

ETERNITY IN TIME

The whole earth is in a new season, a season in which we cannot go back to the way things have been. Eternity has broken into time and it is moving the earth toward the fulfilling of divine purpose.

To understand the magnitude of this reality we must understand this truth: There are two realms, the realm of time and the realm of the eternal. We are creatures of time, born into it, not knowing anything except time. We are prone to thinking of time as the only real reality. However, before there was time there was the eternal (or eternity). Time was created after the eternal existed. The basic meanings of the words eternity or eternal are an age or age to age or endless age. Time is a venue that God uses to manifest something eternal. Time begins and ends but the eternal simply is.

When God begins to bring things from the eternal into time, he takes portions from that which is already complete (the eternal) and places it into time. Think of eternity as an already assembled jigsaw puzzle. The idea of a jigsaw puzzle is to assemble the many pieces to see a complete picture. In eternity, the entire picture is already complete, the puzzle is already assembled. Our Father knows the end of every event from the beginning. His name reflects the titles of Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. In fact God has no measurable past or future. God exists in an eternal state of NOW! The Bible even goes further to suggest that Christ was the Lamb of God who was slain before the foundation of the world. This means that time is a spiritual instrument God uses to systematically and progressively manifest His finished work.

Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure'. (Isaiah 46:10)

If we are able to comprehend this divine principle, it will empower us to be able to prophetically see the finished work of God, in a future time frame, and then draw on the grace of that particular time frame to experience the future NOW!

DAVID, AS AN EXAMPLE

David lived under the priestly order of Aaron, a time commonly known as the Levitical priesthood. One day, during this time, the eternal realms were opened to him and David accessed a future reality as he heard the Father make a decree that His Son Jesus was an eternal High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. David began to realize that this High Priest was operating from a "sanctuary not made with human hands." He perceived no veil of flesh or clothing that stood between the presence of God and His people. The Lord has sworn, and will not relent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. (Psalm 110:4)

Under the Levitical priesthood, the penalty for overstepping certain boundaries was instant death. However, when King David discovered the priestly order of Melchizedek by revelation, what he saw in the heavens completely changed his life and his perception of the person of God. This revelation affected David enough to empower him to reorder and restructure the Tabernacle of Moses. David created a new structure of worship that was not patterned after the Levitical order. This new order became known as the Tabernacle of David.

David removed all man made barriers between the Ark of God's presence and the people who came to worship and the amazing thing was that nobody died under the Tabernacle of David for coming too close to the presence of God. Those who had been raised in the Levitical order would have been apprehensive to engage in the 'new' immediately but nevertheless this new order of worship and priestly service was successful.

THE PRINCIPLE

God always deals with His people on the basis of the revelation that we have of Him and His ways. Revelation equals light in the kingdom. The more we are able to see of the eternal realm, the more God is able to work in us and through us.

David's revelation had a 'fast-forward' effect. It removed veils of restriction between God and His people and elevated them beyond time. All other Old Testament tabernacles, right up to Zerubbabel's temple were patterned after the Levitical order but what David constructed was patterned after an eternal

priesthood. It had an eternal value on it. Likewise, when we are able to see beyond time and lay hold of a new reality in eternity we can become agents of eternity in time. Time can be transformed by an eternal reality. We must remember that God is the One who created time but He exists outside it. God is not bound to time. God exists in an eternal state of now. Therefore, it follows, that His eternal work of creation, restoration, and renovation was finished before the foundation of the world.

It requires a people who have been made ready and made aware of this reality to break out of the confines of time and become agents of eternity.

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