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GIG299 – God's Many Dwelling Places

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I want to talk in this podcast about, number one, an experience I had, but also something to help us with our prayer life. I am calling this *God's Many Dwelling Places*. There was a time that I experienced in my meditation and looking to the Lord about the world of spirit and moving in the world of spirit, how the spirit world functions and what it looks like; and while I was in the process of doing that, I saw almost like a vision. I do not want to say it was a vision, but it seemed kind of like a screen on which I looked and saw many boxes, like a grid; like everything before me in this universe was a grid of boxes, and each box had certain sizes and dimensions to it, but they were all varied and different and they were separated by grid lines. While I was seeing this, I was reminded in my heart about the Scripture from John 14, verses 1-3, which says, "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."

While looking at this vision, so to speak, and having this Scripture come to my mind, I realized that this is true; in the Father's house, in this universe of His creation, there are many dwelling places. All of them are accessible, and Christ said He is going to prepare a place. He was speaking to the disciples before His resurrection, or before His ascension, saying, "I am going to prepare a place for you." The place He is preparing for us could be one or many of these different locations within the universe, the world, the reality that God has prepared; because we remember the principle of the Sabbath day is that God finished His creation and sat down, and He separated the Sabbath and said, "My work is finished, My creation is finished. Everything that I am going to do, all that I am going to work and create, is done." And when we come to the Sabbath time, we are recognizing once again that His creation is done, finished, completed, so all of these dwelling places are there. They are done, they are created as part of all of God's creation. He is the Creator of the universe, and the universe is filled with many, many things, and nothing therefore is impossible because all things exist from that creation at any given moment and are accessible to us as believers; and we should recognize that.

That is what I am looking for out of this podcast; first, at least, a recognition on people's part that the universe that was created is vast. What Christ did and what He is preparing for us is vast. And when we reach into Him in our waiting upon the Lord, He comes to us and He receives us to Himself, and we find our access to any of these dwelling places; because where He is, and He fills all creation, we are going to be able to be with Him also. So He is preparing specific places; and I think that at different times in our life, in our walk with God, in our growth in our maturity, we find ourselves dwelling in different places

that have been prepared for us by Christ, by the Father, in our walk with God. Christ comes to us as we are waiting, seeking Him, being aware of Him and all that He is doing for us, because He went away to prepare the Kingdom for us; and He comes to us and brings us to Himself as we become aware.

This is something that, to me, very deeply affects our prayer life – how we are able to pray, and what we are praying for. In a sense, you can say that we all have television sets, right? So everybody has a television set, and you can relate to a television set. It is there, it is sitting in the room. When it is off nothing is happening, you are not aware of anything that is going on, so you turn on the TV. You then have an ability to take your remote, which is like your emotions, your mind, your waiting upon the Lord; you take the remote and you now have control to turn on that TV. And when we wait on the Lord, we open the door for Christ to come to us and bring us to Himself. But it is our choice to turn on that TV. You can turn it off, turn it on, you can ignore it, whatever you want to do; it is within your control. So when you turn it on, you now have access. You have access to all of the wavelengths that exist out there. And when you think about it, there are so many different channels, and each one of those channels is a different wavelength. On each one of those wavelengths there is something different playing all of the time. There are many different channels. There are local TV channels; there are movie channels that you can even pay for, that you have to log into. You can go to YouTube on your television and watch that. You can go to children's cartoon channels. You can go to Netflix or Amazon, or many of the other channels that are available showing movies. So when you decide to turn on that TV, you have access to all of this.

You have to understand that is number one: you have opened up access to it. Now you can begin to determine what wavelength you want to be on; what wavelength do you want that TV tuning into? And you can choose any of those channels to tune in to. It is just like those many dwelling places. There are many dwelling places out there, and you can choose to dwell with Christ in any of those dwelling places which already exist and are already created. Or, if you do not “turn on your TV set” and tune in to Christ and tune in to the Father, it is like leaving your TV set off – you are not going to be able to tune in to anything. I am saying “tune in” because I think that as we get into the depths of the spirit realm, we are talking about our ability to function within the wavelengths of what exists out there. Because the Father is not a guy with a gray beard sitting on a throne somewhere. He is not a human object. He exists in another realm, and Christ exists also in another realm. The Holy Spirit is a wonderful example to us, because we have an easier time picturing the Spirit, even by His name: He is the Holy Spirit. He is a spirit. And as Christ said about the Spirit, you do not know where He is coming from or where He is going to, because from our natural eyes, our natural ears, the way we exist in this three-dimensional world, we cannot perceive the Spirit or the spirit world. So when we go into a spirit world, as Christ said, we must be born of the Spirit. When we turn on the TV, we are actually exercising the reality that we can be born into the Spirit and we can function in the spiritual wavelengths that have access to all of this.

So we turn on our TV set, and what happens is that we now have access to all the wavelengths, and we can choose what wavelength we want to tune in to. When we do that, there are programs on that wavelength. There are dwelling places on that wavelength, and those dwelling places can house many, many things. They are places to dwell, and within those dwellings are different aspects of the reality of God's creation, one of which is resurrection life. The reality of salvation is there. You can tune in to salvation at any given moment. It may have happened three thousand years ago, but it is always playing. The movie of salvation is always playing in one of the wavelengths, in one of the dwelling places that God has created.

When you think about this, then you recognize the fact that you are not creating what is going on in those dwelling places; you are not creating the dwelling places. They exist outside of you and separate from you. You are not doing the work to make them happen, they already exist. When you go onto your TV set, you are not creating the programming that is taking place in any of those channels you are tuning into. You are not creating the cartoons that go on. You are not creating the different things that are happening on YouTube. They are there, and they are there all the time, whether you are watching or not; whether you are tuning into it or not, it is there, it is ongoing day and night, always there, always available. And that is the way God is. Everything that He created for us – and He gave us all things pertaining to life and godliness – all of those things are there, they are available, they are accessible to us. First we have to turn on the TV set, then we have to tune to the specific channel. We have to actually do that by our decision, by our imagination, by our emotions. Our vibrations have to tune to that channel, and once we tune to that channel, then we are seeing and observing everything that is happening on that channel, at that certain place of vibrational level.

We know this is a product of quantum physics; we call it the observer effect. When you get onto that vibration, you observe it, and it changes what it is doing so that now it is accessible to you and it can be manifested even back into a 3D world. So this is what we experience. We tune in to a channel, we see what is playing on that channel; yes, even the advertisements. But you do not make the advertisements, you do not make the program, you do not dictate the programming. You are simply putting yourself in a place to observe what is happening on that channel. And so we have to think of ourselves this way. We have to think about our prayer life, our waiting upon the Lord, as this is what we are doing: we are going to where Christ is. “Where I am, there shall My servant be also.” It is our job to turn on the TV. It is our job to tune in, raise our vibrations, become spiritual, as Christ said, born again into the world of spirit. And I know that people say, “Well, I am born again. I am born again.” If you are born again, you are not just living on a natural level, in a material world, and vibrating at that level. That is not what He was talking about. He was talking about being birthed into higher levels of spirit, of vibration level, which are not even seen or related to from this 3D, material, dimensional world that we live in right now. So this is what we are coming to the place to do. We want to go into a place of observing what God is doing.

I want to read out of Isaiah 43, starting at verses 18-19. It says, “Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past.” See, you are not supposed to be tuning in to the vibrations of all that has happened in the past or the former things, or considering things that are just around us in a material world. “Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it?” So our waiting upon the Lord is to have us become aware of what is going on in different levels; we are not trying to ask just for things to manifest in our material world. That is what too much of our prayer life and what people call waiting on the Lord is all about: “I want this to come here. I want to take care of my problems, my needs, here in this material world.” No, what He is looking for is for you to go to Him. That is what He was saying in John: “Where I am, there will you be also. Come to me where I am. There are all these dwelling places. There is so much that can be seen and entered into.”

God says, “Look, I am going to do something new for you in your life. Will you be aware of it? Can you turn on the TV? Can you tune in to a different wavelength than the wavelength you are on?” A lot of times your problems are not solved because you are praying that God or some angel comes along and changes your circumstances on a natural level; rather, it is because your vibration level takes you into a place where those situations do not exist anymore. Remember what He said, “Do not call to mind the former things.” Keep your vibration level off of all the former things if you do not want to have your circumstances and the life that you are living be the same every day. Do not ponder the old things.

You have to come to a new place, and you do that through awareness. You become aware of another level, of another vibration, and you begin to learn through your waiting upon the Lord to tune in to that level of vibration, or tune in to that dwelling place that exists; because in Him, nothing is impossible. Why? Because in one of those dwelling places out there exists exactly what you are looking for. He says, "I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." So we understand this thing of awareness; if you look up the Greek word, it means *to ascertain by seeing*. You have to come with different eyes, spiritual eyes, to see what is there in order to tune in to it and manifest it.

It says in verses 20-21, "The beasts of the field will glorify Me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I have given waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people. The people whom I formed for Myself will declare My praise." Something happens out of this issue of becoming aware of another world, of another dwelling place.

We see it again in Isaiah chapter 65, and I will start reading with verse 17. "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth." It is speaking in terms for us. This is already created, and you will see that at the end of these verses; it is already created, but for you, because you have never seen it, it is like a whole new world. It is new heavens, it is a new earth. "The former things will not be remembered or come to mind." There will come a time when we are able to so put behind us all of what has been and get out of that vibration level that we come into a new world. It says, "If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creature. The old things have passed away, behold new things have come." (2 Corinthians 5:17) And that is the way it is. When you come into a new level of spirit, a new level of vibration, when you come into a new dwelling place, it is so different and separated that you do not remember the past. The old things do not come to mind because at this point you are in a whole new world.

Verse 18. "But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing and her people for gladness." Now, I want you to think about this verse. As I go on reading these verses, here is a way to think about it: Look at what is being said and realize that what He is talking about does not exist right now around you in your material, 3D world. He is talking about something that does exist, but it exists in another dwelling place. So in order to see what He is saying here, you have to turn on the TV, you have to tune it to a different channel than what you are on now. If you say, "Well, I am already watching TV." Great, you are on the wrong channel. You have to tune in to another channel where this picture that I am giving you is playing, because it is already there. Verse 18 again: "But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create. For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing and her people for gladness." When you look around the 3D world right now, when you look around this material world that we are living in, at the moment Jerusalem is not a place of rejoicing. There is a lot going on there; in fact, they are in the middle of wartime, and the people are suffering through dwelling in bomb shelters and many things. This is not talking about this time we are in; it is talking about something else where this is going to exist in that realm if you can put your vibration level on it. If you can, and you can observe it, then you can bring it into existence in this realm. Because He said, "Will you be aware of it? Will you see it? Will you observe it?" If you observe something, then that is where you begin to be able to manifest it.

Verses 19-22. "I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; and there will be no longer heard in her the voice of weeping and the sound of crying." Do you see that now? No, there is a lot of weeping. There is a lot of crying. But there is something of a different world where this does exist even now as we speak.

“No longer will there be in it [speaking of Jerusalem] an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his days; for the youth will die at the age of one hundred and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred will be thought accursed. They will build houses and inhabit them; they will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They will not build and another inhabit, they will not plant and another eat; for as the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of My people, and My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands.”

See, this is a different place than where we dwell now. People are not living with a life that is the same as a tree; that is a long lifetime, sometimes a thousand years old or more. So there is a place where this exists. Isaiah 65:23—66:2,

“They will not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they are the offspring of those blessed by the Lord, and their descendants with them. It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. [I want that kind of prayer life, don’t you?] The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,” says the Lord.

Think about that. When it talks about the wolf and the lamb grazing together, and the lion eating straw like an ox, that is not a lion like exists today. We do not have lions that survive on straw. So this is a different lion. It exists in a different place. But it does exist, and we are able to reach into this dwelling place where all these things exist.

Thus says the Lord, “Heaven is My throne and earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? For My hand made all these things [see, they are already made], thus all these things came [past tense] into being,” declares the Lord. “But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.”

Beautiful. Here we have a picture. He says in the beginning, “I will create new heavens and a new earth.” Then at the end He talks about the fact that, “I created all these things, thus all these things came into being.” So they are. They have come into being. They do exist, and they are there in a dwelling place where we have access to go.

I want us to get this and understand it. I want it to aggressively change our prayer life and our thought process as we wait upon the Lord. What are we doing? First we are turning on the TV set, because it has to be on. When we turn on the TV set, we now have access to all of these wavelengths out here. All of it is existent already, it was existent before you turned on the TV set. All those programs were playing, and when you turn on the TV, you have access. So what do you do now? You decide where are you tuning to, because you can now tune to specific programs. You do not see them all at once, you have to tune to something specific. You have to find that which the Lord is taking you into. And when you do that, then you become one with it. You are immersed in it, you dwell in it. “Where I am, there shall My servant dwell also.”

I bless this. I hope it helps you. I hope it is something you can take before the Lord. You can reread these Scriptures and you can find in them something that really is able to grow in the way that you wait upon Him, in the way that you seek Him, the faith that you have to dwell with Him in His Presence in many of the dwelling places that He has created for you.

Amen.