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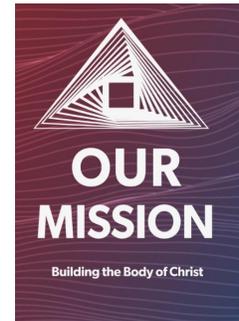
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Message 05: **The Blessing of The Spirit: Seal and Pledge**

Ephesians 1:13-14

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Yesterday, here in São Paulo, the women's congress took place. It was filled with special moments of much enjoyment and alignment with the prophetic word. They addressed the issue of enthusiasm, excellence and inclusion in the church services. The Women's Congress is an event of the Women's Ministry and each region can practice it. However, it needs to be in line with the prophetic word and the burden of the Lord. **The Women's Ministry aims to encourage and heal women to include them in the service of the Lord for the kingdom of God and the building up of the Body of Christ.** We realized the potential that women have to contribute to the work of the Lord. Yesterday, we discovered that not only cooperating men are our generals to carry out the work of God, but we have female lieutenant colonels and an army of female warriors who can be mobilized at any time to do the will of the Lord. We have an incredible army of men, women, youth, adolescents and recently children. The Lord will need this army to bring His kingdom.

Rom 3:53; Heb 9:22

The Blessing of the Son is redemption and headship. We, the men, from chapter 3 of Genesis fell into sin, and through the disobedience of one man, sin and death entered the world. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" and "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." We were damaged. However, the Father provided salvation for the man by sending His Son Jesus Christ to earth. By studying the book of Matthew, we have seen that He came as the King of the kingdom of heaven, to bring the kingdom of heaven to earth. His whole life was full of sufferings and many injuries. He was slain as a malefactor and His death produced redemption. By His side flowed blood and water. The blood is for our redemption and to obtain God's forgiveness. When someone confesses the name of Jesus and believes that God raised him from the dead, he is saved.

Eph 1:7

The word sin in this verse are offenses, which is why we receive the remission of offenses. God brought us back and placed us in Christ, the holy place for God to begin His work of sanctification within us. God then begins **the second stage of the work which is the blessing of the Son, the headship.** God is heading us in Christ. Before we were used to living for ourselves, but when we were redeemed, we no longer lived freely, but now headed by Christ. We must learn to live under the Lord's rule. May He lead the church and its members.

Eph 1:10

God's purpose is to head the church in Christ. God will make Christ head of all things, both in heaven and on earth, in the dispensation of the fulness of times. The word dispensation is oikonomia, housekeeping, and represents the execution of the plan of God in the fullness of time. God lives in eternity. In the eternity past there was only God and there was no question of time. To do his will, God made the time where he created the heavens and the Earth. This time has a purpose, a beginning and an end. The Son had a perception of the Father's will, he planned and then executed. He planned the creation and emergence of time. He ran everything and to this day he continues to carry out the plan to satisfy the will of God.

The Lord Jesus Christ was the only begotten Son in the eternity past. He was sensitive to Father's will. **We need to learn, in Christ, to be sensitive to the will of God.** To satisfy the Father's will, the Son devised a plan and is carrying it out. The Son is very close to the Father, the Son is in the Father and the Father is in Him. Several years ago I spoke with a mature young brother to include young people in the church. He asked me: what exactly do you want from us?

I spoke of an illustration that some brethren already know: "King David sighed: that I would drink of the water that is in the well at the gate of Bethlehem where the Philistines' camp is. He didn't ask, just sighed. Your brave men went to get life-threatening water. David didn't drink because the water was won at the price of blood". The sensitivity that David's mighty men had was similar to what the Son had with the Father. **Through the Prophetic Word we have to acquire a sensitivity to the point that, when we hear God speak, we know the Father's will and, without hesitation, let us do what he wants.** This is the good pleasure of the Father's will, which gives pleasure to the Father. Let's not just listen to the Father's will, but let's find out what His will is, let's drop everything and let's pay every price to execute His will.

Eph 1:11

Do you understand how important God's will is? It is the origin of everything God desires to do. We need to learn to be sensitive to His Word. The brothers from Colombia, listening to the same message that everyone heard, they immediately created the **Producing Overcomers Kids**. This has now become a tool for all churches.

Ps 2:8; Ps 110:2; Eph 1:14

"Inheritance made" means to be designated by luck. We were chosen for God's inheritance. The will of God is to gain us as His inheritance. When Christ heads all things, the nations shall be his inheritance, and the earth his possession (Ps 2:8). God wants to take possession of us, of man and earth. We are represented by Zion (Ps 110:2). The Lord Possesses Zion and Zion it is we who give the Lord the basis for taking possession of all the land. we will be God's inheritance. Not only that, God will also be our inheritance (Eph 1:14). **our heritage is God and we are God's inheritance.**

Eph 1:11

This verse again speaks of predestination. **The Father's blessing is choice and predestination.** Because of the Father's predestination we were destined to be God's inheritance. Predestination and election are linked by faith. Election is according to the foreknowledge of God and the foreknowledge of God is not to verify our bad or good works, for it does not depend on who wants to or who runs after it, but it depends on God using His mercy. But how does God use His mercy? You could be hard of heart the day the gospel came to you, but on that day God used mercy and faith, and by the foreknowledge of God made you one of the elect and predestined to be God's inheritance. This does not stop at salvation, but continues all the days of our life. We need to exercise our faith and be like the righteous who live by faith.

The Origin of God's Purpose is the will of God. The Son wisely proposes the plan that satisfies His will and carries it out. The Son does nothing beyond but exactly what is the will of God.

Eph 1:12; Rom 8:18

The result of spiritual blessings in heavenly places is the glory to be revealed in us (Rom. 8:18). When the revelation of the glory of the children of God comes, then will come the time of consummation of the fullness of time. We are approaching the end of time and once it is when the will of God is consummated, there will be no more need of time. **God wants to do something spiritual: creating something heavenly here on earth through our bodies.** By living in this body we are limited by time and space. Our creation itself, spirit and soul, does not come from the earth, but from the divine breath, from the dimension of eternity. He breathed the breath of life and man became a living soul. Soul because each one has its individuality. Personality, because when you are led by Christ, the different personalities become beautiful things.

This work that takes place here on earth is not human. We don't make a religious organization here on earth with millions of members. That's not our job. God wants to produce in us something from heaven, not from our dimension. Capable men can do great things, but not God's work. This work can only be done by God with spiritual blessings in the heavenly places. Therefore, God wants to use us as channels for his power to act. **When man thinks of himself capable, he does human work, but when man allows the power of God to do it, He(God) does His work.** The church is a realization of the power of God.

Let us seek more and more to have a contrite, repentant spirit, a broken heart and to never be arrogant, for a man's arrogance leads him to ruins. Our path is not of pride, but of humility. When we recognize that we can do nothing but trust in the Word of God, God works wonders and miracles through signs. **This work performed by this material body will result in something spiritual.** We are going through a period of gestation, practicing the Word, gestating to produce something glorious.

Rom 8:18-23

While we live in the body we have sufferings, but it is to produce something heavenly. **This wonderful thing that God is making go through gestation, is the glory of the children of God.** When will the birth happen? In the revelation of the children of God. All creation is subject to vanity because of the fall of man. When that which God is preparing comes into being, creation will also be released. The final stage is the redemption of our body. That body of dust is the only thing that limits us in time and space. That body will be exchanged for the body of glory. This is the moment of the birth of this organic thing that God is producing through the church and the headship of Christ.

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Eph 1:13

Thank God! One day, God's mercy reached us with the gospel of our salvation, the gospel of truth, and we believed. **When we believe, we change our entire history from God's election and predestination.** Predestined still have a destination to go, for it is to affiliate. That's why we need to allow the Lord to work in us through the Word, through problems and difficulties. This will make us grow in life and become mature children, ready to inherit God's inheritance. That's affiliation. We must believe and use faith every day of our life. Being immersed in the word, ruminating it, making us grow faster. Like our

GTC'ers who are always immersed in the Word all day long. When they have time to rest, they are ruminating the Word. **They are immersed in the Word and it makes them grow more quickly.**

How important it is that we give people on the streets the opportunity to receive the Word of Truth, the gospel of salvation. **If you refuse to pray for people, not encouraging people to call on the name of the Lord, you are denying them the opportunity to change their destination.** Let's preach the gospel! This Word needs to be carried by us. It doesn't walk alone, but needs a body.

One day we received the truth and the gospel of salvation. We believed and from then on we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Do you know what it's like to be sealed? Why are we sealed when we believe? In the past, if you took an edict from the king, as a bearer, to a general or to another city, the message would come on a scroll or parchment. To seal the scroll, wax was poured and with the king's ring stamped, the scroll was sealed. It showed that the scroll belonged to the king and represented his order. When you seal it, say: this is mine. **When we believe in Jesus, we've been sealed, marked. Men do not see, but angels do. We have been marked and the evil one does not touch us.** We are of God and we belong to Him. To be sealed is to be marked, it is to be labeled for a certain destiny, predestined. This brand we received in predestination to a certain direction is the seal itself, the Holy Spirit. This mark is the actual Holy Spirit of promise. He promised and He fulfilled. The Holy Spirit has sealed you.

Acts 2:16-17; Joel 2:28; Zec 12:10

If God had not kept that promise, we would still be in our sins. On that day, the Lord will pour out the Spirit of Grace. God promised and God gave us. When we believe, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. **A seal also indicates possession.** We belong to God. He took possession of us. When I worked in the office there was a little sign on the furniture saying they were company assets. Did you know that you have a heritage plaque from God? God has put the Holy Spirit of promise as a seal on you. **You are the property of God.** God himself took possession of us and took up residence in us in order to lead us to glory. He fully took possession of us as his inheritance. How can we be sure?

Eph 1:14

The seal is when we believe in Jesus. He sealed us with the Holy Spirit and it became a mark for the angels: we are of Jesus, His possession. **What is a pledge? A guarantee, a guarantee which gives assurance that God is our inheritance. The seal indicates that we are God's inheritance, but the pledge gives a guarantee that God is our inheritance, our guarantee.** He belongs to us. Not only that, but the Holy Spirit is our foretaste to enjoy in advance the inheritance that God is for us.

Rom 8:1

But what security, what guarantee, does this verse indicate? We don't have a printed document that we are children of God. How do we get this guarantee? **The Spirit himself bears witness and testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.** The Spirit is in our spirit. He in us bears this witness that we are children of God. This is guarantee and security. When Christ manifests on that day, we will manifest with Him.

2 Cor 1:21-22; 2 Tim 2:19

"Confirm" here is to unite us. He sealed us and gave the Spirit's pledge in our hearts. This gives us security and guarantee. The Lord knows us, for we have the seal of God and we belong to Him. Therefore let him who calls the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness, for we are no more than world, but of the Lord.

The pledge of our inheritance is God

The word pledge translated to Greek is used in the purchase of land. At that time there were no printed land maps, nor documents in a notary or georeferencing to prove that I am selling land. How was it done? Someone had land to sell and the buyers could not travel to buy the land. The owner would take a sample of the land and take it to the buyer. He would analyze the sale price and land per square meter or bushel and would decide whether or not to buy it. The buyer kept the sample as a pledge, as a guarantee, because when he would go to the land, if it did not have the same quality as the sample, the purchase was canceled.

The Holy Spirit is the pledge, the sample, of the total ownership that is God. Today you have a sample of the land, of the property that is God and can already enjoy. If the sample is already giving us so much fun, imagine when we rescue this entire property.

"Pledge of our inheritance" indicates that God is our inheritance and the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance that one day we will fully inherit God himself as our inheritance. For example: **today you know that God is love and you enjoy the display of love that the Spirit gives you. But that day, we will fully enjoy God's love and feel as loved as we never went.** We'll be immersed in a sea of love!

One of man's greatest needs is love. Most song lyrics in the world are about disillusionment in love and betrayal. Did you know that a survey found that in the last 50 years the number of songs that make direct reference to love is 70%, but indirectly it reaches almost 100%? **God is love.** Today we have a small sample of the Holy Spirit that makes us experience love, but on that day, God who is love will be our inheritance. You will never feel so loved, because you will be surrounded by the love of God.

Happiness

A brother showed me a Google search: 45 million people search how to be happy. **Man is in search of love and happiness.** Without God, it can never be found. In 1 Pet 1:8 we see that, "even though we don't see Him, we love Him." We have never seen Jesus in the flesh, but we love Him and **we believe and rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. This is just a pledge, just the sample, but one day we will take possession of the whole.**

Until the rescue

Redemption is the same as the redemption of our bodies, until filiation is completed, until that one is born. Spiritual entity: the revelation of the glory of the children of God. **When will God take full possession of us? When the revelation of the sons of God and glory overtakes us (Rom 8).**

1 Pet 2:9

We are a royal priesthood, a chosen race, a holy nation, and a people for the exclusive possession of God. God is jealous of His property and does not want other things to take our hearts. The spiritual blessing in heavenly places is for the maturity of the children of God and the building up of the Body of Christ, until the redemption of our bodies for eternity.

Acts 20:28

The church is God's own people who He bought with His blood. **The work of the Spirit aims at God taking full possession of his property, which is the church, and God becoming our inheritance.** This is a mutual inheritance. Today He is working in us, making us grow in life, washing us with the water of the Word, sanctifying us, removing all natural elements and putting on His holy nature, in order to be a glorious church, without blemish, holy and flawless. But one day, when the whole process is over, we will take full possession of God, in praise of His glory.

Eph 1:6, 12 and 14

Spiritual blessing begins with “to the praise of the glory of His grace” (Eph 1:6), ends with “for praise of His glory” (vv.12,14). This indicates that **grace is ultimately aimed at glory**. God, through Christ, came to be our grace and our enjoyment. God is then dispensing Himself as every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. But what is God's purpose in dispensing grace from Him, without having to pay anything? The goal is for glory. Amen!

James 1:17

In Romans 8, there is the revelation of the glory of the children of God. **When this cocoon, which is our body, produces what God wants to do by dispensing spiritual blessing in heavenly places and generates in us a spiritual and heavenly entity, which will be manifested in the revelation of the glory of the children of God, then it will be finished.** There will be no more need for time and we will enter eternity. Today, we are still in the physical world, in the physical light. Light and time are a mystery. Time goes and doesn't come back. How time and space are associated with speed from light? God is light. We read in James chapter 1: “He is the Father of lights. There is no change or variation of shadow. If you could travel at the speed of light, you would see that time does not pass, as in eternity. God dwells in eternity, He is the Father of lights. During the passage of time, the glory of the children of God is being produced which will culminate in the redemption of our bodies. There will be no more need for time and we will live forever with the Lord. Since there is no time in eternity, then time will not exist.

There was silence in the heavens for about half an hour. There is another concept of time, another notion of time, I still don't know how to explain. We have to appreciate what the Spirit is doing in us. He sealed it to God, and we shall be His entirely inheritance. We will mature and grow, and one day we will be inserted into the glory of God. **The portion we enjoy today is just a pledge, a foretaste. In the fullness of time, when the Lord returns, we will fully enjoy God: Love and Light.**