

## A Proper Working Basis For Transacting Business With and for Jehovah

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1. Business affairs of earth have well defined ways of approach and conduct. Certainly the much superior realm of the Spirit should have highest practical methods of procedure. For here is carried on business of highest importance—that of the Almighty King. Infinite mercy and wisdom has devised adequate and perfect plans, which are so designed as to establish most intimate practical relations between God and man. Openings setting forth these cooperative relations are herein set forth.

### I. RIGHTS and TITLES

2. In seeking correct basis for partnership, our first discovery is that all Rights and Titles to and in man and what is in his possession belong solely to God. Encroached upon by Satan and man, the long-suffering of God, meanwhile awaiting man's tardy repentance, will yet be fully vindicated. Following are proofs of Divine Rights:

3. Man and the Universe were created by God's almighty fiat. To the Maker belongs the made: "All things were created by Him, and for Him." "By the word of Jehovah were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth." Col. 1:16; Ps. 33:6; 24:1; 100:3; 19:1-6.

4. Jehovah is rightful possessor of All, although contrary to sometime appearances. All authority has been given to Jesus Christ. Any other rule will soon be put down. "Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is Jehovah's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is." Deut. 10:14; 1 Cor. 10:26; Ex. 9:29; Acts 17:24, 26; Gen. 14:19, 22.

5. Jehovah has shown that He controls the earth, for He conveyed rights to the nations: "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance." "The Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men." Deut. 32:8; Dan. 4:17.

6. The Universe is sustained in operation by the Creator: "In Him we live and move and have our being." "By Him all things consist." "Upholding all things by the word of His power." Acts 17:28; Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3.

7. The Dominion which God gave to man satan broke in the fall. It was wrested and regained by Christ, and restored to those in faith. Col. 2:15; Heb. 1:2; Micah 4:8.

8. Christ redeemed man: bought him back from the fall: so he is doubly God's property. By His great atoning sacrifice, Christ obtained title deed to the race and earth. "Thou wast

slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood." "Ye are bought with a price." Rev. 5:9; 1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23; 1 Pet. 1:19.

9. Christ also recreates all who accept His redemption, the extent of which is only limited by appropriating faith. "If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creation." "Created in Christ Jesus unto good works." 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10.

10. Jehovah has shown over and again supreme authority over all nations by sending judgments. He hewed the nations by the prophets. The consummation of His judgments, as prophesied, will come in the great day of Jehovah, when two-thirds of earth's inhabitants are destroyed. Hosea 6:5; Zech. 13:8; Rev. 16:18, 19.

11. The Physical Earth also is in the hands of the Lord, as shown by the following prophecies. Zech. 14:4-16; 2 Pet. 3:5-11; Rev. 16:18-21; 21:1.

12. So it is shown by these ten specifications, which may be called abstract of title, that Jehovah holds perfect, absolute, indisputable deed and title to man, earth and universe by the rights of Creation, Possession, Conveyance, Maintenance, Redemption, Recreation, Judgments, Dominion and Physical Control.

### II GOD'S GRACIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARD MAN

13. These rights in man belonging to God, He never has abrogated. With such proposal He could not be approached. He sets too high valuation upon man. His purposes are invulnerable, though "the Husbandman hath long patience." His long-suffering patience awaits man's citadel to open to Him.

14. God's love for man is most intense even to jealousy. "Jehovah whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." "Jehovah thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God." Ex. 34:14; 24:17; Deut. 4:24; 5:9; 6:15; Josh. 24:19.

15. God's intense yearning over man causes Him to bear his waywardness with extreme long-suffering, although God's requirement is strict obedience and entire conformity to His will in all things. Yet the motives in Jehovah's acts are far removed from any selfish or lordly spirit of a despot. All His laws are tempered with highest attitudes of benevolent regard for our welfare. Conformity thereto brings happiness, peace and prosperity. Man is best disposed in all respects when in cordial accord with His Maker. "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." 1 Tim. 4:8 6:6;.

16. Man is evidently of a high order of cre-

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ation, made for particular purposes, intended to be indwelt, the habitation, temple of God, also high possibility to be Bride of the Lamb. In man God in His gifts, powers, and nature is to be exhibited. "What is man that Thou art mindful of Him?" Heb. 2:6; Eph. 2:22.

17. Jehovah set so high value upon man that He was willing to pay the highest possible redemption price for him: the life, body and blood of His well-beloved Son. "What is man that thou shouldst magnify him? And that Thou shouldst set Thine heart upon him?" Job 7:17, 18.

18. Although so far strayed and fallen, Jehovah sees great possibilities in those who accept His mercy, and choose to return to Him. And the devices of Omnipotence are exhausted to reach man and lead Him to partake of His boundless bounty. Behold! What infinite love, deep pity and sympathy. Isa. 64:4.

19. God, the Sovereign Creator, as is fit, has made first advance toward man, opening full opportunity to him to enter into worship, communion and fellowship, and business relationship in the Kingdom of Heaven.

20. Seeing the Almighty Jehovah shows so favorable attitudes and munificent appropriations for His creatures, what wretched response is man's rebellion and disobedience! What crime against so benevolent government and most gracious Sovereign!

21. Behold! the Son of God, while man is bound in sin, indifference and rebellion, lays down His sceptre, throne and glory, and makes a trip to fallen earth, dons the garb of human flesh, pays the penalty due such rebels, suffers their punishment, shame and ignorance that they may go free. Great exhibition of love! Wonderful redemption!

### III. GOD'S BOUNTEOUS and EXTENSIVE RESTORATIONS AND IMPARTATIONS

22. The completeness, vastness and far-reaching results of this uttermost Salvation for man surpasses understanding-devised by Jehovah, purchased by Christ, and made operative through Holy Spirit. It begins with man in his degradation, compasses the full extent of his need in time and carries him with a great sweep into eternity.

23. The Word of God spoken prophetically is the true Gospel ministry. This supernatural preaching brings life to man's spirit, with accompanying works of Holy Spirit imparted grace and the gift of the Spirit Himself, introducing

to the Kingdom of Heaven.

24. Accompanying and following are impartation of spiritual gifts, graces, powers and enablements. These are the dynamic working energies of the Kingdom of Heaven—the Lord's equipment for conduct of the Lord's Kingdom business. Doubtless possessed by Adam and lost in the degradation of the race, but now being restored in the Gospel. "God also bearing them witness both with signs and wonders, and manifold works of power, and gift distributions." We are to be good stewards of these "true riches." Heb. 2:4.

25. "They who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by One Christ Jesus;" that is, overcome and master every circumstance or situation. Rom. 5:17; 2 Cor. 2:14.

26. Ample means and methods are provided for knowing at all times and under all circumstances the mind and will of God; so given that one may attain a state of being always fully "led by the Spirit." Various means are given, such as gifts of revelation, prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, voice of the Lord, scripture, vision, dream, etc.

27. The highest possible privilege is offered: to attain the Bride of Christ, or Wife of the Lamb, and reign as kings and priests with Him a thousand years.

28. God is absolute Sovereign over man. So far as rights go, man is His slave—property of One of infinite power. There could be no escape from whatever He chose, though He were a tyrant ever so cruel. But God is far removed from any motives not most benevolent. He waits with long patience, often through weary years of a lifetime of stubbornness and rebellion, putting off a tardy repentance and scanty at that. How few fully renounce their own will till the will of God becomes supreme! Abandon without limitation! Alas! how few!

29. Since it is from no oppressive design but rather in great condescension and graciousness God asks entire compliance with His will, and with deepest love and solicitation for man's welfare, one can but admire His purpose to raise man to high, beautiful, practical heavenly associations with Himself: to make him a dispensing channel of Divine outflow, a creature temple for God's expression, a depository of gifts, graces, powers and glory, workers together with Christ in the supernatural kingdom.

30. Seeing these several views of the Creator's deep solicitation for His creatures, are we not

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I am fully enjoying the work. The Lord has supplied all our need. Our God is wonderful. "If God be for us who can be against us." The battle is the Lord's.

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I am happy to report that progress in the Gospel has been made this summer. Sister Jessie Tilley was with us for three weeks at one time and again for a visit. There has been considerable interest created about these meetings in our neighborhood.

There have been two outstanding healings. One was a girl who came into the meeting on crutches, but threw them aside during a victory march and soon was dancing in the Spirit and never had to use them again. The other one was a woman who had had rheumatism for twelve years and could not walk properly. She was delivered, and now she can walk and run and dance and sit flat on the floor and draw her legs under her like a child. She is sixty-one years old.

We keep up our worship and our fast days and prayers for missionaries and press on as best we know how.

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upon Christ. Thank God, some of the vision has materialized in these days of the Restoration to the Church of that which she has lost. We are coming into our own and soon all the gifts and offices shall come into being and as a result the Church shall come into the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ and translation shall take place.

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deeply humiliated into glad delight and appreciation of His desire for most intimate love relations and business conduct. He offers to exhibit Himself in beautiful variety of rich revelation of things Divine; and His design to make us stewards and dispensers of His vast riches. We then here discover these bountiful privileges, lavish provision, and exalted station in the Divine plan and treasured in Heaven's storehouse. They, we may say, eagerly await appropriation by the sons of earth. Why not hasten to possess and operate in the kingdom of Heaven? Please read Jer. 5:1; Eze. 22:30; Isa. 63:5.

31. Heretofore we have spread out before our view an available, adequate, suitable, safe business basis of relation and procedure with the King. So large privileges demand most diligent attention and strongest effort to possess so magnificent opportunities.

#### IV. BUSINESS STEPS

32. Whoever is aroused to aim for highest attainment will steadfastly believe that God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, and should be moved to strive to enter into that rest, covet earnestly the best gifts, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling and buy gold that is tried in the fire. Heb. 11:5; 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:31; Phil. 3:14; Rev. 3:18.

33. By prayer, faith, clear leading of the Spirit, advance under the directing light of the Spirit, and controlling of His power, from faith to faith.

34. This is that so great salvation, whose neglect shall leave scant opportunity for escape. It cost the priceless blood of the Son of God, poured out for rebel slaves. It shows the exceeding greatness of Divine Love, the vastness of God's purposes, the marvel of transformation, the extreme degradation of a pauper to the high exaltation of an heir of God and joint heir with Jesus Christ.