Chapter 2

DIVINE PURPOSE 3

We stated in the previous chapter that in the New Covenant, certain purposes of Elohim, our Creator are clearly defined. The first is that souls of those outside the Kingdom be brought in through the preaching of the gospel. The reason is that the sacrifice of Yahshua, Jesus is the ONLY remedy to the sin problem which entered the world through Adam and Eve. We also saw in the previous chapter that Yahweh, our Father in heaven, is not merely interested in having a mass of individuals who claim to "believe in," Jesus, but their lifestyles do not add up. For this reason, Jesus charged the Church to go and make disciples of all nations. To "disciple," is to change mindsets which have been wired and change value systems through systematic presentation and understanding of the culture of the Kingdom in the Word which is its Constitution.

3.) Yahshua Came to Birth Sons in the Earth to Serve Him

Majority of Christians discontinue at making disciples of Yahshua Jesus, unwittingly sliding into religion thereafter. When discipleship is presented as the ultimate, saints tend to become so bound to rules and set activities that they lose sight of the profound act of enjoying an intimate relationship with a real Father in heaven and representing Him in the earth realm as sons.

The very first disciples of Yahshua followed Him for three and half years. During this time, they were servants. Servants have limited knowledge of the hearts of their masters and work for reward or pay. Servants can be

driven by selfish agendas in doing what is expected of them. This was the case with James and John, the fiery sons of Zebedee. The fisherman, in a fit of ambition recruited their mother to engage in the first recorded act of lobbying for position in the New Covenant. Let us read the account of their endeavor and the response of Yahshua. Matthew 20:20-28 says "Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

For this reason, Yahshua did one of the most profound things of His earthly assignment. He announced to mortals, the capacity to live on earth in an intimate relationship of friendship with Divinity! He announced the possibility of intimacy with Yahweh as Father which would trump the rituals of religion for which Judaism had become burdensome.

> *This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his*

lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

—John 15:12-15

Friendship with Him was not an end in itself, but was part of a process that would prepare the disciples to receive the ultimate purpose of redemption, that saints on earth are to be and live like sons of Elohim in the earth realm. They were to enjoy a vibrant, intimate personal relationship with Him with 24/7 access and not as an "unknown god" or an impersonal, fearful Being to be sought after inside of buildings constructed of brick and mortar on certain "holy" days. It is significant that as soon as He rose from the dead, Yahshua made a startling announcement to Mary. "Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God" (John 20:17.)

So let us apprehend with clarity, the divine purpose of redemption which the spirit of religion has long obscured, Heaven sacrificed Yahshua, the Ultimate Son so that through His death, multitude of sons would be brought to glory throughout the earth realm.

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

—Hebrews 2:9-16

Something more profound than the walls of Jericho had just been pulled down by the realization that saints are to function on earth as sons of Elohim, adopted into His family because of the Blood.

> *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*
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> *—Hebrews 10:19-23*

Adoption is a legal covenant. One who is adopted into a family is entitled to all the rights and privileges which the new standing and relationship with Yahweh offers. Just as justification wiped out our past, adoption gives us access to the present and future.

> *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*
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> *—Romans 8:14-17*

Through adoption, we become heirs of Yahweh and joint heirs with Yahshua. This glorious privilege is not to be tossed away by ignorance. Each saint is under obligation to resist every attempt of Satan or humans to suggest that you are on your own in this life and that Elohim is a distant reality. Refuse error and press into the fullness of your identity in Yahshua, so that you will live like the victor you are and not a victim of circumstances. When we were babes, we did not fully understand our identity as adopted sons of Yahweh. Now that we are mature in Yahshua by His Grace, let us

cast off the orphan or slavish mentality which keeps us away from intimate relationship with our Father in Heaven.

> *Galatians 4:1-7 1Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; 2But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. 3Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: 4But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*
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> *—Galatians 4:1-7*

Those adopted into the family of Yahshua are not judged by their race, color, gender, socio-economic status or geographical location.

> *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*
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> *—Galatians 3:26-29*

Therefore a person who has been adopted is to be known to no one by natural qualities. No one is permitted to know us after the flesh, but by the Spirit.

> *Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.*
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> *—2 Corinthians 5:16*

The adopted sons that the world is waiting for are to be carriers of the presence of Yahweh and dispensers of His power received by the Holy Spirit at work within them. They are to take the Church from the building

to the community to demonstrate— by the power of the Holy Spirit —the fact that Yahshua, Jesus is alive and reigning. As they stand boldly across this earth as His witnesses, sceptics, agnostics and even principalities and powers in heavenly places cannot but stand in awe of what they witness.

> *To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,*
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> *—Ephesians 3:10*

One of the radical blessings Yahweh offers lost humanity is an opportunity to become members of His holy and divine family. This reality is offered through a legal process and covenant relationship called adoption for all who accept the free gift of salvation in the Blood of Yahshua, Jesus the Messiah. It is important that you understand this glorious truth so that your faith can stand on the secure word of Yahweh rather than the fables of men, religious dogmas of denominations or the massive twisting of truth which Satan has caused to invade the camp of saints. For those in leadership, one of the most important truths you can ever communicate to saints is that they are adopted legally into the Family of Yahweh and are His! They are adopted to be accepted in the beloved!

> *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*
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> *—Ephesians 1:4-6*

By adoption, a spiritual transplant is offered to whoever will receive the gracious invitation of Yahweh. From being part of the dominion of Satan and kingdom of darkness a penitent sinner who puts faith in the blood that was shed is conveyed into the Family of Yahweh and His Kingdom.

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

—Colossians 1:13

Because of the redemption price which was fully paid by the blood that Yahshua, Jesus shed, the saint is now adopted into the family of Yahweh with full rights and privileges as a son indeed who has a personal relationship with a personal Father who is Creator of the whole universe. Adoption is the core basis on which Kingdom life differs from religion and religious devotions. Religion requires you to worship an "unknown god" even in fear and trepidation of what he or she will do if you do not meet a long list of expectations and rules. In the old Covenant, Yahweh revealed Himself to Israel from afar. Only Moses knew Him intimately while the populace was content to worship from afar! On the other hand, Yahweh Who we have to deal with has revealed Himself in Yahshua, Jesus as One who is truly a real person.

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

—Hebrews 1:1

In the New Covenant, Yahweh firstly revealed Himself in Yahshua, Jesus. Secondly, through the relationship between Father and Son, Yahweh reveals how intimately He wants to relate with His own children who are on earth. In effect, Yahweh wants the relationship with members of His family to be as modelled by the intense fellowship between Him and Yahshua, Jesus when He was on earth. This is why we must not forget that Yahshua, Jesus came to call many sons to that same relationship with the Father through the principle of adoption.

> *For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.*
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> *—Hebrews 2:10-13*

According to Romans 8:19 a day is coming when the whole creation will see the full manifestation of the sons of Elohim. Adopted sons will presage that realm of life. The Church will be the agency of the Kingdom it is purposed to be if saints were to believe the report of the Word, trusting their heavenly Father while releasing their faith as He processes them to walk as His sons in the earth realm. We will then live like the Ultimate Son lived.