

“Changing Your Spiritual Setting”

The Ministry of the Spirit

December 28, 2025

INTRO ...The Arrival of a New Hour

...We began this year with this passage — **John 4:23-26** ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

...Our Big 3 Words from this passage: "WORSHIP" ... "SPIRIT" ... "TRUTH" ...How are Those “Words” [concepts] in my life on Dec 28, 2025 vs. Jan 1, 2025??

...Don't miss this subtle element— ***“the hour is coming, and is now here”***

— **Notice (in God's Purpose): Every “hour” is NOT the same!** ...The Realm of God's Purpose is more like “The WEATHER” than it is simply like the “March of Time”.

- **A Subtle Encroaching Danger of such a Full/Relentless Pace of Life ...is we become just a “go-with-the-flow” people! ...**

“Most of us feel immortal in our teens and twenties, then move through life so fast in our thirties and forties that we lose sight of the journey and think only of our careers. Even in our fifties we barely hear the roar of the rapids several bends down river. ... Have you awakened to the journey of life? Or are you among those drifting down the years? Are you among those so caught up on the project of themselves that they choose not to hear the flow of time? **Os Guinness** (“The Long Journey Home”, p.6, 9, 20, 32)

...The N.T.'s words for “time”— “Chronos” (the flow of time) vs “kairos” (opportune times)

- **Ecc 3 ... “For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven”**

Matt 16:2-3

Luke 19:41-44

God's Engagement of the “Chronology of Life” is filled with “Kairos Moments” that have new appointed dynamics and new activity connected with these times!

SIMPLY PUT...

...God's Activity, God's Initiative, God's Engagement, God's Outpouring—is NOT Always the Same! [...true “Historically”, “Globally”, “Personally”]

...We are NOT ‘Automatically In-Line’ (“in step”) with the Purpose & Spirit of God

Ex 3:7-8, 10 Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians ...”

...430 yr season of life in Egypt—NOT anymore! ...A New “Kairos”!—a Day of DELIVERANCE!!

Ex 19:1-6 ¹ On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ² ...There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³ while Moses went

up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, ... ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

...The times have changed—from Egyptian slaves to God’s Chosen Priests! ...An Instructive Day

Ex 25:8 ⁸ And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.

...a time of REVEALING ... God’s “Temple Dwelling”! ...Critical Insights on HOLINESS

Deut 1:3, 6, 8 ³ In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them, ... ⁶ “The LORD our God said to us in Horeb, ‘You have stayed long enough at this mountain. ... ⁸ See, I have set the land before you. Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.’

...a time to possess the land! (time of warfare, overcoming resistance, advancing the kingdom) ...how different is “This kairos’ vs years in Egypt or time at Mt. Sinai??

Hosea 10:12 Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

Jesus Knew about ‘Kairos’ Time, Satan knows about ‘Kairos’ Time ...Do We Know about ‘Kairos’ Time?

Rev 12:7-12 ⁷ Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ... ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time [*kairos*] is short!”

Rom 13:11-14

Acts 2:16-17 ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

Approaching Jesus’ Kairos Moment

...the first 30 years of Jesus life ...then

Luke 4:1-2

Luke 4:13-21

... ***“And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee” (v. 14)***

- This was a “Real, Recognizable, Significant Moment!”—Jesus Treated it That Way! ... **Lk. 24:49** “And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Notice: There is a real category with real dynamic and real meaning under this phrase!—“in the power of the Spirit”

Notice: Jesus life in "his Galilee" is about to be quite different! ...

Careful FOOTNOTE ...Everything about Jesus life and ministry on earth does not transfer to our life and ministry! ...BUT, many things do!

"Jesus is thirty years old. He has just been acclaimed by God to be his Son. Three years of mounting conflict lie before him which he knows will end in his torment and execution. How shall he begin?" **John Piper**, "Christ in Combat"

- **40 days and the Dawn of a New Ministry** ...This is not given as a recipe or formula (either to be exactly followed or that guarantees a particular outcome!) ...But that doesn't mean it is lacking insights and transferability to the ministry in the kingdom of God in the future.

40 Days (Easter to Ascension) + 10 Days (Ascension to Pentecost)

...Acts 1:9, 12-14

...**NOT trying to make a case for the old-time-Tarrying Meeting.** ...There unique tarrying was tied to God's Revealed Time Schedule! ...**BUT—I AM trying to make a case for some kind of Critical-Receiving-Posture!** ... **God is about to do something "different"—am I "available & receptive"???**

Receiving & EXPERIENCING the Ministry of the Spirit

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

...THEN — Acts 2:1-4

...THEN — Acts 2:16-17

Remember, **Jn 4:23** "...the hour is coming and is now here"

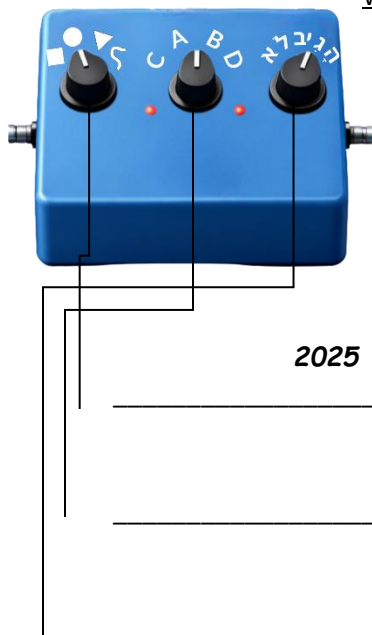
"Education" Gives Way to "Engagement"—Which Creates "Experiences":...

WARNING: "He came to his own people, but His own people did not RECEIVE Him"—Jn 1:12
["not receptive" = not hungry, not curious, not eager, not risk-taking]

?? - My 2025 'Settings'—Jn. 4:23 ...Worship, Spirit, Truth

?? - My 2026 'Settings'

Change Your Setting! ...I'm NOT a Reader—Change Your Setting ...I don't Fast—Change your setting ...I don't have a meaningful prayer life—Change your setting ...I don't do Uncomfortable, Ministry Things—Change your setting ...I'm busy—Change your pace! ...I'm a victim, I'm hurt, I'm disappointed—Change your setting!



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