

Acts 1:12-14 NKJV

¹² THEN THEY RETURNED TO JERUSALEM FROM THE MOUNT CALLED OLIVET, WHICH IS NEAR JERUSALEM, A SABBATH DAY'S JOURNEY.

¹³ AND WHEN THEY HAD ENTERED, THEY WENT UP INTO THE UPPER ROOM WHERE THEY WERE STAYING: PETER, JAMES, JOHN, AND ANDREW; PHILIP AND THOMAS; BARTHOLOMEW AND MATTHEW; JAMES *THE SON OF ALPHAEUS* AND SIMON THE ZEALOT; AND JUDAS *THE SON OF JAMES*.

¹⁴ THESE ALL CONTINUED WITH ONE ¹ACCORD IN PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION, WITH THE WOMEN AND MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS, AND WITH HIS BROTHERS.

Get Ready to Lead 3 – Religion

Revelation 17:9 NKJV

9 “HERE IS THE MIND WHICH HAS WISDOM: THE SEVEN HEADS ARE SEVEN MOUNTAINS ON WHICH THE WOMAN SITS.

Seven Mountains of Influence

- 1) Arts and Entertainment
 - 2) Media
 - 3) Religion
 - 4) Marketplace
 - 5) Education
 - 6) Family
 - 7) Government
- Whoever controls the media controls the culture

Some Types of Religions

1) Polytheism – believe in multiple gods – Egyptians, ancient Greeks and Romans

2) Monotheism – believe in a single God – Judaism, Islam

3) Animism – nonhuman beings (animals, plants, natural world) – Japan (Shinto)

4) Totemism – human/natural being connection – Native American (Ojibwa)

5) Omnism – recognize and respect all religions or lack thereof - Omnists

6) Atheism – believe that there are no deities, no divine being - Atheist

7) Gnosticism – believe that Jesus was never fully human

Where does Christianity belong???

Christianity is a Religion

James 1:26-27 NKJV

²⁶ If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless.

²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

- Christianity is a religion that emphasizes relationship with Christ
- Christianity is not a religion that observes a mechanical routine

Leaders on the Mountain of Religion

Ephesians 4:11-13 NKJV

¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

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Matthew 10:7-8 NKJV

⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

- Christ sent out the 12 to teach what He had taught them
- Christ sent out the 12 to demonstrate the power of the gospel
- Christ cautioned the 12 not to monetize the gospel

Mountain of Religion – 72 Leaders Sent by Christ

Luke 10:8-11 NKJV

⁸ “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you.

⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say,

¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’

Mountain of Religion – 72 Leaders Sent by Christ

Luke 10:17-20 NKJV

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸ He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Mountain of Religion – The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

- This assignment is ministered through His church
- Make disciples by modeling Christ as Son of man (character)

First Mention of House of God

Genesis 28:10-13, 16-19

¹⁰ Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran.

¹¹ So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took **one of the stones** of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep.

¹² Then he dreamed, and behold, **a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.**

¹³ And behold, the **LORD stood above it** and said: "I *am* the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.

First Mention of House of God

Genesis 28:10-13, 16-19, 22

¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know *it*.”

¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome *is* this place! This *is* none other than the house of God, and *this is the gate of heaven!*”

¹⁸ Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.

¹⁹ And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.

First Mention of House of God – Stone of Jacob

Genesis 28:10-13, 16-19, 22

²² And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

- God's house (church) is a place where there's open heaven
- In God's house angels ascend and descend
- God speaks
- There's understanding of what God is saying
- Obedient covenant children bring a tenth of all God has given them

Christ the Tabernacle

John 1:14 AMPC

¹⁴ And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and **tabernacled** (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.

Christ the Tabernacle

John 1:49-51 NKJV

⁴⁹ Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

⁵¹ And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Christ the Tabernacle

Matthew 16:16-18 NKJV

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on *this rock* I will build *My church*, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Leaders Must Experience The Sound

Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

- ¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.
- ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Leaders Must Experience The Sound

2 Kings 2:11-12 NKJV

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

- Elisha received a double portion
- Demonstrated the power of the word

Leaders Must Take Jesus Aside

Matthew 17:19-21 NKJV

¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

²⁰ So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

²¹ However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

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