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PREFACE

This publication is about spiritual strategy. Before you can continue reading, I would like to let you know that strategies are not what will disciple nations and cause God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

Strategies such as the ones you will read of in this and any other publication, are given to vessels that have been prepared over a period of time, through various circumstances. Those vessels are found worthy in the hand of God; to download His plans for various aspects of His kingdom.

Desire to consecrate yourself to God, in order to become the kind of vessel that He would find worthy to hold His sovereign power, glory and authority in the nations. Only then will any strategy you take to claim the kingdom of God, work. Take time to develop your personal relationship with God; only then will you receive even greater revelation to do His bidding in your particular circumstance in life.

There are various gates in the spiritual realm and the gates of time are crucial entry point with regard to God's purpose and destiny for the nations.

Why is time so crucial? Time is the first and most important resource God has given to Logos-Rhema Monthly teaching

every human being alive on this earth, to accomplish His purposes. As long as you have time, i.e. your lifetime, you can accomplish anything.

If you want to grow physically, spiritually or in any other way, all you need is time. If you want to spread the gospel you need time. If you want to create wealth all you need is time. If you want to learn a new language, all you need is time. If you want to gain or lose weight all you need is time.

If you want to gain experience in any particular field, you need time. As long as you have time, then you have the potential to do anything you put your mind to. If you want to develop a vision, you need time.

Contrary to the belief that the first thing you need is money to accomplish purpose, it is time you need. If you do not have time, i.e. your life, all the money in the world cannot accomplish the littlest thing for you.

The other resource that God has given is the ability to use your mind. Once you can possess the main gates i.e. the gates of time, you are in a better position to possess the gates of your mind.

TIME IS ALL YOU HAVE

The time you have on earth, is your life. It is the most important resource you have. When you realize how crucial time is, you will realize the importance of possessing the gates of time; the entry point for each moment of life; whether for yourself, your family, the church, the nation or continent.

More so, you will recognize the importance of time in these days. We are in the last days. Time is short. It is important to know how to manage and utilize this precious commodity that God has given you.

The first in this series of books on the subject of gates was *Praying Through the Gates of Time*. In it, I have dealt quite exhaustively on

the subject of Gates, types and categories of gates, possessing gates, the concept of time and the times we are living in, importance of time and the gates of time with regard to intercession.

I gave a general overview of the scriptural basis for praying at various time intervals and the basic teaching on praying through the 4 watches of the day and 4 watches of the night.

It also discusses the basic necessity of praying through the 7 days of the week. There were some basic prayer directions with regard to these two areas of time.

This book, *'Winning the Battle at the Gates of the Months'*, is the second in a series of books on the subject of Gates.

This publication like the first, is meant for individuals, prayer groups and networks, prayer houses and all spiritual watchmen who long to increase their quality, disciplined pattern and quantity of prayer.

This publication further endeavours to equip the believer in Christ to pray strategically throughout the months of the year in order to win the battle by possessing the gates of each month spiritually.

Once you gain authority in the spirit realm over the dictates of the month, you can begin to receive clearer direction on what God would have you accomplish in the month for yourself, your family, the church, nation and continent.

KEY OF KNOWLEDGE

Jesus told Peter that He had given to him the keys of the kingdom i.e. the keys of knowledge (Matt 16:19) so that whatever he loosed on earth would be loosed in heaven; and whatever he bound on earth was bound in heaven.

Part of the keys to unlocking kingdom authority on earth is understanding various prayers that promote sustained victory in the ongoing cosmic warfare we are engaging the kingdom of darkness in. Understanding the battle at the gates of the months is merely one

of the keys of knowledge that God would have you acquire in these last days.

It is better to spend 80% of your time planning and laying out an excellent battle strategy then spend only 20% of your energies engaging the enemy in battle, having understood his strengths, and weaknesses and your opportunities and threats with regard to your findings. That is what this book helps you do with regard to taking authority of the times and seasons.

The enemy has been winning this battle because of your ignorance; however, as you read this book and gain knowledge you will begin to rise to the place of victory.

For instance, after his excursion to the throne room of God, John the Revelator informs us

And He showed me a pure river of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelations is a book of symbols apart from being an eschatological book. It symbolizes some of the mysteries that matured sons of God should be walking in today. When John was shown the above scenario, it can be interpreted within real time, but also in regard to the eschatological times.

You know that in heaven there is no need for healing. However the tree of life was put in the garden of Eden and was meant for man to eat. God barred the fallen man from the garden to protect the tree of life. However in this new covenant because of the victory of Jesus on Calvary, the redeemed man is given access to the tree of life once again.

The tree produces fruit meant for every month of the year. The leaves of that tree are for the healing of nations. When you understand how to possess the gates of the months, you can learn how to pray for and access the tree of life and the fruit meant for each month for yourself, your family, church

and the nations. This is just one of the things you have hitherto denied yourself because you did not possess the gates of the month.

Ignorance of the healing and succor that each month signifies, has cost many the understanding of the spiritual activity that took place in the month they were born. Therefore certain circumstances which could otherwise be dealt with by simply praying and possessing the gates of the month of your birth have been left un-dealt with and hindered your ability to push forward in God's purposes.

IGNORANCE IS COSTLY

Ignorance of what every month holds for you, your family and community, for the nation, the church and the continents at large has caused many to perish or miss out or not fully access what God has in store for them.

Understanding the heavens and what they signify every month is another very key aspect as we enter this new level of dominion over nations. While the kingdom of darkness has used astrology, prognostications, and all manner of demonic methods to control the activities on earth using the heavens, the church continues in ignorance.

We thank God for the many people whom He is raising in different parts of the world to understand what the heavens hold for us every month. We put in a small section of prayer with understanding into the heavens in our monthly prayer guide to start you off. As you seek deeper understanding the Holy Spirit will guide you into greater revelations.

In other areas, rejection of these truths concerning the real war we are facing with regard to the months of the year and the various time frames of importance has cost us good success in advancing God's purposes on earth as it is in heaven.

As you read and pray through the contents of this book, may you rise up from the position of ignorance to possess the gates and establish God's kingdom every month of the year.

A detailed explanation as to why we should pray through specific time periods is

given in the first publication *Praying Through the Gates of Time*. I would recommend that you get your copy of that publication and read it so as to get the foundation for praying through each watch of the day, and then praying through each day of the week.

One gift you can give yourself each week for instance is to fast on the day of your birth and pray and make proclamations into your life and God's purposes for you. For instance if you were born on the second day of the week otherwise known as Monday, you can schedule to fast every week on that day.

If a man like Job could curse the day he was born because of the misfortunes that had befallen him (Job 3:1-16), the opposite is also as effective. It is possible for you to bless the day of your birth prophesy the opposite of what Job said, speak into it the purposes of God and honour it on a weekly basis.

Some of the things you may be experiencing because of the circumstances around and into which you were born may be dealt with. You may not be privy to words that were spoken or actions that were taken when your parents conceived you. You may not be privy to words or actions that were taken when your parents discovered that they were pregnant with you.

You may not know what was said over you when your mother was in labour or when you were born. Maybe she uttered words like Phineas' wife who declared her son's name "Ichabod" meaning that the glory of God had departed from them. Maybe words were uttered to give you a destiny like Jabez whose name meant "Pain."

The Holy Spirit who helps our infirmities in the place of prayer can help you pray and deal with some of these things that may have some hold on your life to date. The above are part of the things you learn in the first publication.

EVERY MONTH IS UNIQUE

In this book you learn that every month comes with its peculiar influence, projections, laws and ordinances which are supposed to be

subdued and redirected to glorify God. Remember that Jesus' great commission was to disciple the whole creation including the times and seasons. He wants you to reconcile all things back to God on a moment to moment basis.

Because of ignorance on the part of many Kingdom citizens with regard to winning the battle at the gates of the months, the enemy and his agents have harnessed the influence of the months and manipulated them to the advantage of the kingdom of darkness.

Thus the months of the year, like everything else in creation have been subjected to frustration because they are not fulfilling their God given purpose as laid out in Genesis 1:14-17.

The purpose of this book is to restore the months and the influences they have over creation to their proper God-ordained perspective. As you pray through the months, you will be re-shaping the year, to reflect God's purposes.

CHAPTER ONE

SHAPING THE TIMES

Before you learn anything further concerning praying through the months of the year, I would first of all like to let you know that God has given you the ability to shape the times you are in.

You can shape the day, the week, month and year because that is part of the dominion you have over creation. It is His expectation that you, the redeemed child of God should operate in the authority given to you.

While Jesus Christ reconciled all things back to God, including the times and seasons (Col 1:15-20), it is expected of you to sustain this victory in every area of life on a periodical basis - whether daily, weekly, monthly or yearly, or every significant time milestone e.g., decade, silver jubilee, golden jubilee, century or millennium etc.

PRAY CEASELESSLY

Jesus exhorted His disciples to pray without ceasing (Luk 18:1). You, the redeemed

child of God are expected to offer up daily sacrifice with regard to prayer.

For instance, if you want to shape your day, pray at the foundation of the day i.e. at the first watch of the day between 6pm-9pm. Even when you are praying for the month, start at the foundation of the month.

If you are using the Gregorian calendar, you can pray starting between 6pm and 9pm on the last day of the previous month, e.g., 6pm on 31st December, or 31st January or 30th November.

To be more specific with the month, you may pray at the eve of the new moon - that is on the evening of the day before the new moon.

However, another important watch to pray on a daily basis is the early morning watch.

Among the plethora of prayer strategies you may have acquired, I would like to drop just one small hint on praying early in the day i.e. the last watch of the night which falls early in the morning between 3am-6am.

WHY SHOULD YOU PRAY EARLY?

Daniel recorded in his visions that there is an opposer of the daily sacrifice. Our sacrifice to God is praise through the fruit of thankful lips. Our prayers in line with God's purposes are a sacrifice to Him. As a people who represent God's house of prayer on earth (Isa 57:3-7), we are to pray continually.

"Because of transgression, an army was given over [to the horn] to oppose the daily [sacrifices]; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did [all this] and prospered." (Da 8:12)

Jesus Christ is our pattern. He often prayed early in the morning, long before the breaking of dawn He would be found in the place of prayer.

God says that He will destroy the wicked in the land at that time of the day. God destroys the wicked at all times but has specifically pointed out; *"Early I will destroy all*

the wicked of the land, that I may cut off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD.” (Ps 101:8)

You are instructed, every morning, constantly and continually; “O house of David! Thus says the LORD: “Execute judgment in the morning; And deliver [him who is] plundered Out of the hand of the oppressor, Lest My fury go forth like fire And burn so that no one can quench [it], Because of the evil of your doings.” (Jer 21:12)

Today the church through Jesus Christ, who is the Root and Offspring of David (Is 11:1) are the house of David. Part of our routine prayer at the beginning of each day, should be, to deliver people and circumstances out of the hands of the oppressor.

This should be the routine at the beginning of every month and any other period. Execute judgment at the beginning of every month and store your prayers in the womb of time. That way, as the month progresses and as the year progresses, each day activates the judgments you have imputed

EVERY DAY HAS SOMETHING TO SAY

.....Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. [There is] no speech nor language [Where] their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.... (Ps 19:1-5)

As discussed in *Praying Through The Gates of Time*; Each day, more so, the beginning of the day, or the week or the month has something significant to say. Who will determine what your day speaks?

Learn to utter the voice of the Lord over the foundations of your day, and your month. Utter the voice of the Lord over your life and occupation, your family and local church, the church at large, your nation and continent. (Ps 29)

On a daily basis, voices from the kingdom of darkness consistently instruct creation to fight against you. There are voices from the Son of the bondwoman, from the Eastern religions, from the ancestral shrines, from the occult, instructing the day to give them unfair advantage, and hinder your

progress. In his lamentations, Job revealed that there are those who specialize in cursing days;

May those curse it, who curse the day, those who are ready to rouse Leviathan. May the stars of its morning be dark, may it look for light but have none and not see the dawning of the day because it did not shut up the doors of my mother’s womb nor hide sorrow from my eyes. (Job 3:8-10)

The day can be instructed to do certain things. All that Job was talking about was the night of his birth. Is it possible that the night could be instructed to shut up the doors of someone's womb so that she has a still born or simply does not conceive?

Is it possible for the day that is instructed to release a curse by the wicked also be instructed to release a blessing and God's purpose by the righteous when they have revelation knowledge?

Is it possible that the elements in the firmamental heaven can be covered or darkened? There are people who specialize in causing the star of your life to be darkened, to be swept out of the heavens, and to be buried in the graveyard of stars. They can instruct your star never to rise.

Are these astrological things? No they are in the Bible. There are those who will use the influences God has put in the firmamental heavens to do evil. An understanding of the sun, moon and stars becomes important with regard to the times and seasons because it is their duty to mark the times and seasons (Gen 1:14-17). I have dealt with this subject exhaustively in another publication. However, an introduction to the subject of the heavens, is dealt with in my publication *Kingdom Patterns for Praying Effectively*.

It is your duty to deal with the foundations of the day, the week and the month as you blot out every other voice that may be speaking and instructing creation to do things contrary to God's purposes. There are voices of false religions, the occult, astrologers, and diviners who will make decrees and use the laws in the heavens to shape the day, shape each month and the year.

However you have been given authority to shape the day, the week and the month. Instruct all of creation to do God's bidding.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created (Rev 4:11).

The duty of created things is to give God pleasure and pursue His purpose for them. You must instruct creation on a daily basis to listen to no other voice except the voice of the Lord (Ps 29), and the voice of the blood of Jesus (Col 2:14, Heb 12:24) which blots out and silences any other voice speaking contrary to God's purposes for the times, the seasons and all creation.

SHAPING THE DAY

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell [Me], if you have understanding." (Job 38:4)

Job was being "grilled" as it were by God. Today the same question is directed to you. Where were you when God was laying the foundations of the earth? When did God create you? These are rhetorical questions that God paused to Job;

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:" (Eph 1:4)

When was the Lamb of God slain? Before the foundations of the earth (Rev 13:8); therefore your new life has been there since before the foundations of the earth.

As a redeemed kingdom citizen, you should be able to answer in the affirmative that you were there before God laid the foundations of the earth.

God wants you to be one of those who will learn something about laying foundations of the earth on a daily basis; more so at specific times and seasons. How should you lay foundations for the earth?

At the gates of each day, each week, each month and each new season, there is a prayer God is waiting for from your lips. When he talked to Jeremiah *"Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." (Jer 1:9).*

What does God want you to do when He puts His words in your mouth? *"See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." (Jer 1:10)*

On a daily basis, and more so at the foundation of each time period root out, tear down, destroy, overthrow any planting that is not of God in your life, family, church and nation.

After that you can build and plant into that time period God's purposes, the prophetic words that have been spoken over your life and family, proclaim the word of God for the church, government governance and leadership, economy, education, science and technology, the media, arts and culture.

HE PUT WORDS IN YOUR MOUTH TO SHAPE THE TIMES

All of us may have a calendar. We all live the same day but we have different expressions, agenda, programs to accomplish different things. That means that you can actually decide what your day, week, month or season will look like.

Literally, God gave man the ability to go through the creation process every single day, week, month or year. As your day begins you have the power to decree, "Today, let there be....." according to the words that God puts in your mouth to utter over the day. How powerful is that? Wouldn't this type of prayer be more interesting rather than presenting to God a wish list of what you think you want?

"And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand,

that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou [art] my people.” (Isa 51:16)

The wisest man who ever lived, King Solomon; was inspired to say that “Life and death are in the power of the tongue. Those who love it will eat its fruit (Pr 18:21). Remember this man in Ecclesiastes 2 decided to test every way of men. These are some of the things he discovered in his quest for wisdom.

The first prayer you should make, is to ask God to put His words in your mouth today. Ask Him to put His words in your mouth for the week and for the month. The action of shaping the day or month by the words of your mouth is a prophetic action.

Every prophet did not speak his own words. He was given words to speak into the situation. From Joseph (Gen 41:16), to Moses (Exo 7:2), to Samuel (1Sam 3:19), to Job (23:10), the psalmists (Ps 45:1-2) prophets Isaiah (Isa 6:7,9-), Jeremiah (Jer 1:9, 5:16), Ezekiel (Ez 3:1-2), Hosea (Hos 14:2), to Jesus Christ (Joh 5:30), to the Holy Spirit (Joh 16:13) and to the Apostles (Luk 21:15, Acts 4:29); all who have had great impact in their generations sought words from the Lord to shape their times.....

Copies of the book that will be available soon; to access other messages, please order your audio CDs from the media team or contact Logos-Rhema administrative office. Other messages are downloadable from www.gapnetwork.org .

APPENDED PLEASE FIND FEBRUARY PRAYER GUIDE TO HELP YOU PRAY THROUGH THIS SEASON

GAPNET CONGRESS CALENDAR

- **GAPNET pastoral conference:** Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th February 2010. Dar es Salaam Tanzania
- **GAPNET Southern Africa Congress:** Wednesday 17th to Sunday 21st March 2010 – Pretoria South Africa
- **GAPNET Eastern Africa Congress:** Sunday 20th to Fri 25th June 2010 – Nairobi Kenya

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