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everyman has his own destiny: The only imperative is to follow it, to accept it, no matter where it leads him. ~ Henry Miller

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“O Lord, thou hast searched me, and **known (Yada- To know intimately) me.**” Psalms 139:1

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I'd like to go back to that startling revelation that God unveils in and to the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah: “*Before you were in your mother's womb, I **knew** you.*” Now, recall, that word knew means intimacy. We need to understand that. We need to comprehend that this kind of knowing is like when a man knows a woman, as in when Adam *knew* Eve. It's when something is traded, given, imparted to. There is an impregnation that occurs. Stop, right here.

You were known by God.

You were intimate with God. God impregnated you somehow. God gave you something.

God imparted something to and through you before you were ever physically conceived - even while you were in your mother's womb, He lowered you down to the earth realm, and placed you as a seed – “*for unless a seed dies and falls to the ground, it cannot live again.*”

Have you ever considered the significance of being a seed? Perhaps not - but there is a phenomenal, breath taking significance to this little reality. It reminds me of a lovely store I often enjoy sharing:

There was a woman who dreamed she died and went to heaven—which was in the shape of a great supermarket with God behind the counter.

“What are you selling?” she carefully asked God.

“Your hearts desires,” said God.

She couldn’t believe what she was hearing, and so the woman worked up the nerve to ask for the very best things that a person might hope for. “I deeply desire peace of mind, and health, and happiness... and love... and faith... and goodness” Then realizing that these might be mostly centered on her she quickly added more altruistic desires, “Also – I have long desired an organization that might do some good for others. Some sort of justice mission. Perhaps a brilliant institution who spreads care to orphans and widows in disenfranchised countries...” Then with a final bit of gusto she said, “Oh, and freedom from fear! Not only for me, but for everyone.”

God began to chuckle. And the woman scowled. “What?! Why are you laughing at me.”

God smiled, “Oh my dear I think you’ve got me all wrong. This isn’t a fruit stand... we don’t sell fruits here. Only seeds. We’re handing out seeds.”

There are two things here. The first is that God uses small starts, baby steps, tiny fragments of being. This is certainly what is present there before there is anything. Do not imagine that what is fashioned and known before the foundations of the world is somehow a well developed, fully grown man or woman. No. It is a whisper, a trace, a hint, a possibility, a seed. That is how God works. And I feel that this makes it far more real just in knowing this.

But the second thing that this lovely story hints at is that this small, undeveloped, promise of a seed houses something very grand. In fact all of God’s purposes rest in it. The entire eternal purpose of God is at home in an inkling, a fraction, a portion. The whole is at home in the part. Once again, we must merely throw up our hands and affirm, “This is simply how God works.” We may not understand it, or be entirely comfortable with it, but we can be confident that when God fashioned you - just the promise of a potential - all of his lofty purpose was all fashioned and housed within you also.

The seed that God planted in your mother’s womb, in you, has since grown, hasn’t it? You are no longer a toddling, burbling, bubbling baby. You are not an infant in arms. You are developed, matured. You have taken shape. And as

you have grown, you are beginning to awaken to something, aren't you? Yes. You are starting to discover that high and lofty destiny that God placed inside of you before time began.

There in the uncreated realm of God's person - before the universe had yet been sung into existence the Godhead made a decision - and out of this terrible, awesome, and altogether impacting decision a you and I came into existence. Paul speaks of the outcome of this meeting between Father, Son, and Spirit in his beautiful letter to the Ephesians:

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he marked us off in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will."

Think of this for just one moment. Think what Paul is claiming. He is suggesting exactly what I have mentioned above - that portions of God's own life, something very special in God himself, were sectioned (or marked) off for a high and lofty destiny - a destiny which was absolutely unique and set apart or holy! And all of this rather incredible, indescribable mysterious chain of events culminate not in annoyance or utilitarian emotionlessness - but rather they were executed in absolute ardor, in love! No wonder people hated Paul. This is mind will put the religious out of business. Imagine - being purposed in love, and not rules and regulations. That quite a start isn't it?

It is easy to be speculative about all this. Theology gets heady very quickly In all honesty it isn't that difficult to relegate these truths to some sort of abstract notion. But think of yourself. Imagine yourself, just as you know that you are. Just as you believe yourself to be. With all of your flaws and strengths, victories and failures, warts and wonders. Then recall that the text says "He chose us." Not an abstract idea, but rather "us," as the totality of who we are. Located squarely in that little seed was the whole of God's purpose and all of who you and I would one day become. An identity - your identity - was known to God before anything.

I enjoy saying to people that we hung out with God for eternity before creation. Some people get legitimately scared at that kind of revelation. But here's the truth - you were there with God, as a seed, as a marked off, chosen, and holy portion before the world was born. That's why I say you're a spirit having a human experience. We are not humans having spiritual experiences as we so often imagine. We are spirits having the experience of being human. The true you is not only human - it is even more than that. That is the faithful world view. Reality as what we can taste and touch and see and handle - and more besides. In this case you can see and touch my humanity - but I am

much more than this. I am also spirit. A human is born. A human dies. But as spirit, as the very life of God, as that which is out of God, we have always existed and we will, in some form, always exist. Spirit cannot die because spirit has neither beginning nor ending.

This is demonstrated in the Hebrew understanding of the ancient priest Melchizedek. The rabbi's of old believed that Melchizedek was a spirit descended from the Throne of Grace who came down, or materialized, and appeared to Abraham. The Scriptures make it clear that Abraham gave a tenth of all he had to the priesthood of Melchizedek. And the Bible goes on to say that Melchizedek had neither mother nor father, because he was not manifested in a natural body. Similarly we say, along with the apostles, that Jesus was clothed in a natural body. The Word was made flesh. It was as if a flesh garment, an earth suit, was made for the Son of God. The Word was lowered into the earthly and material realm and Jesus was given a fleshly body, making his dwelling place among the nations of men. This earthy incarnation becomes the epicenter by which the peoples of the earth experience their consciousness shift.

Let us recall that we are told that Christ is the first born of many brethren. Knowing that Christ is our foundation and example, what can we learn? We see him lowered from heavenly places as an eternally pre-existent spirit, descended into embodiment, and accomplishing his mission in the earth realm. Look at Christ. Then look in the mirror. This same type of work is what God is doing in and through you. You are of the same stuff as Christ. Spirit of His Spirit. Kind of His Kind. Marked off, fashioned, from before the foundations of the world and appointed for this very hour.

We can discern a pattern and order that Jesus has set into motion. We will never come before him; *he* is the firstborn and son among sons, but we follow after his pattern as we participate in his likeness. We follow the pattern and protocol of Melchizedek, who is a high priestly prefiguring of Christ, who descended and ascended. Jesus' pattern is after [Hebrews], and we follow in hot pursuit.

At this moment, we need to pause Melchizedek

because, God choosing you, marking you out in Himself, for Himself, for a high and lofty purpose, isn't all that happened before the foundations of the universe.

In Amos 9:9 God says something fascinating, *"I will give the command and I will shake the people of Israel among all the nations as grain is shaken, and not a pebble will reach the ground."* At first this looks merely like figurative language - a kind of metaphoric way of talking. But recalling the words of Jesus, *"Lest not the grain fall to the earth..."* and in the original language it

goes even further by saying, “*the earth realm.*” What this is saying is that the passage isn’t only talking about dirt. It isn’t only that kind of earth. It’s the realm of earth. It’s the natural sphere in question. Bringing that understanding back to Amos we can see that the ground being discussed is actually the entire realm of earth. God is saying that people are being and have been shaken outside of the natural sphere, in the heavenlies - in the eternal, outside of time and space. his was not a sifting going on within time and space, it was a sifting going on within the heavenly realms!

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills, and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit.”

(Amos 9:13-14).

God is saying “*Look. I will sift the house of Israel like grain is sifted – yet not one of them shall fall to the earth realm.*” This is the pattern of God - everything that occurs in the natural has already occurred in the eternal. The temporal is merely a display for what God has always been doing. In this case a sifting that went on before we were ever in our mother’s womb. This sifting did not take place on natural earth; not one grain (or spirit) fell to the earth realm. You have been processed by the time you came to the earth realm. And this sifting was not a rough handling - again all of it was done in love.

The life of a seed, of God developing something slowly and beautifully, begins in eternity - and that is where it also ends. Scripture tells us that we were crucified with Christ. It also says that the Lamb of God was slain BEFORE the foundations of the world was laid. This means that we have experienced his life changing power, the breaking of the outer shell and the release of the inner spirit - all before we started the journey. Isn’t that incredible? Not only were we called, chosen, marked out, and given a high and lofty destiny - but we were also sifted in such a way as to produce the power of God operant in our lives. Perhaps what I mean is best housed in a story:

There was a great oak tree that stood on the bank of a mighty river. It had been there for perhaps hundreds of years, tall and strong. At its base there was a little colony of acorns that had accumulated. In fact they were quite developed for acorns. They had acorn schools and universities, they had acorn temples, mosques, synagogues and churches. The acorn colony proudly segmented its population into workers, educators, home makers, law enforcers, etc... They had quite the effective society. Still the haunting

question continued to arise with more and more frequency - is there more than this? Are we missing something? Or what is our purpose? No matter how many positive implements the acorns put into their day to day living there was the unmistakable sense that there could be more to the picture than met the eye. Great acorn philosophers and prophets arose from time to time to say that in actuality there was a whole other world that was being missed. But the leaders of the acorn society always put them in their place and suggested that the community go on about their business, paying no mind to the troubling words.

Then one day a shout was heard from above the colony. The whole group looked up to see one little acorn falling to the ground. Once landed he picked himself up. He was disheveled and didn't look entirely kept. He had sprouts instead of the well adjusted cap on his. All in all he appeared entirely too wild to fit into the high society of the acorn kingdom. As they crowded around him, he suddenly started to rant and scream, pointing at the tree. He shrieked, "We... Are... That..." Over and over. No one understood. Finally, an elder approached him and was able to slow the cracking young acorn down. "Now, what do you mean? We are that? If we're that," he said pointing at the tree, "Why don't we look anything like that?" The acorn paused and said, "Because we have to be broken!"

This is life of a seed. In order for the reality that is inside of us to come out, we must be broken, or sifted.

We will experience it over and over in our life with God. But it isn't new! As I said earlier, you have already been crucified with Christ, already been broken. Your beginning was in the kind of death that leads to life, and can therefore never be touched by death again! If you begin at the end, all you have to look forward to is discovery!

Think of all the things that are true of you - that have always been true of you, because you were enveloped in God before anything? You were fashioned. You were marked off. You were chosen. You were called. You were known - for all your failures, strengths, successes, and faults. You were destined to a mighty purpose. And you were released, through the breaking of your outer shell, to that ultimate intention. What now is stopping you? What hinders you? If God - if even God - is for you... then what can hinder you? Nothing. Neither things in heaven, nor things on earth; things above or things below; powers nor principalities, angels or demons, people or spirits. For all of this - your entire life was sealed in God, before you were even conceived in the earth realm.

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Dr. Jeremy Lopez is the Founder and President of 'Identity Network International', 'Awakening to Your Now' and 'Now is Your Moment'. Identity Network is a prophetic resource website that reaches well over 153,000 people around the globe and distributes books and teaching CD's. Jeremy has taught and prophesied to thousands of people from all walks of life such as local church congregations, producers, investors, business owners, attorneys, city leaders, musicians, and various ministries around the world concerning areas such as finding missing children, breakthroughs, parenthood, and life financial changing decisions.

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