

Governance Within the *Histemi*

Ruler (*kathistemi*) to designate or appoint for a governing situation, to supervise or be supervised in the midst of appointed function. It means to conduct the affairs of the *histemi* or take what is in the *histemi* and use it.

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Matthew 25:20-25 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord [*kurios*], thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. ²¹-- His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. ²²-- He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. ²³ His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. ²⁴ Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord [*kurios*], I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: ²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine

- **Talents** (*talanton*) what God has given each of us through giftings and abilities to accomplish His will.
 - *Talaiporos*, translated as wretched, means to endure a trial or troubles is a derivative of *talonton* and *peira*, meaning a test by piercing through. It was used with the Laodicea church to say their talents were punctured or frayed in some way, leaving them unable to function in power the way they had in the past. To continue being changed from glory to glory, we must submit to this measure of refining and perfection. Only God knows what needs to be adjusted. Before any great advancement, God is going to perfect us. This "talon"-like testing will touch us in many areas. God knows how to deliver (*rhyomai*) the godly out in the midst of testing...meaning to release a current of water. We must submit to testing in order for the release of life to come.
- Two of the servants were **good** and **faithful** (*agathos pistos*): they were found stepping forward according to the *agape* and committed to God's plan.
- They were faithful over a few (*oligos*) things, meaning to be small in extent, degree or valuation. It is regularly used to describe something said succinctly and to the point or to describe that the duration of suffering in the battle for grace will be short-lived, but the recipient will gain the full measure of its intent. God has called us to partner with Him in bringing the new, seemingly small thing into fruition. It may seem small in the eyes of man, but God will use it to bring restoration. It is a vital element that brings life. Many are called, but few chosen. The few are vital and able to bring the move of God to see His purpose come to life. The harvest is great; the laborers are *oligos*, or those whom God has invested His power into. Few choose the straight gate. We cannot despise the chastening of the Lord, which makes us *oligos* sons. We derive our word "oligarch" from this word, meaning a few that have total power. This entails the price we must pay to attain to become *oligos*.
- God made them *kathistemi* over many, giving them a measure of authority and dominion where they were planted.
- Then they entered into the joy (*chara*) of the Lord...the root of grace.
- We often focus upon the man entrusted with one talent. We do not know the depth or weight of the talent entrusted him, but he hid (*apokeimai*) it, meaning he sowed it into the wrong place.

- If we read further, he accuses the lord of being hard (*skleros*). This means that God demands that we invest our very being into what He has entrusted to us...being totally committed.
- The Lord's objective for us is acquiring the measure of *kathistemi*...to be given authority to govern within the *histemis*.

THE FAITHFUL SERVANT

Matthew 24:45-47 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made **ruler** over his household, to give them meat in due season [kairos]? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. ⁴⁷ Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him **ruler** over all his goods.

- Wise (*phronimos*) to be discreet, cautious, thoughtful and disciplined. It is derived from the Gr. word *phren*, the midriff of the body, which is our point of discipline and spiritual core, and its root *phrao* means to rein in or to curb. *Phren* is our spiritual core. The five virgins who were wise meant they kept their mind in focus and were strong in their core, in their spirit. They were Spirit-led and committed to the *musterion*, the mysteries of God. The five foolish virgins were *moros*, or unwilling to partner with God in His mysteries.
- The ruler was both wise and faithful: breathing after the purpose of God in the Spirit and remaining attentive to relationship at the right hand of the Throne.
- Through this the ruler provided meat for the household, meaning the deep things of God.
- This ardent devotion to God will enable an individual to function in authority in the *histemi*.

JOSEPH

Acts 7:9-10 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him, ¹⁰ And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he **made** him governor over Egypt and all his house.

- Joseph was entrusted with unquestioned authority by Pharaoh to govern the affairs of the greatest empire in the world.
- *Kathistemi* is the word used to describe the type of influence Joseph possessed.
- The grace and wisdom of God was upon him as he was brought into this point of authority.

FRUITFUL

2 Peter 1:5-10 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; ⁶ And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; ⁷ And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. ⁸ For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. ¹⁰ Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

- **Add to faith:** relationship through commune and obedience to directives at the right hand.
- **Virtue** – excellence; to be mature, become a master through faithful dedication; to follow and master something. We must ardently follow and apply what God gives us to be like Him
- **Knowledge** – to know, understand and perceive
- **Temperance** (*egkrateia*) strength that comes from the Throne (*kratos*) to overcome self.

- **Patience** – to remain under the appointed place of abiding; to stay under the command of our Father. Our abiding place is wherever the plan of God has assigned us. We are to stay under the covering of what we are called to do, to abide in our identity, and to commit to what God has given us to abide in. This speaks of not abandoning our placement when challenges arise.
- **Godliness** – to respect, honor and apply the principles of the purpose of God. To exercise discipline and responsibility in authority.
- **Brotherly kindness and charity** – to passionately pursue the purpose of God together in brotherly love.
- This type of governing anointing is designed to give victory over barrenness and unfruitfulness.
- As we move with restorative purpose, there will be life and fruit in abundance.

SONSHIP PRINCIPLES

Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were **made** sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be **made** righteous.

- Through the disobedience of Adam, mankind was suppressed within the flow of *histemi*.
- **Disobedience** (*parakoe*) Inattention, hearing amiss, hence signifies a refusal to hear; hence, an act of disobedience. Carelessness in attitude is the precursor of actual disobedience.
- Because of Jesus, mankind has the opportunity to function in authority according to the righteous vision in the *histemi*.
- **Obedience** (*hupakoe*) attentive hearkening; compliance or submission. From *hupokouo*, meaning to hear under (as a subordinate), i.e. to listen attentively; by implication, to heed or conform to a command or authority.
- Obedience is indicative of alignment with what God intends within the *histemi*, according to divine timing and ordained foundational function.

Hebrews 2:6-7 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁷ Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst **set** him over the works of thy hands:

- **Made** (*elatoo*) same word for “decrease” when the Lord increases... like elastic. This means to become whatever the Lord needs from us as He is expanding. We must maintain a flexibility of heart. The enemy looks for inflexible points of resistance in order to attack these areas.
- Man was originally created with a hunger for God.
- Angels were made for the purpose of obedience and service.
- This difference is indicated by the term “a little lower,” but it really means there will always be a hunger for God within man as opposed to rote obedience.
- Man was made to love and serve God with a willingness to become whatever we need to fulfill His purpose.
- This is the formula of partnership with Him.
- Jesus demonstrated this partnership as an obedient son
- Like our elder brother, God will give us authority over the *histemi* through which He moves and works.
- We then know the glory which comes from relationship with Him as well as the glory deposited within the *histemi*.
- The honor indicates the jurisdiction of what God desires for us to do in partnership with Him within His timing.

CHURCH FUNCTION

Acts 6:3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may **appoint** over this business.

- To be entrusted with supervision within the *histemi* must be:
 - 1) Honest report (*martureo*) willing to die on behalf of what God has entrusted
 - 2) Filled with the Spirit – *pneumatkos*
 - 3) Wisdom...taking light into the darkness.
- These qualifications of commitment to the mission of the Saints must be present within anyone who would be considered for a position of authority.
- The objective for such an appointment was to be endowed with *kathistemi*.

Hebrews 5:1 For every high priest taken from among men is **ordained** for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

- Priests before the Lord are empowered with this same capacity of representation for the Lord.
- This speaks of the intercessors who are standing in the gap and contending in the battle for righteousness in the *histemis* of the earth.

Titus 1:4-5 To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. ⁵ For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldst set in order [from *orthos*] the things that are wanting, and **ordain** elders in every city, as I had appointed [to arrange thoroughly] thee:

- Titus was operating at the right hand of God in faith
- As part of his salutation was the exhortation of grace, mercy and peace by the Apostle Paul
- Titus had been ordained/positioned to set things straight that were out of whack and to ordain elders.

WARNINGS

James 3:5-6 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so **is** the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world **is** the enemy of God.