

VIII. THE DISCIPLINE OF INQUIRING OF THE LORD

INTRODUCTION

- *The practice of inquiring of the Lord is a powerful tool in the life of the believer*
 - *What does it mean to inquire of the Lord?*
 - *To inquire the Lord is not simply to ask a question. It is to spend a season allowing God to open your perspective to new things, and to prepare you for the thoughts, intents and plans that he has in your future.*

I. ASK FOR QUESTIONS , NOT ANSWERS

- *To inquire the Lord is not to ask God questions.*
 - *To inquire the Lord is to ask God for the questions to ask, rather than the answers.*
 - *To inquire of the Lord is to have the humility to realize that God may wish to say things to us that we have no point of reference for.*

II. LEARN TO LOOK AT PRAYER AS A PROJECT

- *There are things that God may wish to unfold to us that we are not prepared to grasp in a simple moment.*
- *When we inquire the Lord, we are taking a season where we allow God to open our perspective into a particular matter.*
- *The wisdom of God is connected with patience.*
 - *To inquire of the Lord is a journey rather than a destination.*

III. THE PROCESS OF REVELATION

- *Deuteronomy 29:29 we need to understand the difference between the revealed things and the hidden things.*
- *When we inquire the Lord, we are stepping in to the secret place in a new level in our relationship with him.*

- *In the Secret place God reveals the secret things.*
- *As we walk with God on the journey of our lives, the Holy Spirit is in the process of turning the secret things into the reveal things [that belong to us].*

IV. REVELATION, INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

- *To effectively inquire of the Lord, and we must learn the three keys of revelation, interpretation and application.*
- *There is a danger in our receiving revelation from God, and interpreting it through our own paradigm, past or understanding.*
- *As we inquire the Lord, the Holy Spirit will take us through a process of revelation, he will then interpret that revelation and unfold it to us.*
- *It is vital that we seek to inquire with the Lord for the application of those things which he has revealed.*
- *It is a danger for all believers is it we look to our past, to the known things or a secure places to interpret the revelations that God gives to us rather than relying on the Holy Spirit.*

V. PREPARING YOURSELF TO STEP INTO A NEW SEASON

- *As we go on a journey of inquiring of the Lord God, will be showing us the future and destination he has for us.*
- *Part of this journey is the transformation of our inner man.*
- *God wishes to show us the future he has for us, but he is more interested in fitting us and preparing us to be the people who can inherit that future.*
- *The children of Israel were a called out people, for a promised land. They needed to become a people a promise, before they could inherit the land that God had called them to.*