

WNBS September 27, 2023
Pastor Patrick Winfield
KINGDOM ALIGNMENT –Divine Alignment: From Breath to Life

THE OBEDIENCE

Between Prophecy and Promise is Obedience!

- The word command, as well as commandment, are used to translate the Hebrew word mits'vah but does not properly convey the meaning of mits'vah. The word mits'vah is better understood as a directive.
- To see the picture painted by this word, it is helpful to look at a related word, tsiyon (which is also the name Zion) meaning a desert or a landmark. The Ancient Hebrews were a nomadic people who traveled the deserts in search of green pastures for their flocks.
- A nomad uses the various rivers, mountains, rock outcroppings, etc as landmarks to give them their direction.
- The verbal root of mits'vah and tsiyon is tsavah meaning to direct one on a journey. The mits'vah of the Bible are not commands, or rules and regulations, they are directives or landmarks that we look for to guide us.

OBEDIENCE TO HEAR

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 - 4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

- Obedience in Hebrew is: *shama* (שמע). It means to hear, to listen, to give attention, to understand, to submit to, and to obey. There is only one word in Hebrew for obedience, and it is this word – *shama*. This Hebrew word is also generally translated as “hear”.
- “Shama” is an excellent example of the difference between Hebrew, which stresses physical action, and Greek and Western culture that stresses mental activity. In terms of our relationship with God, the Hebrew translation shows the intent and meaning of “shama's” use in Scripture.

- Listening, in our culture, is a passive mental activity, and hearing just means that our ears registered sound waves. But in Hebrew, the word *shema* describes hearing and also its outward effects of taking heed, being obedient, and doing what is asked.
- To know God and His voice, we need to first have an intention to do what it is we hear Him say. We must have a willingness of spiritual intent, and practice to prepare the soil of our minds and hearts to directly experience this oneness as we hear and obey.

CONFIRMATION COMES THROUGH ACTION

**Romans 10:17 - "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."
Matthew 11:15 - "He who has ears to hear, let him hear"**

- He is calling us to put his words into action, not just listen. We as Westerners put all our stress on what is in our minds, and tend to consider action as "dead works." However, the biblical way of thinking according to Hebrew is that we have not yet truly understood until we have put what we have heard into our hearts and allowed it to transform the way we live.
- When we approach God and His word, it isn't simply about an academic study so we can recite truth. It's about having our lives changed and transformed by the applied and lived out truth.

HIS WORD COMES TO PASS

No spoken word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment. If God speaks something it WILL come to pass.

For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment. Luke 1:37 AMP

God, Himself, stands over and watches over His own Word, making sure it is fulfilled.

Jeremiah 1:12 AMP says, "Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it."

The KJV says, "For I will hasten my word to perform it."

The NKJV says, "For I am ready to perform My word."

The NIV says, "For I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."

The ERV says, "I am watching to make sure that my message to you comes true."

SPIRIT MOVES

- Isaiah 34:16 - Seek from the book of the LORD, and read: Not one of these will be missing; None will lack its mate. For His mouth has commanded, And His Spirit has gathered them.
- *And as I prophesied there was a noise, &c.* — Such a noise as we may suppose would arise from the motion of the bones. The noise was the rattling of the bones in their motion; such noise they could not but make, where multitudes of them heaped or laid together disperse, and roll themselves from one to other, till they meet their fellow bones.
- *And behold a shaking* — A trembling, or commotion among the bones. There was a trembling or commotion among these bones, enough to make this noise, and to manifest a Divine presence and word from God working among them.
- *And the bones came together, &c.* — Glided nearer and nearer, till each bone met the bone to which it was to be joined; crept, or with this shaking motion glided, nearer and nearer, till each bone met the bone to which it was to be tied. Of all the bones of those numerous slain not one was wanting, not one missed its way, not one missed its place, but each knew and found its fellow.
- **John 6:63 - "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."**
- The work of the spirit watching over the word is fulfillment that comes through uncomfortable disruptive means. We want His move but we don't like His means. (Noise, shaking, coming together)
- And it is important that we understand that the universe runs according to the laws of God, not according to the laws of men.
- The Holy Spirit reveals God's word to us - When Jesus walked on this Earth, He taught everywhere he went. Since He is not here physically, the Holy Spirit has now taken that role. He does it by revealing God's word to us through the Bible.
- The Holy Spirit brings us closer to other believers - The unity brought by the Holy Spirit is revealed in Acts 4:32 where it says: "All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had."

PEOPLE CANT BE A PEOPLE WITHOUT THE SPIRIT

- **No breath in them.**—The restoration of the dry bones to life is described as taking place in two stages, with evident reference to the record of the creation of man in [Genesis 2:7](#)
- In the first, they are restored to perfect form, but yet without life. So far, they were only cohering in order as unsightly skeletons. The next step, that of covering them successively with sinews, skin, and flesh, gives them beauty; but still "no breath" of life in them. This may imply that Israel hereafter, as at the restoration from Babylon was the case in part, shall return to Judea unconverted at first (Zec 13:8, 9)
- In the second, they receive breath and become "living creatures," as in [Genesis 1:20-21](#); [Genesis 1:24](#); [Genesis 2:7](#), in all which the same expression is used. Spiritually: a man may assume all the semblances of spiritual life, yet have none, and so be dead before God.

DIVERSITY OF UNITY

- "Four winds" are mentioned, as in [Ezekiel 40:20](#), to indicate the four quarters of heaven (comp. [Ezekiel 5:10](#), 12; [Ezekiel 12:14](#); [Ezekiel 17:21](#)), and perhaps also to suggest the immense quantity of vitalizing force demanded by the multitude of the dead, "the fullness and force of the Spirit's operations", or the notion that the Spirit, in resuscitating Israel, would make use of all the varied forces that were then working in the world.
- The designation of the dead as slain reveals that the resurrection intended was not that of men in general, but of the nation of Israel. Israel is to be gathered from the four quarters of the earth ([Isaiah 43:5](#), 6; [Jeremiah 31:8](#)), even as they were "scattered into all the winds" ([Ezekiel 5:10](#); [12:14](#); [17:21](#); compare [Re 7:1, 4](#)).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Your generosity is positively changing lives in our church, community, and around the world. Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 that whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. Thank you for continuing to help others see the generous nature of the body of Christ through your giving.

EASIER WAYS TO GIVE



GIVING ONLINE

www.tphfw.org



GIVING IN PERSON

1270 Woodhaven Blvd.
Fort Worth, TX 76112



TEXT TO GIVE

Text TPHFW
to **833-859-1973**.



TPHFW APP

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app>
<https://play.google.com/store/apps>

