MP⁴ – POWER – Part 2

COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!

PRAYER redefined:

• The supernatural POWER exchange that happens between two spirits: God and man.

Objective: To explore Pursuit as one of the characteristics of power, and how we can walk in the same power that Jesus and the patriarchs of faith walked in.

ISAIAH 9:6-7 - God is PURSUING MANKIND and is about to execute the plan of salvation He has from the Genesis – where the first sacrifice of the lamb was to cover up the sin/nakedness of Adam and Eve. This continues through Abraham, Moses, David...

LUKE 1:26-38 - God PURSUES MARY to help manifest His plan to birth Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 2:1-12 - the Magi are PURSUING JESUS to worship Him; Herod is PURSUING JESUS to kill Him

PRINCIPLES

- 1. People are not pursuing you; they are pursuing the POWER you carry.
- 2. People are not pursuing you; they are pursuing the POWER of the SPIRIT you worship.
- 3. The POWER OF THE SPIRIT you carry determines what people pursue you for, or not.
- 4. Agreement, unity, and relationship with a spirit determines your POWER and VALUE.
- 5. Everything and Everyone PURSUES POWER AND VALUE.

<u>ILLUSTRATION</u>

- Your loyalty to the Power Company is only based on what electricity they supply.
- Demons pursue people because they need a body for expression. They don't discriminate.

RE: MATTHEW 2

- The magi traveled over 900 miles if they came from Babylon (near Baghdad, Iraq)
- The magi traveled over 400 miles if they came from Mesopotamia (near Syria).
 - o 2-3 weeks on camel's back, about 1 month on foot, over 40 days if only at night.

The Evidence of Value is PURSUIT

The Reward of Pursuit is POWER. – Greater sacrifice, greater power.

The Maintenance of Power is in the CONSISTENCY of pursuit.

APPLICATION

1. GOD PURSUES MAN ROMANS 5:8

- a. The entire Gospel of the Kingdom is God pursuing man at all costs.
- b. God pursued David, Saul, the Disciples. GOD IS PURSUING YOU.
- c. RESPONSE:
 - i. **PSALM 63:1**, **LUKE 1:38**
 - ii. Inconsistent Pursuit = Inconsistent Power = God, no value, not worth it.

2. MAN PURSUE MAN

- a. Jesus was pursued everywhere by the people. Then they wanted Him crucified.
- b. Herod was pursuing Jesus to kill Him because He was now a threat.
- c. King Saul pursued David because he was now a threat
 - i. People will pursue you for what to give and seek to destroy for the same.
 - ii. GENESIS 30:26-28, GENESIS 31:29 Laban vs. Jacob.
- d. ISAIAH **60:1-3** the Law of Attraction
 - i. Leave People, Pursue God; People will Purse you because of your God.

SUMMARY

- Your current level of Power is based on who and what you are pursuing.
- Your current level of Power is based on the cost and sacrifice of your pursuit.
- People pursue what they value. Are you worth pursuing?
- People are attracted to the Power of the Spirit you worship. Can they see Jesus in you?