

## MIGRATION

### LESSON 1 – (ABC)

#### PRINCIPLES OF MIGRATION

READ JOHN 5:1-15

1. What is the definition of migration?
2. What feast was being celebrated?
3. What is the meaning of BETHESDA?
4. What symbols indicate that a church is being pictured?
5. What clues are there to indicate that this is an inaccurate church?
6. What 3 applications can you make from the following words of Jesus in vs. 8?
  - 6.1 RISE
  - 6.2 TAKE UP YOUR BED
  - 6.3 WALK
7. What characteristics of a religious spirit are manifested in the Jews? (vs.10,11,12)
8. Why would you say that the impotent man migrated accurately?
9. How would you relate the impotent man to the feast of the passover?
10. Below is a list of inaccurate LOCATIONS. Indicate the accurate LOCATION with scriptural support.
  - 10.1 ISOLATION
  - 10.2 GIFTS
  - 10.3 WANDERING
  - 10.4 MANIFESTATION
  - 10.5 ABSTRACT DOCTRINE
  - 10.6 TRADITIONS
  - 10.7 ESCAPISM
  - 10.8 DEPENDANCE
  - 10.9 LOCAL
  - 10.10 ENTRANCE
  - 10.11 SPECTATOR
  - 10.12 NEW BIRTH
11. What are the hindrances to migration?  
Give examples of inaccurate migration and their consequences.  
What are the benefits of accurate migration?
14. What are the requirements for accurate migration?
15. Outline other passages from which migration may be taught.

#### PRINCIPLES OF MIGRATION

#### ANSWERS –LESSON 1(ABC)

Migration is moving from one location to another. Spiritual migration involves movement to a spiritual position or location that is in the perfect will of God - a new position or location that pleases God and attracts his favour.

2. Most Bible scholars agree that the feast celebrated was the Feast of the Passover.

3. House of Mercy

Symbols:

4.1 BETHESDA (HOUSE OF MERCY) - House is a picture of a Church.

1 Tim 3:15

but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.(NKJ)

4.2 POOL

This House has water. WATER is a picture of the Word of God.

Eph 5:26

that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,(NKJ)

4.3 FIVE PORCHES

This is a picture of the five-fold ministry.(Eph.4)

#### 4.4 GREAT MULTITUDE(vs.3)

This is a picture of a megachurch.

#### 4.5 STIRRED UP THE WATER/MADE WELL OF WHATEVER DISEASE (vs.4)

This is a picture of a church with manifestatons.

#### 4.6 SHEEP GATE

This is a picture of Jesus.

John 10:7

7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

(NKJ)

This church had Jesus. Anyone sitting in this church could see Jesus.

#### INACCURACY BECAUSE:-

5.1 "by the Sheep Gate" - Now the Sheeppgate is Jesus. This church was by Jesus, not in Jesus. The legitimate scriptural position is that the believer be in Christ.

2 Cor 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

(NKJ)

1 Pet 5:14

14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.(NKJ)

The "in Him" position denotes a genuine commitment to Christ.

#### POOL- STAGNANT WATER

Water is a picture of the Word of God. An accurate church has a RIVER(SPIRIT-FILLED WORD), not a pool which is a picture of the Word without the Spirit.

2 Cor 3:6

who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.(NKJ)

#### IMPOTENT PEOPLE

This "megachurch" was filled with the blind, lame and paralyzed - dysfunctional believers. In fact, when the angel moved the blind man could not see it, the lame man could see it but could not walk into it and the paralyzed man could not even crawl into the water. The only person who could get in was someone that was well. Thus this could more appropriately be called a house of torture.

If God were to move in this church, the blind man would not see the move of God, the lame man would not walk into the move of God and the paralyzed man would not even crawl into the move of God.

#### ANGELIC MANIFESTATION

This was an house of angelic manifestation, not HOLY GHOST manifestation.

#### 5.5 INFIRMITY FOR 38 YEARS (vs 5)

Deut 2:14

14 "And the time we took to come from Kadesh Barnea until we crossed over the Valley of the Zered was thirty-eight years, until all the generation of the men of war was consumed from the midst of the camp, just as the LORD had sworn to them.(NKJ)

38 represents an inaccurate, wandering position.

#### 5.6 IN THAT CONDITION A LONG TIME (vs.6)

An inaccurate position for a long time. This depicts traditional positions - a longstanding, adaptation to an inaccurate position.

#### DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WELL (vs 6)

A traditional position can become so comfortable in its abnormality, that individuals do not want to be made well.

#### SIR(vs7)

An inaccurate house does not recognize the visitation of Jesus - calls Him sir, instead of Lord.

#### I HAVE NO MAN(vs 7)

In an inaccurate house no one is in charge - when no one is in charge you will always be overtaken.

Jesus was not moved with compassion despite the sufferings of the multitude in Bethesda.

RISE - Change your position. This is a movement from a paralyzed, impotent, dysfunctional, religious position to a functional position.

TAKE YOUR BED - disconnection - this leaves no reason to come back.

WALK - Change your location (migration)

The Jews were more concerned about the law than his healing. They did not ask him who was the man who made you well. Instead they asked "who told you to take up your bed and walk". They were too troubled by his migration to recognize his healing.

7.1 A RELIGIOUS SPIRIT HAS A LEGALISTIC FOCUS.

7.2 A RELIGIOUS SPIRIT MISSES THE MIRACLE BECAUSE OF A LEGAL FOCUS.

7.3 RELIGIOUS SPIRITS SURFACE WHEN MIGRATION OCCURS.

Vs14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple.

The Sheepgate was the only legitimate entrance to the temple. The man left his position at the pool, went through the Sheepgate to the temple. He was paralyzed for 38 years. He could have celebrated his healing at any place of his choice. He voluntarily went to the temple demonstrating his passion for God. A MOVEMENT FROM THE HOUSE TO THE TEMPLE REPRESENTS ACCURATE MIGRATION.

People of passion are in the temple:-

ANNA - Luke 2:37

SIMEON - Luke 2:25

JESUS - Luke 2:46

The Father's business is in the temple.

Hab 2:20

20 But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. (KJV)

The Passover Feast celebrated Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Israel migrated from Egypt.

In a way it was a feast that celebrated their migration. The impotent man's migration is in a way the celebration of Passover in his own life in the Feast of the Passover.

#### ACCURATE MIGRATION

##### 10.1 FROM ISOLATION TO RELATIONSHIPS/NETWORKING

Heb 10:25

25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. (NKJ)

##### 10.2 FROM THE GIFTS TO THE GIVER

This is a movement from a gift focus to a Christ focus. From healing to the healer.

Phil 3:8

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. (KJV)

Heb 12:2

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (KJV)

##### 10.3 FROM WANDERING TO SETTLING

This is a migration to stability e.g.

###### 10.3.1 STABILITY IN FAITH

Col 2:7

7 Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. (KJV)

1Thes 3:2-4

2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

(KJV)

Rom 1:11

For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established. (KJV)

###### 10.3.2 STABILITY IN DOCTRINE

Heb 13:9

Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.(KJV)

#### 10.3.3 STABILITY IN PRESENT TRUTH

2 Pet 1:12

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.(KJV)

#### 10.3.4 STABILITY IN LOVE

Eph 3:17-19

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,  
18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;  
19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.(KJV)

#### 10.4 FROM MANIFESTATION TO THE VOICE OF GOD

Virtually every manifestation is accompanied by the voice of God. Manifestations direct us to the voice of God. examples:

10.4.1 Isa.6:1-4; 8 manifestation of the throne was followed by the voice of God.

10.4.2 Gen 1:2-3

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.  
And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.(KJV)

10.4.3

Matt 3:16-17

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:  
17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.  
(KJV)

10.4.4 Acts 9:3-4

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:  
4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?(KJV)  
It is totally inaccurate to focus on the manifestation and ignore the voice.

#### FROM ABSTRACT DOCTRINE TO DYNAMIC EXPERIENCE.

Positional truth must become practical truth. Doctrine must become manner of life.

2 Cor 3:2

2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;(NKJ)

2 Tim 3:10

10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,(NKJ)

#### 10.6 FROM TRADITIONS TO BIBLICAL ACCURACY

Mark 7:13

13 "making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."(NKJ)

Our instruction in righteousness must come from the scriptures,not from human traditions.

2 Tim 3:16

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,(NKJ)  
The Spirit and the Word must agree.

#### 10.7 FROM ESCAPING TO OCCUPYING

Luke 19:13

13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.(KJV)

1 Pet 2:9

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;  
(NKJ)

Our royalty is manifested by an occupying mentality.

Eph 1:22-23

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,  
23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

(KJV)

Eph 1:22-23

22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.(NIV)

Deut 28:13

13 "And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.(NKJ)

#### 10.8 FROM DEPENDANCE TO AUTONOMY

Eph 6:11

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.  
(NKJ)

This is a level of personal stature that delivers one from addiction to leadership.

Heb 4:16

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.(NKJ)

1 Tim 2:5

5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;(KJV)  
Ultimately our dependence must be on Christ.

#### 10.9 FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL

Acts 1:8

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."(NKJ)

Matt 28:19

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:(KJV)

#### 10.10 FROM ENTRANCE TO THE FINISH

Acts 20:24

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.(KJV)

2 Tim 4:7

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:(KJV)  
This is a migration from a salvation experience to a position of functional ministry in the Body of Christ.

#### 10.11 FROM SPECTATOR TO PARTICIPANT

This is a migration from audience based Christianity to functional ministry as above.

#### 10.12 FROM NEW BIRTH TO PERFECTION

Heb 6:1

1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,  
(NKJ)

#### HINDRANCES TO MIGRATION

##### DAMAGED MINDSETS

These are mental strongholds that exalt themselves above the knowledge of God.

2 Cor 10:5

5 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,(NKJ)

examples: 11.1.1 SUPERSTITIOUS MINDSET

11.1.2 TRADITIONAL MINDSET

11.1.3 SENTIMENTAL MINDSET

11.1.4 ILLOGICALITY

WRONG COMPANY

Solomon's immoral associations prevented him from moving into the purposes of God.

1 King 11:1-5

ABSENCE OF FAITH

Faith destroys fear . It propels the believer to take risks. In Mark 10:50-52 Bartimaeus moved from blindness to sight in a clear demonstration of risk by throwing aside his garment(his livelihood depended on this item of clothing for it validated his disability). An absence of faith will preclude the believer from taking the risk in migration.

REBELLION

This is plain disobedience to the word of God - e.g. Jonah.

FLESH(CARNALITY)

1Cor.10:5-11

The Israelites failed to migrate to the promised land because of works of the flesh.

IGNORANCE

Hosea 4:6

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:(KJV)

II Ki 17:32-33

32 So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.(KJV)

Ignorance and fear led to idolatry.

Bethesda was ignorant of the fact that someone greater than an angel was there.

SPIRIT OF FEAR

The 10 spies feared the giants in the promised land. This inhibited their migration.

11.8 MATERIAL COMFORT AND SECURITY

Luke 12:19

19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'"(NKJ)

Personal comfort, security and satisfaction hinder the need for progress.

THE SPIRIT OF CONTROL

The prophetic voice accelerates migration into the current purposes of God. The Spirit of Jezebel is antagonistic to the prophetic voice. Uncle Laban who operated under a Jezebellian Spirit hindered Jacob's progress.

11.10 SPIRITUAL DEAFNESS

Matt 13:13-16

13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 "And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive;

15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.'

"But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;(NKJ)

A lack of sensitivity to the things of God.