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7 MOUNTAINS OF INFLUENCE

Overview Kingdom of God

INTRODUCTION: In 1976 Bill Bright and Loren Cunningham were flying into Dallas for a conference and God spoke to both of them concerning a strategy that would retake our culture. It was the birth of the seven mountains of influence that the kingdom of God should influence and recapture. What is the kingdom of God? It is simply “God’s way of doing things”. It is transferring heaven to earth. The culture of heaven is kingdom.

I. THE _____ OF KINGDOM CITIZENS

A. They operate in supernatural wisdom. Colossians 1:9 ***“For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.”***

B. They function in heavenly anointing. 1 John 2:27 ***“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”***

Remember: In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge...

C. They manifest kingdom qualities found in laws of the kingdom (Beatitudes – Matthew 5)
Motivated by love, moved by mercy, manifesting purity.

II. THE _____ OF THE KINGDOM

A. What are the seven mountains of influence we are to take?

Religion, Family, Business, Media, Government, Arts, Education

B. How does God take these mountains of influence?

1. Kingdom Intercessors – Kingdom warriors taking territory

2. Kingdom Assignments – Kingdom entrepreneurs occupying territory

3. Kingdom Excellors – Kingdom attitudes influencing mountains (Daniel through excellence)

III. THE _____ OF THE KINGDOM MANDATE

A. A two-fold manifest – Christ’s purpose

1. Jesus was manifest to take away our sins. 1 John 3:5 ***“And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.”***

2. Jesus was manifest to “destroy the work of the devil”. 1 John 3:8 ***“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”***

B. A two-fold ministry – Church’s purpose

1. Recognize and release apostolic government – It takes apostolic anointing to take nations!
5 – fold headship ministries are needed to fulfill Christ’s plan of dominion over Satan and the earth
Bringing the bride to “The Faith” will release the unity required to finish the task!

2. Receive and release Kingdom purpose, plan and power!

- The kingdom message must be embraced! Only what’s received can be released.

- The kingdom message must be announced. Remember declarations and decrees establish truth.

Psa. 145:4-6 ***“One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works...Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.”***

MOUNTAIN OF FAMILY

1st Mountain of Influence

INTRODUCTION: The foundation of all societies is the strength of the family. This God ordained pattern gives us His blueprint for happy relationships. The family, however, has been under tremendous attack. Divorce in the church is the same as outside the church. The sacredness of life has been challenged by abortions and euthanasia, as in the case of Terry Schiavo. When secular society denies its creator, the value of life diminishes. When the sacredness of marriage is devalued, a nations foundation begins to crumble.

Malachi 4:5-6 ***“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”***

I. START OF THE _____ FAMILY

- A. God’s original purpose.
 - Family for relationship ***“It is not good that man is alone. I will make a helpmeet for him.”***
 - Family for discipleship ***“Train up a child in the way he should go....”***
 - Family for distinction ***“I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people.”***
- B. God’s ordained plan. The key to happiness is obeying God’s commands with love.
 - Plan for husbands. ***“Love your wife, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of the water by the word. & Present to Himself a glorious church.”*** Ephesians 5:25
 - Plan for wives. ***“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”*** Ephesians 5:22-23
 - Plan for children. ***“Children obey your parents for this is right. Which is the first commandment with promise. That is may be well with you and your days may be long on the earth.”*** Eph 6:1-2

II. STATE OF THE _____ FAMILY

Sociologists says the era of the traditional family is over. The family is being redefined with new boundaries.

- A. Satan’s plan to deceive. “You will not surely die.” Satan wants man to question God’s goodness. **Satan is trying to distort the true picture of Christ, the Bridegroom & the church, His bride!!**
- B. Satan’s plan to divide. Divided man from God. Divided man from the garden. Divides homes
 - Divorce is rampant, drugs at new levels, death through abortions, dread of the future.
- C. Satan’s plan to destroy. Matthew 10:28 ***“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”***

III. STAND FOR _____ THE MOUNTAIN OF THE FAMILY.

We are salt and light

- A. Command the enemy to flee. ***“Rebuke the devil and he will flee from you.”***
- B. Commit to walk in obedience. ***“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”***
- C. Cover your home with the word, prayer & the blood of Jesus. ***“They overcame Satan by the blood.”***
- D. Call for ministry of angels to surround your family. ***“Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth.”***
- E. Cling to the hope of your ***“High calling in Christ Jesus.”***

KNOW YOUR GOD, KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN HIM, KNOW HOW TO WALK IN HIS LOVE, LIGHT & POWER!

MOUNTAIN OF FINANCE

2nd Mountain of Influence

INTRODUCTION: Money and wealth is one of most talked about topics in the Bible. “The pleasure of God is the prosperity of His saints”. Jesus used money as a means of defining your heart. “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” What we worship we love, what we love we serve. “Love the Lord you God with all your heart and serve Him only.” Jesus taught the principles of the Kingdom of finances in parables. These are keys of revelation that unlock our prosperity.

I. THE KINGDOM OF GOD OPERATES ON _____

These are laws, or principles, that release abundance in your life.

1. The law of diligence. ie “careful and persistent effort” (Google) Prov. 10:4 **“A slack hand causes poverty, But the hand of the diligent makes rich.”** (Head not the tail – head is power of creating wealth)
- Find problem and solve it... Daniel interpreted dreams... your imagination is sanctified!
2. The law of kingdom focus. Matt.. 6:33 **“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”** Righteousness brings you “riches without sorrow”
3. The law of righteous rewards. Psa. 37:25 **“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, or his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.”**
4. The law of obedience - Principle of honor. **“Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty.”**
5. The law of faith – Heb. 11:1 “faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen”

II. THE KINGDOM OF GOD OPERATES ON _____

These are the principles of a generous heart

1. God multiplies seed sown. **“Supply and multiply the seed you have sown.”** II Cor. 9:10
2. God blesses helping the widows and orphans.
3. God lends to those generous to homeless. Isa. 58:7 **“This is the fast which I have chosen...Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him.”** (9 blessings will come to you...light, guide you, satisfy you, strengthen your bones, heart watered garden, repairer of breach, restorer of streets, ride on the hills, heritage of Jacob.)

III. THE KINGDOM OF GOD OPERATES ON _____

God warns us concerning the “Love of Money”. Is root of all evil. **“Set your affections on things above, not on things of this earth...”** Colossians 3:2

1. Love demonstrates God’s goodness. Psa. 33:5 **“He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.”**
 2. Love demonstrates God’s grace. “Unmerited favor of God”
 3. Love demonstrates God’s greatness – principle of abundance
- II Corinthians 9:8 **“God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you always having all sufficiency in all things, might have an abundance for every good work”.** It is not God’s will to meet your needs, it is God’s will to give you abundance. So you can minister to others.

MOUNTAIN OF GOVERNMENT

3rd Mountain of Influence

INTRODUCTION: I recently saw a bumper sticker that said, "God is not spelled G.O.P." Our hope is always trying to bring righteousness into a nation through human government. The reason it does not work, is the hearts of men. God describes our human condition in such a way that we cannot establish righteousness without the righteousness of Christ. Yet there are good forms of human government that are better than others. The highest form of government is kingdom. Why? Because God designed man to rule. It is in the nature and purpose of man to reign over his own kingdom. The highest form of government is self-rule. Adam was created for this. ***"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."*** Proverbs 14:34

I. FAILURE OF HUMAN _____

Human governments are temporal and ever changing

A. Jesus separated His kingdom from human government. ***"Render unto Caesar, the things that are Caesars, and unto God the things that are God's."*** Matthew 22:21

B. Jesus said His kingdom could operate in any human government.
John 18:36 ***"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world."***

1. Daniel functioned in the Babylonian system. But his heart was never in Babylon. ***"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."*** 1:8

2. Joseph functioned in Egypt, but his heritage was in Israel. Genesis 39:2 ***"The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian."***

II. INFLUENCE OF _____ LEADERSHIP

God intends for righteous leadership to influence human governments.

A. Righteous leadership brings kingdom influence. We are salt & light in a decaying & dark city.
Matt. 5:13 ***"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?"***

1. Brings compassion
2. Brings character

B. Righteous leadership brings kingdom transformation.

1. Through prayer
2. Through declarations
3. Through godly decisions

III. REVELATION OF GOD'S _____

Isaiah 9:6 – 7 ***"And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end."***

A. Purpose: To invade earth with heaven. "Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10

B. Purpose: To give man dominion again. The second Adam restored all the first Adam lost. Romans 8:21 ***"Because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."*** Man is now operating on transmitted authority. ***"He has made us a kingdom of kings and priests unto our God."***

C. Purpose: To prepare the bride of Christ for eternal ruler ship. Romans 5:17 ***"much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ."***

MOUNTAIN OF MEDIA

4th Mountain of Influence

INTRODUCTION: The mountain of media is the influence of television networks, web sites, newspapers, radio stations, social media and magazines. This powerful mountain influences the mindsets of nations. Whoever controls this mountain creates the atmosphere of either hope or fear. It is primarily fought in the heavenlies. II Corinthians 10:4-5 ***“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”*** Media is the battleground for the minds and hearts of this generation. How can we take this mountain?

I. WHO CONTROLS OUR _____ ?

- A. Power of the few – 6 companies control 90% of what we read, watch or listen to. (1980 – 50 companies)
 - GE (Comcast, NBC, Universal Studios, Focus Features) NEWS CORP (Fox, Wall Street Journal, New York Post) DISNEY (ABC, ESPN, Pixar, Miramar, Marvel studios, VIACOM (MTV, Nick Jr., CMT, Paramount Pictures) TIME WARNER (CNN, HBO, Time, Warner Bros.) CBS (Showtime, NFL, Jeopardy, 60 Minutes)
- B. 232 Media Executives control information for 277 million Americans

II. WHAT IS THEIR _____ ?

- A. Driven by the spirit of fear. Deuteronomy 7 describes the Hittites (Comes from “Heth” means fear or terror)
 - Creating a paradigm for Satan to operate. ***“God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, power and a sound mind.”*** II Tim. 1:7
- B. Driven by the spirit of deception. Media can create a larger than life scenario and make a small story seem large.
 - 1. Satan made the giants in the land make Israel look like grasshoppers (get real!)
 - 2. Satan made Goliath appear so great the nation was in fear (There is no record that Goliath killed one person). The mainstream media had already declared Hillary as president, even though Trump won. (Illusions – delusions)
- C. Driven by the spirit of a liberal agenda... Global agenda backed by elitists & Illuminati
Create chaos – chaos brings control – steals liberty through legislation – brings confusion – births conspiracies. Pictured by Soros. He started the “Arab Spring” that destabilized the Mid-East, the color revolution (Now using Pink), supporting anti-trump bias to remove him from office.
- D. Morally corrupt concerning God’s laws and commands. Pro gay, anti-marriage, pro abortion,

II. HOW DO WE BRING _____ THIS MOUNTAIN?

“As cold water to a weary soul, so it good news from a far country.” Proverbs 25:25

- A. Power of prayer and declarations. Realize we are dealing with demonic principalities and powers.
Daniel’s prayers caused a war in the heavenlies...
- B. Power of the “Good News”. The gospel has inherent power & authority to transform societies & nations.
Isa. 60:1-2 ***“Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”***
Romans 12:21 ***“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”***
- C. Power of kingdom assignments in media. Isaiah 52:7 ***“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good news.”***

Philippians 4:8 ***“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”***

MOUNTAIN OF EDUCATION

5th Mountain of Influence

INTRODUCTION: Why do we say exegetical, contextual, systematic truth? I Peter 3:15 says,, **“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you a give the reason for the hope that you have.”** Evidence of truth always precedes faith of a belief system. The system of obtaining truth through evidence of study or experimentation is the foundation of education. Apologetics is the systematic defense of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Moses wrote the first 5 books of the Bible as an apologetic of creation and early man. Elijah did that on Mount Carmel as he proved God was real. Jesus was affirmed by signs and wonders that He was the Son of God. Nicodemus said, **“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”**

I. EARLY OF AMERICAN EDUCATION

Early American education was based on peace, security, prosperity, integrity and freedom. These is our Christian roots.

A. Great universities: Harvard was named after a Christian minister. Yale was started by clergymen, Princeton’s 1st year of classes were taught by Rev. Jonathan Dickinson. Princeton’s crest says, “Dei subnumine viget.” Which is Latin for “Under God she flourished”.

- What happened? In 1870’s they added “Methodological Naturalism”

Psalms 11:3 **“When the foundation is destroyed, what can the righteous do”**

B. Great diversions: Charles Lyell’s three volumes of *Principles of Geology* in 1830s – Questioned the flood and biblical chronology.

- Darwin’s evolutionary model in 1859 *Origin of Species* - *Descent of Man* (1871)

- Denied the Bible and adopted a naturalistic science instead. II Timothy 4:3-4 **“For the time will come when they will not endured sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers, and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”**

II. MODERN THOUGHT – We have entered the post-Christian era in education

A. Secular humanism, the “Human Manifesto”, theory of evolution, atheistic philosophy are today’s!

B. Contemporary Christian education has a world view of relativism.

C. Many religious institutes have denied the foundation of truth in the Bible.

III. TAKING THE OF EDUCATION

A. Through world-wide educational revolution “Education isn’t filling the bucket, but fanning the flame”

B. Training our children in their area of gifting through creative learning. (Right brain)

- Discover your gifts and apply them to your destiny.

C. End the labels and release the genius in people. Problem: I am being conformed not sharpened.

D. Teach how mind works. How to use their minds. How New ways of seeing (Visual and auditory)

- Valuable minds, creative minds, belief in yourself

IV. THE KINGDOM MANDATE

A. Revelation is transcendent. Transcendence means higher than and independent from all others. James 1:5 **“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask of God, who gives to all men liberally...”**

B. Revelation is absolute. God’s truth is unchangeable. It always remains the same. **“Thy word is Truth”**

MOUNTAIN OF ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

6th Mountain of Influence

INTRODUCTION: Arts & Entertainment mountain looms large over our world. The impact of music, theater, movies, art, games, entertainment on television is something we all experience daily. God created beauty! He loves the extravagant use of visual impact. The smoking mountain of Sinai. The rising waves of the Red Sea deliverance, the drama of Elijah on Mount Carmel. The description of the New Jerusalem descending out of heaven to earth. These all reveal a God of majestic visual splendor.

I. _____ FOR THE ARTS

Exodus 31:1-5 ***Then the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts."***

A. God of creative beauty.

The Heavens - Psalm 8:3 ***"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place."***

The Earth - Psalm 104:24 ***"How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures."***

B. God of transcendent glory. Psalm 145:12 ***"so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom."***

II. _____ OF ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

A. God made the 5 senses to enjoy His beauty. What we behold, we become. II Corinthians 3:16 ***"But we all, with unveiled faces, beholding as in a mirror the Glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."*** Eve looked at the fruit, and saw that is was to be desired..... The most powerful gate is the looking gate.

1. Behold the beauty of Christian art. Chalk drawings often accompany worship today.

2. Behold the beauty of Christian dance. The motion, movement & expression of Jewish dance.

3. Behold the beauty of Christian music and worship. Creating a new sound of praise!

B. God made our emotions to feel His presence.

III. _____ OF THE MOUNTAIN OF ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Brad Cummings made "The Shack". Sold it to Lionsgate, made 100 million dollars, in 4,000 theaters.

John Bunyan wrote "Pilgrims Progress" from prison because the church put him there.

John 4:7 Woman at the well. Hollywood is the woman at the well. A sinner, but redeemable by the blood of Jesus. Hollywood owns the Entertainment industry and the gaming industry... violence is fast and easy to find. Killers are now heroes. Dr. Michael Welner says:

Average child sees over 12,000 violent acts on television annually.

Sex between non-married partners appears 24 times more than married partners.

A. We need influencers who have a commitment for wholesome, family, Christ centered movies.

B. We need Christians to support good quality entertainment. If there is a good movie... go and support it!

MOUNTAIN OF RELIGION

7th Mountain of Influence

INTRODUCTION: Jesus said, ***“I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it!”*** To say the church is or has failed, is to say Jesus failed.... NOT! The question is, what is the church and more interestingly what is the current state of the church? Barna research has given us an overview of the church in America. Barna says 48% of America does not practice their faith (attend one Christian activity a month, read their Bible or pray). America has become Post-Christian even though 73% say they are Christians.

I. _____ OF THE CHURCH

A. An assembly “ecclesia” of called out ones from the world.

1. Defined as believers who individually walk with Christ. I Corinthians 12:13 ***“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”***

2. Defined as a local group of believers who meet together to practice their faith.

Colossians 1:1-2 ***Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse.”***

3. Defined as a large international groups of believers who have biblical faith. Ephesians 3:6 ***“that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel.”***

B. A community of love and faith Colossians 1:3 ***We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints.”***

II. _____ PLACED UPON THE CHURCH

A. Demand of evangelism Acts 1:8 ***“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”***

- Schools of evangelism – Training individuals for personal evangelism, Training churches for corporate evangelism, Training nationals for national village evangelism

B. Demand of discipleship II Timothy 2:2-3 ***“You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”***

- Schools of education and equipping. Raising up a new generation of leadership.

- Reigniting the Kingdom message. The end-time gospel of the kingdom.

- Releasing new Kingdom authority.

III. _____ OF THE CHURCH

A. Restoration of 5-fold ministries (particularly the apostles and prophets) ***“He gave some”*** Eph. 4:11-16
- Apostolic authority is now released over kingdom of darkness.

B. Restoration of sound doctrine and apostolic foundations of the gospel. Titus 2:1 ***“But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine.”***

- Apostolic teaching is being restored through Father/Son relationships

C. Restoration of the earth under the ruler ship of the bride.

- Sons and daughters of God are being manifest with a new authority and power.

D. Relationship of the bride to the bridegroom for eternity - Jesus Christ is going to fully embrace and empower His people.