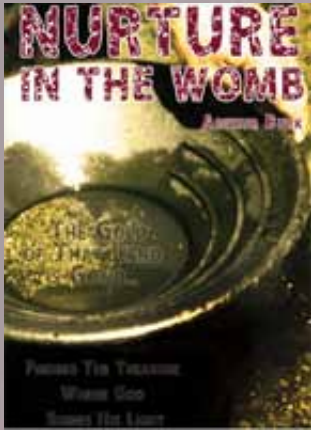


# SAPPHIRE LEADERSHIP GROUP

## *Noble Subjects of the Great King*

### March 16, 2011 Newsletter

#### New Release



“Nurture in the Womb” is now available in the download store.

This is a recording from South Africa and it represents a HUGE update on the material we had ten years ago when I recorded “Ministering to Babies in the Womb.”

In that seminar, I dealt with a lot of specialty situations in pregnancy and I frequently modeled what I taught with moms who were there.

One of the newest teachings is the concept of redeeming the family line. Even if you are not expecting a child, this is a tool every family needs to have. It is not enough to be delivered from the junk and healed from the hurts. It is our calling to redeem the brokenness in the family line so that the family heritage is a point of strength going forward.

I walked people through the step by step process of discovering what needs to be addressed in the family line, as well as what to do about it as you raise your family.

There is a special treasure in this set and that is the final session which I spent working with teachers of our special kids. I coached them on how to use some new tools to discern the design

of their kids, in spite of their limitations, and then to craft their lessons so they fit the child’s design.

This is the next to last of the South African albums we will be releasing, and it by far has the most new material.

#### Teaching on Portals

Last year Megan taught several teleconferences on portals. Many people have used those principles with very good results. Now she has recorded that teaching and it is available as a download from her website, along with a teaching on Soul vs. Spirit.



[Click here](#) for the Portals teaching.

[Click here](#) for Spirit vs. Soul.

[Click here](#) to sign up for her newsletter so you don’t miss any of her new teachings.

#### Wikipedia

Most of you have used this resource from time to time (cautiously, I hope). They take pride in the fact that there is no charge for their data, but

it does cost them a lot to produce and maintain such a website, so once a year they make a request for donations.

We are going to start doing the same. The daily blessings cost about \$50 apiece to produce. The blessings on the [Balmoral blog](#) cost only pennies in out-of-pocket money, but they do cost time to think through and write, as do the other teaching articles on the [Noble Subjects blog](#).

So for the first two weeks of May each year there will be a "Donate" button on the home page for anyone who wishes to invest in the next year of these free products. It is a great joy for us to be able to offer many resources that are available to everyone, anywhere in the world. We would like to be able to continue this practice indefinitely.

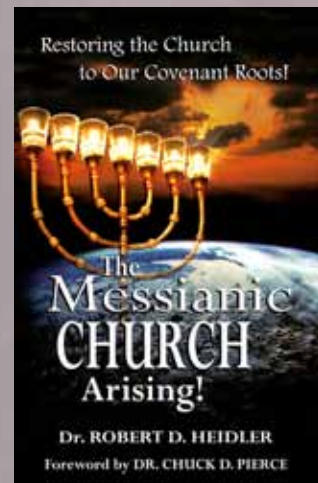
## New Download Products

More of our CD albums have made it into the Download Store in the last two weeks:

- [Mercy Season](#)
- [Life, Dominion and Honor](#)
- [Perspectives for the Church in the 21st Century](#)
- [Redemptive Gifts of Cities](#)

## Book Review

[Arsenal Books](#) is an online bookstore with a broad range of titles that are useful for believers who are restless. I have asked Brad to do a book review for us periodically, highlighting something that might be of value for our unusual tribe. Here is his first offering.



*"[Messianic Church Arising: Restoring the Church to Our Covenant Roots](#)" by Robert Heidler. This is a book for those who want to understand the Jewish roots of our Christian faith. Writing in a non-legalistic way, Heidler shows that though the Gentile believers were grafted into a Hebraic root (Rom 9), over time the church actually became grafted into a Greek root and culture.*

*The author does a masterful job of presenting the concepts that have been lost to us, but also shows how we can once again engage with these ideas to find a deeper expression of our faith.*

*This book is not written from a legalistic mandate that we "must" celebrate the Feasts or keep a Sabbath rest, but rather it is written in a way that we can engage with these things if we so choose for the purpose of deepening our experience with the Lord. Messianic Church Arising is written for those who are looking for a grace-based introduction to the Hebraic roots."*

Doesn't that last phrase just sing? "a grace-based introduction to the Hebraic roots." How refreshing!

You can order this from Arsenal Books by [clicking here](#).



# DOMINION OVER TIME

On the surface it seemed so simple – almost ordinary.

God spoke to Sally telling her that the winter was over and her spring had come. She was thrilled and knew it was worthy of celebration.

She sent out an e-mail to the three friends who had walked with her through the winter, sharing the good news, and asking them to come celebrate on Sunday. She announced that they would start with brunch at 10:00 a.m. and then go where the King led. They might be indoors or out, quiet or verbal, and there was no end time set.

When Sunday morning came, Sally was setting the table for a simple brunch. God indicated that there had been some defilement in the community the night before and He needed the King to be enthroned on the land that morning. It was not really about Sally, it was about a Kingdom agenda.

With that change of focus, she swiftly changed to the Kingly dishes she owns, set a gorgeous, decorated table and ran to change her clothes as well.

When her friends came, Sally explained the new agenda, they each shifted gears emotionally and spiritually and leaned into it. They began with Communion, celebrated the efficacy of the blood of Christ, then each of the ladies shared some glory stories from their own pilgrimage.

The celebration lasted for hours, and they each left rejoicing in the experience and in the honor of being selected for a time sensitive task which had importance to Our Great King.

We would all love to be hand picked by God for such an assignment, but it does not come cheaply. Let's break this story down into its component parts to see what is transferable to you.

1. First of all, Sally is a celebrant at heart and as a lifestyle. Notice that God did not tell her to enthrone Jesus on the land, nor even to celebrate with friends. He simply knew He could bank on her nature. Tell Sally some good news; she will celebrate the King. It is a given.

So what are the things about you that the King can count on – every time? If He were to tell you something oblique, without giving you a direct command, what could He count on you to do?



For one person, if you mention a baby, they will rush to bless the child. For another, you mention a mess, and they will move toward cleaning it up. For another, you mention a piece of broken land, and they immediately want to deal with it. For another, share about a preChristian in the mix, they will want to build a relationship and share Christ.

But you have to have a passion and a history of walking out your passion with excellence before the King can position you to cause asymmetrical damage to the enemy without His having to spell out each step of the way.

With Sally, the King had a settled confidence.

2. Something else that stood out to me was how able Sally was to hear the heart of the Lord, as opposed to His words. He stated that her winter was over. But when she was setting the table for a simple, efficient brunch, she FELT that this was not right. She is sufficiently attune to her King that she can measure His pleasure and the lack of pleasure as she walks through a new thing, and this allowed her to make an instant course correction.



What about you? When was the last time you heard His heart, not just His voice, and you were able to adjust? Could He count on you to sense His pleasure and have that alone guide you without specific instructions?

3. Did you notice that she had a Kingly set of dishes at hand? She is no stranger to celebrating our Great King. She has table ware, candles, fabric, vases, and essential oils available all the time. She is a good cook and can do some things with flowers, graphics and Scripture to enhance the ambiance. At all times, she has the wherewithal to

walk out an original worship experience for the King, with a rich variety of tactile, visual, gastronomic and ideological facets.

What about you? If the King overtly asked for a celebration in two days, what could you do? What is your skill set and what resources are immediately available?

4. There is quite a story about Sally's friends. Remember the King in the gospels who threw a party and no one wanted to come? That did not happen here, but could have.

Sally is not from California. She is in a community which is defined by being deliberate. If you tried to discuss spontaneity with them, they would think it was the latest kind of flu bug. Like I said – not from California, not Exhorters, not ones who can turn on a dime and leave you some change.

These people plan ahead, keep unhurried calendars, and don't cancel plans already made. Unless ... they happen to be Noble Subjects.

Friend #1 works for a Christian organization that does a lot of staff-heavy conferences. She was schedule to attend one on that weekend. She had to juggle to leave one full day early in order to be at the celebration.

Friend #2 is a nurse and she was scheduled to work that weekend. With almost no time to spare, she scrambled to swap work schedules with someone else, so she could come.

Friend #3 had a church ski trip offered some weeks before. She had the money, she had the time off work, she had the desire to go be with family and friends, but she never felt peace, so she did not sign up for the trip. As the weeks went by and God never spoke to her about an alternative plan, she wondered if she had actually heard right. But when the invitation from Sally came, she was instantly validated in her decision.

Sally only invited three people. All three of them were willing and able to make major adjustments to join her for a celebration. That is pretty special if you ask me.

What about you? Do you have three friends who will drop everything and come when you say the King wants a party?

Sally has invested deeply in her friends -- not just those three, but all those around her. She has talked and modeled and pushed and prodded over the years. She at times has made herself a nuisance as she insisted that the Kingdom should take precedence over social contracts and the general mores of the culture.

But in the end, these three think and behave differently than they did five years ago. Because of Sally.

I get endless e-mails about Plumbliners who are all alone, with no one around who shares their values. Some act like they have been betrayed by God. What is that about? Where did God end up with the moral obligation to change the world for our comfort? Didn't He send us out to a hostile world to be the change agents?

Anyway, before I go down that road and end up with a rant, I will simply close by saying Sally got a choice assignment. The enemy moved a chess piece and God smacked him silly, immediately, through Sally.

And the choice assignments go to the wise virgins, not the sincere, ill-equipped virgins. God accepts sincerity as a part of our worship. That is a loyal subject who brings a good heart to the King. They will never be turned away. But for war, it usually takes a bit more.

Four Noble Subjects brought their resources to their King and beautifully executed a precise maneuver to expand His Kingdom.

THAT is the difference between the loyal subjects and the Noble Subjects.

I love it!

Arthur Burk

March 12, 2011

