

**REFORMATION PLATFORM
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**THEME: ENLARGE THE PLACE OF YOUR
TENT: STRATEGIES FOR
INCREASE...Isa.54:2, Josh.11:19**

HYMNS: Arise, arise for Jesus

LESSON ONE:

EXPANSION BY AGGRESSION Josh.11:19 [What *'Expand the place of your tent'* mean to us as a ministry. A study on Joshua 11]

“There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. All [*the others*] they took in battle.” (Josh 11:19 [NKJV])

The order has been given from the Supreme headquarters in heaven: ENLARGE THE PLACE OF YOUR TENT. This, in Kingdom language means, go on offensive...expand by aggression [Matt.28:18-20].

The type of assignment we have is unique & our area of responsibility is the very towns or cities wherein we are found. We must have sound intelligence on the enemy or the entire operation may be a waste.

One thing is clear: **“There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel...”**

So you must understand that the rulers of darkness in Egbeda, Pipeline & Abule Odu will not make peace with you. They will fight with everything they've got [Deut.2:24-36].

Just as the Canaanites have lived in the cities of the Promised Land for hundreds of years [Gen.15:13-16], in the same way, the

hordes of hell have held these towns in their grip for hundreds of years. You must understand that they will never yield the land to you peacefully...they will fight for every inch of the ground [Deut.3:1-5, 8-10].

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The only way to enlarge the place of our tent as a ministry is to expand by aggression [Josh.1:1-5, Acts 1:8]. The enemy will not peacefully go and just as God promised Abraham Canaan, all the ends of the earth have been promised to our Lord and savior, Jesus the Christ [Ps.2:8].

EXPANSION BY AGGRESSION [a study on Joshua 11]

Jabin heard of the amazing victory of Joshua and Israel [Joshua 10]

Read Joshua 11:1-7

Verse 7

Joshua attacked the massive army of Jabin particularly with soldiers and not civilians. If we will succeed in this work, we need 2 things: **military discipline and precision** [Matt.8:8-9 TLB]

MILITARY DISCIPLINE

"Oh no, sir," answered the officer. "I do not deserve to have you come into my house. Just give the order, and my servant will get well. I, too, am a man under the authority of superior officers, and I have soldiers under me. I order this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and I order that one, 'Come!' and he comes; and I order my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." Matt 8:8-9 [GNB]

Right from day one when people are recruited into the army, they are deliberately conditioned to obey orders without questioning.

Several times, they don't even understand why they are doing what they are ordered to do, but they are to obey anyway. They leave the *why* to their commanding officers who bear a higher responsibility and accountability to their own superior officers.

It is expected to be the same with the Christian soldier [Acts 5:17-21]. We are to obey the Lord Jesus without question [] and we are equally expected to obey constituted spiritual authority placed over us without question [Josh.1:16-17 TLB].

Reformation platform is a spiritual military organization. We are an army unit, a part of the Armed Forces of the Kingdom of God [1Chron.27:1-15 NLT]. The Lord Jesus is the Commander in Chief, Supreme Headquarters [Josh.5:13-15 TLB, Matt.28:18-19], I am an Army Group Commander [Josh.1:16-17 TLB], you, the leaders of Reformation Platform are Army Commanders [1Chron.27:1-15]. We still have commanding officers in every

level, leaders of thousands [Brigade & Battalion Commanders], leaders of hundreds [company commanders], leaders of fifties [platoon commanders] & leaders of tens [squad commanders] [*Ex.18:13-26 TLB].

The only way this work will be done is when we obey orders passed down to us promptly and exactly [Ex.17:8-13, Ex.39:42-43].

In most cases, an army officer doesn't know the entire plan. He is only instructed on what his own responsibility is [Josh.11:15]. It is the same for us [Deut.4:2, Deut.12:32, Acts 20:27].

The Lord is saying He would have us expand by aggression. You will need to understand this and be ready to obey the orders passed to you so that what the Lord wants to achieve will not be hindered.

MILITARY PRECISION

“As the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.”

Josh.11:15 [NKJV]

Notice that the original command came from the Lord to Moses and not Joshua. Joshua understood his place in the chain of command. Even while Moses was alive, Joshua carried out the order God gave to Moses [in the destruction of Amalek]. In the

same way, you are expected to do as you are told [Ex.25:9, 40; Deut.4:2].

There is what God want to achieve and He expects that we will do precisely as He orders [1Chron.28:19]. Where military precision is lacking, the overall objective will not be achieved [1Sam.15:1-3, 8-9, 11, 19-24]. When people do what they think and not what was commanded, several times in the Bible, it leads to loss of lives of the people they are leading and the people who lead themselves [Num.14:40-45, 1Sam.31:1-6, 1Chron.10:13-14].

God has a pattern & He expects that His pattern will be followed with precision [Ex.25:9, 40]. There is what Reformation Platform is meant to achieve in the mind of God...He will not accept anything less than what He intended as anything less will not serve His purpose [Isa.14:24].

This then is the mentality we are to have...you are a soldier, an army officer and you are expected to do as you are told [Deut.4:2, Deut.12:32]. Instructions that come from superior officers are not advices or appeals. They are words of command. They are orders that are meant to be obeyed [Matt.8:8-9 TLB].

Joshua attacked Jabin and his large army with **soldiers**...no wonder they recorded such success. Were it civilians he attacked with, the story wouldn't have been the same.

“And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who defeated them and chased them to Greater Sidon, to the

Brook Misrephoth, and to the Valley of Mizpah eastward; they attacked them until they left none of them remaining.”

Josh. 11:8 [NKJV]

“And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel...”

Even though Jabin came with a mighty army, the Lord delivered him and all his confederating kings and their armies into the hand of Israel. We must understand this deeply...as far as God is concerned, He will give us victory over Satan’s Kingdom in every town, city or village we go in to possess.

Thus, the challenge is not to get God to give us the victory, for several words of promise in scriptures confirm our victory [].

The real problem is we ourselves...**UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE ARE SENT TO DO & BEING ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED TO DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE []**.

Our actual work is to edify the Church and evangelize the world through the spiritual capture and possession of nations, states, cities & towns and everything in them for our God and for His glory.

We invade and capture schools and residential areas. We undertake offensive welfare programs aimed at meeting the core needs of people and cutting off the things distracting them from serving God. these offensive welfare cuts across every town & city [widows, scholarships, rehabilitation, prison, medical and general welfare are covered]. NOTE: AS A LEADER, YOU OUGHT TO UNDERSTAND EACH OF

THESE FIELDS SINCE YOU WILL OVERSEE ALL OF THEM IN YOUR TOWN OF ASSIGNMENT.

Our enemies are numerous both within the church and without. Within, we fight denominationalism [1Cor.1:11-13], compromise [Rev.2:19-20], carnality & sin [Rev.3:15], wrong doctrines and error [1Tim.4:1].

Without, we fight Satan [], sin [], the world system [].

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Thus, we need to be tactical. If this is what the Lord is asking you to do, then you must be ready to go all the way. Israel didn't just defeat them in one town. The entire army pursued the retreating enemy in order to avoid their reorganization and counter attack. This is always Israel's strategy every time God grants a victory [Josh.10:10, Judg.1:4-6, Judg.4:14-16, 1Sam.17:52-53]. It ought to be ours as well [Mk.1:32-38].

“...they attacked them until they left none of them remaining.”

This is another thing we need to pay close attention to. Israel attacked them until none of the mighty army remained. This is a general practice the Lord commanded them to do [Josh.10:33, 37, 39-41].

We must understand that if we will have absolute victory for the Kingdom in each of the towns we are sent to, we must work with the focus of fully destroying the work of the Dark Kingdom in each of our towns [1Jn.3:8, Acts 10:38]. **“...they attacked them until they left none of them remaining.”**

“So Joshua took all that land: the hill country, all the South, all the land of Goshen, the lowland, the Arabah [plain], the hill country of Israel and its lowland,

From Mount Halak, which rises toward Seir, as far as Baalgad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. He captured all their kings and slew them. Joshua had waged war a long time [at least five years] with all those kings.

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“So Joshua took all that land...”

Your work in the town you have been posted to is extensive []. You must labour to ensure that all is done. You must take all the land, not just portions of it [Judg.1:27, 29-33]. That’s the only way you can complete your work in a town and touch every soul in the town. Those who escape your street fellowships will not escape school ministry, those who are not in school ministry will be caught in the work of the Media department [tracts, books,

song & drama ministries, tapes etc]; those who escape your Media department should be caught in your Welfare work. [see 1Kgs.19:17]

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The description of all the land taken by Joshua is instructive...every part of Canaan felt his impact. It must be the same with us. Every part of the town you are sent to must know that the Lord has come indeed to live with them. This is why several people are here who are meant to assist you [Ex.17:10-12]. Capturing portions of the town is not enough...the entire town must be captured [Num.33:55]. The influence of the gospel must be felt everywhere...in its markets, shops, schools and streets. Righteousness must once again become the standard in these towns [Acts 6:7, Acts 12:24, Acts 19:20].

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At this point, it is important to ask the leaders of Reformation Platform if they have the will to fight and if they are ready to go all the way... [Num.13:26-33, Lk.9:62 AMP].

The reason is because there is a realm of spiritual warfare where demon princes and fallen angels who are kings over certain lands are captured and rendered so powerless that it equals to *'killing them.'*

Before we look at how fallen angels can be thus humiliated, defeated and sent into perdition, I need to ask you if you are ready to step up into a higher realm in walking with God and in understanding advanced levels in Spiritual Warfare.

Beyond that, I need to ask you if you are ready to put all else behind and make this call the principal purpose of your life...only then can I have the liberty to show you the whole counsel of God.

[We will begin in the next session if you agree to go all the way]

LESSON TWO

The moment you have this knowledge and you understand how to capture, bind and send a fallen angel forth into perdition, you become one of the most dangerous enemies to Satan's Kingdom and you join the list of men who are on their priority list as people they must bring down by every means [see Jesus: Jn.11:53, Matt.26:3-4, Lk.22:2; ***PLS NOTE: Joshua:** Josh.5:1, Josh.9:1-2, Josh.10:1-4]

Are you ready for this?

1. Understanding your place in God's Kingdom and Army

First of all, we will do well to realize first that God is our Father [Jn.1:12, Gal.3:26, Matt.6:9, Jn.20:17] and He is a King. In fact, He is an Everlasting King [Jer.10:10] reigning over an Everlasting Kingdom [Dan.7:27].

We need to understand is that God has a Kingdom [Matt.4:17, Matt.10:7, Mk.1:15]. This Kingdom spans over the entire universe [Ps.103:19, 2Chron.20:6, Ps.115:3, Dan.4:34-35] and it is a literal Kingdom [Matt.26:29 AMP, Rev.22:14], with government officials [2Cor.5:20, Jn.20:21, Matt.10:7, Rom.8:18, Dan.7:18, 22, 27] and subjects [Rev.21:24-26, Isa.2:2-4].

He also has an army [Rev.19:14], and it consists of trillions of angels and billions of saints both in heaven and on earth [Zech.14:3, 5; Jude 1:14]. This army is actually the most powerful in the universe [Rev.12:7-9].

This Kingdom is universal, with several angels ruling over trillions of planets and hundreds of billions of galaxies [Col.1:16 TLB]. The Bible spoke of thrones, dominions, principalities and powers as part of what God created [Eph.1:21, 1Pet.3:22, Col.1:16] and we know that they are seats of government [Col.1:16 TLB].

The bulk of God's army is in heaven, reserved for future conflicts that will end this age and usher in the millennial reign [Jude 1:14-15, Rev.19:11-end, Zech.14:1-end]. However, the Church of Jesus Christ provides unit commanders for the part of this army that still fights on planet earth, laboring to win souls and lands for the Lord.

As the saint matures in the faith, he matures also in rank and in command of heavenly forces [Ps.8:6, Heb.2:8, Josh.10:7-14, Judg.5:20, Ex.9:23-24]. When God said one will chase a thousand and two will put ten thousand to flight, it is because He expects mature spiritual men to lead the hosts of heaven in offensive against the enemy, so a few of them are enough since they can be backed with endless number of angelic troops [Matt.26:53, 2Sam.5:22-25, 1Sam.14:13-15, 2Kgs.6:14].

Who are we in God's Kingdom? How does every angel [whether fallen or holy] and all creation see us? This is what we are about to learn...

a. You are a royal prince

[the Mystery of Adoption]

We became children of God through the sacrifice of our Elder brother, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Adoption is the act of God whereby He legally accepts a repenting sinner and makes him a member of His universal family, acknowledging him as a son born in the family, and giving him all the rights and privileges of a son. An adopted child takes the same name as the rest of the family, shares in the same inheritance, privileges, and daily benefits provided for all, and becomes subject to the responsibilities and paternal care of the one who adopted him.

The adopted person becomes a full heir to his new father's estate.

Likewise, when a person becomes a Christian, he or she gains all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of a child in God's family [Jn.1:12-13, Matt.6:32-33].

Once he grows up, he steps into these rights, privileges & responsibilities [Gal.4:1-2].

Thus, if God who is our Father is an Everlasting King and our Elder Brother sits enthroned with Him [Dan.7:14], our Present state is that we are members of the most important Royal Family [Eph.1:5 NLT] that rules over the universe [Ps.103:19]! In Fact, scriptures state that we ourselves are presently enthroned as co-

rulers of the universe with our Father and our First Born
[Eph.2:6, Eph.1:21; Gal.4:7, Rom.8:17]!

The Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities of a Son.

1. The Rights of Sons [i.e. a fully grown son or daughter of God]

Rights are entitlements or what is due to a person by law, nature, or tradition.

All believers have:

- i. Full rights [Jn.1:12, 1Cor.3:21],
- ii. Legal rights [Heb.9:16-18 AMP, MSG; Matt.26:28],
- iii. Redemptive rights [Col.1:13-14],
- iv. Gospel rights [Mk.1:15, Eph.1:13-14]
- v. Blood-bought rights [Heb.13:20-21]
- vi. Promised rights [2Pet.1:2-4, Heb.6:16-20]
- vii. Family rights [Gal.4:6-7]

2. The Privileges of Sons

- i. Privilege of Access [Eph.3:12, Ps.65:4, Heb.4:16]
- ii. Family Name [Phil.2:9-11, Jn.16:23-24]

iii. Family Inheritance [Rom.8:14-17, Gal.4:6-7, 1Pet.1:3-5, Rev.21:7]

iv. Daily benefits of the Family

a. wisdom [1Cor.2:6-10], b. inner strength [daily anointing-Phil.4:13].

v. Paternal care of the Father

a. direction, b. protection, c. provision [see Ps.23:1]

3. The Responsibilities of Sons

1. Seeking First the Kingdom

a. By making it my priority [Matt.6:33 GNB],

b. By Expanding it [Matt.6:9-10] and

c. by defending it [Jude 1:3-4].

2. Living Worthy of My Family Name [knowing how to behave and conduct myself] 1Thes.4:1, Phil.1:27, Col.2:6 AMP

END

Why Have we been called to do this work? [Because it is the end-time...we are part of the midnight cry that awakens the church for the preparation of the coming of the Lord- see]

How can we live like sons and princes? [By having the mindset of Christ].

b. You are an heir of the Kingdom of God [Lk.22:29-30, Heb.2:5, Deut.7:18, 22, 27; Eph.2:6 comp.1:21]

c. You are a joint-Heir with your Elder Brother, the Lord Jesus the Christ

d. You are a commissioned officer of the heavenly Army

e. You have angelic troops under your command

6. You are presently an Official in God's Kingdom [Government].

2. Learning how to work with and command warrior angels

Matt.26:53, Matt.28:18-20

3. Appropriating the full benefits of the victory of the Cross for warfare.

“Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle” Ps.144:1

Spiritual authority is the legal right to give commands and the spiritual ability to enforce compliance. [see Jesus, Paul, Phillip]

4. Understanding offensive & Defensive arsenal of God’s Army

Hailstones [& brimstone]

Thunder

Arrows

Whirlwind

Destructive winds

5. Their only strength is in the advantages we give them [sin, ignorance & spiritual carelessness] Eph.4:27

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