelists have the ability to invade the darkness in any given place and herald to crowds or witness to individuals the good news of Christ while flowing with Holy Spirit to bring healing and deliverance. They compel people to be reconciled to God.

Pastor - A shepherd of the believers to feed, nurture, and care for them. They lay their lives down for the sheep to serve and nurture them to grow in the Lord and the things of God. They work with apostles and prophets in the maturity of the saints. They are overseers in the house of God being responsible for the tending of the sheep (people of God).

Strong's Concordance definition: 4166. poimén: a shepherd.

Usage: a shepherd; hence met: of the feeder, protector, and ruler of a flock of men.

A pastor is called to care for the flock with compassion and encouragement. They minister to daily needs and spiritual needs of the believers. They are sacrificial servants and leaders. They are a source of strength and support. They watch over the souls of men.

Teacher - The teacher is one who unpacks revelatory truth and foundational truth to the believers to establish them in the spiritual life and structure with God. They take subjects in the word of God and expound upon them line upon line, precept upon precept. They are servants to equip the saints with the word of God and faith.

Strong's Concordance definition: 1320. didaskalos: an instructor

Usage: A teacher, master. A teacher in the NT one who teaches concerning the things of God, and the duties of man.

Teachers also operate in an authoritative anointing of power that flows during teaching and after unpacking revelation. They operate with Holy Spirit who comes to confirm the word of God with signs and wonders following. The teacher's purpose brings the believer into higher realms of knowledge and truth in establishing who they are in Christ Jesus and what has fully been given to them at the cross.

The '5-fold' ascension gifts are still in effect today contrary to modern belief. We must embrace these gifts (offices) and understand their purposes for full operation in them. Dismissing or removing one or more of these gifts because of lack of understanding or traditional religious teaching saying otherwise needs to be reformed in today's churches and ministries. May we not find ourselves fighting against God on these things, nor place man's opinions over true theology of His appointed uncions.

CHAPTER 4

Reformation and Awakening

We are in a time of apostolic reformation and prophetic awakening in the kingdom of God and body of Christ. Many are being 'awakened' and 'reformed' by revival and outpourings of God's Spirit encountering His people to change in alignment with Him. Divine order of the Kingdom of God is pouring forth across the earth to bring everything into accountability and submission. Those who will shift with God will be harvested with Christ and those who will not will be consumed by the force of God's authority and righteousness. The fear of the Lord is being manifested and many salvations are resulting. God is awakening multitudes to see His glory!

And to man He said, "Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding."

- Job 28:28 (NKJV)

The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.

- Psalm 25:14 (NKJV)

In this current era of reformation and awakening, God has been gathering His people out of old wineskin structures and traditions of the church by harvesting them into another level of Kingdom encounter. He is doing this through modern day apostles and prophets that have been operating in the dimension of the Kingdom that normal church folks have not been accustomed to. I, for one, was only used to a pastor/evangelist/teacher model and paradigm for 25+ years of ministry life. Then, I aligned with an apostle for leadership and accountability that caused me to shift higher into the reality of the Kingdom on another level! I soon found myself 'shifting' from what I currently knew and understood in the church to Kingdom thinking, 5-fold ministry gifts understanding, and my identity as a son in the Kingdom ruling from the position of seated in

heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6)! Everything changed. I could no longer go back to an old church model, even religious. When God shifts you like this, it awakens a new hunger and upgrade in your life promoting you to places in the Spirit that you haven't experienced before. The apostolic and prophetic operation bring language to the things of the Kingdom. These two cultures of the Spirit are the forerunners and leaders of awakening, revival, and reformation that is so needed.

It's going to take the glory of God and His mighty power to dismantle and tear down religious structures in the church to bring about divine reformation of His Kingdom. Structures here on earth that do not match up to His heavenly design will be dealt with. God is sending His reformers to prophesy and speak by the Spirit to show what is aligned and not aligned, what is in order and not in order. Many will be shunned and disbarred from their current congregations. Others will suffer persecution and rejection because their voice will grind against the religious by speaking the truth about the Kingdom structure. Many will be awakened and harvested to a higher level instead of staying stuck. God is sending the eagles to find and feed the eaglets (hungry sons and daughters) that are seeking more and looking for that authentic expression of God and His Kingdom.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

- Matthew 5:6 (NKJV)

The harvest is on two fronts. Revival is not only reaching out to the lost, but to the sleepy bride, the church. Revival is causing those who are asleep or not privy to the current Kingdom awakening to be made aware of its true expression. Holy Spirit is using revivalists to go forth into congregations, ministries, and gatherings and bring signs, wonders, miracles, and gifts of His Spirit. This breaker anointing is setting His people free with a divine convincing of His power and glory flowing forth because people have become dry in spiritually stuck dead places where no glory is flowing. Believers are hungry for fresh oil, fire, and glory! The Kingdom is full of fresh oil and glory which never runs out! However, those who have not shifted and followed God's cloud moving in Kingdom revival are getting left behind. They were on-fire ministries in the past, but have now been left behind with nothing happening. Time to get up and move with the cloud of God's glory in what He is doing now in the current revival and awakening! Don't stay in an old wineskin structure of deadness. Go where the glory is manifesting, people are receiving miracles and deliverance, and joy is manifesting on another level! Dwell in the Kingdom of God:

...for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 14:17 (NKJV)

CHAPTER 5

Religion Versus God's Design

In today's world of church, many of us were raised in traditional denominations and beliefs that we identified with. God has to undo that and rebuild us according to His truth and Kingdom within. Religion wants to talk away the power of God or make traditional excuses against the flow of Holy Spirit. God wants us in alignment and agreement with Him only.

But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men."

- Act 5:29 (NKJV)

"Do not quench the Spirit."

- I Thessalonians 5:19 (NKJV)

This is why God is once again reforming His church body today and shifting them into the true Kingdom operation and flow of His Spirit. Modern-day church has gotten away from the Holy Spirit taking over and manifesting His power and glory. Services have become dead with no flow of the anointing, signs and wonders, and gifts of the Spirit with power. In addition to this, the language of the Kingdom has been replaced with denominational traditional schisms rather than all united with the same language of heaven. We must reform! We must ditch our religious stuckness and let God shift us into the true design of the new testament Kingdom-designed church, thus the new wineskin. This true design is not man made religion. It is a Spirit-revealed revelation from the Maker Himself! It is the true expression and structure of 5-fold ministry leadership with a Kingdom-mindset without schisms.

Religion says, "Conform to our dogma and structure or be not accepted in our group and belief system." God says, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the gospel." Jesus said, "Follow Me." He didn't say follow religion. We must understand the difference between being a member of religion and a citizen of the Kingdom. Big difference.

Jesus did not say, "Forget allowing apostles and prophets to exist in 'your church' and only allow pastors." No, the Kingdom of God contains apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Nowhere in the new testament in the bible states that apostles and prophets don't exist anymore or they went away somehow. Somewhere along the way in the history of the church has this bogus belief gotten started. Foolish beliefs like this have weakened the church structure of the new testament church. Many today still don't understand the role and importance of apostles and prophets and how much we need them. God is shaking things up, though! He is sending in the reformers and revivalists to wake up the sleepy bride to shift into proper alignment with Him and start knowing who they really are. He is making room for these gifts to flow again to lead the body of Christ in dominating the darkness with Him. It is time for maturity in the things of the Kingdom of heaven!

1 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, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits.

- Hebrews 6:1-5 (NKJV)

It's time to wake up to the current move of God in this era of Kingdom reformation and resurgence of the 5-fold ministry structure in the family of God. Don't go where the Glory of God is not manifesting! That should be the sign and evidence of where God is truly operating with His people in alignment and where He is not because of those not in alignment. We are not in charge of God's church, He is!! Jesus will always be the head of the body.

CHAPTER 6

Move With the Glory and Shift

God is shifting those who are hungry and thirsty for more! He is bringing them up higher with a shift of His Spirit that is removing them from stuck limited places of religion and tradition to advancing forth in the Kingdom things. These are called the remnant. We must move with God's Glory and shift! We must stay on the cutting edge of His Spirit and keep going and flowing. We must not tell Holy Spirit what to do or when and when not we want Him to move. I heard one Apostle say that in the Amercian church we have programmed out the Holy Spirit. Time to shift! Time to cry out to God for revival, awakening, and reformation among our churches and ministries. Time to let God remove what He needs to remove and add to what He needs to add to us.

God is on the move with His presence taking over services, meetings, gatherings, and conferences with His Glory!!! He is looking for the hungry ones who will shift and harvesting them into this Kingdom harvest movement that is happening. Jesus will have His harvest before He returns! More and more will the language change in the church today to the Kingdom language. More and more will God's people become more freed up to flow in His Spirit bringing the expression of His Kingdom rather than being told by religion and control to sit down. The obstacle of the Saul-spirit in pulpits today will be removed and the Davids' will lunge out manifesting the Spirit of God in fullness. The Holy Spirit is order, but also freedom. When things flow by Him in a gathering of encounter with the presence of the Lord and He takes over, there is divine order with glorious operation of the Spirit. We cannot afford to miss this current move of God shifting everything in His house and people. We must follow the Glory cloud. We must flow with His go. We must order our steps aligned with His. We must bring Him glory as a living sacrifice for Him to flow His sweet fragrance to all. The Lord is looking for His bride to be with Him in every way!

We must not just know about God, but know Him. To know Him is to be intimate with Him in the secret place and know His ways becoming one with Him. This is the desire and prayer of our Lord.

“that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

- John 17:21(NKJV)

We can't fool God. He knows those who are His and truly desire to be with Him in His presence. He is looking for those who seek after Him and not just ministry. He desires to remove the things out of lives that hinder Him from fully aligning us with Him and is bringing forth this divine shift bringing us home to Him and into the dimension of the Kingdom properly. We must move with the Glory and shift!

Holy Spirit take-overs are becoming more common place with those who hungry for Him and in unity for more. That's why we see rooms full of people and gatherings of crowds worshiping God together pressing into His presence fiercely and passionately. He reveals Himself in their midst more and more. Pretty soon these encounters open the door for God to shift them into a higher dimension with Him. They notice new things in their lives concerning the Kingdom, spiritual language, empowerment, and a greater peace of order flowing with Holy Spirit. This is how it should be in Kingdom Spirit-filled life, not dead dry religion and not old-school church. Those who don't shift with God in this current move of His Spirit will be passed over and left sitting on the sidelines missing the action of the Glory! Let us herald the gospel in such a way that it is God-breathed, fresh, and has Glory on it and Presence on it full of the oil of His Spirit! This is the glorious shift God is moving across the body of Christ.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

- Psalm 32:8 (NKJV)

4 Show me Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.

- Psalm 24:4-5 (NKJV)

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