

The Tent of David

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After Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the Emancipation Proclamation on, January 1st 1863, some slave owners hid the news from their slaves of their freedom. It was not until Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived with 2000 troops traveling into Galveston, Texas, that many slaves learned of their freedom. One woman, a former slave named Tempie Cummins, told the Federal Writers' Project in 1939 that her mother overheard the master say that the slaves didn't know they were free, and he wasn't going to tell them until after "another crop or two." Cummins and her mother ran away that night.

Government agents went across the country to see if the slaves had been freed. To accomplish this, they would ask black people, "How are you working? What are you getting?" Some slaves would reply that they were not getting anything. If that was the case, the agent would have the owner present himself in front of the government. Some blacks might have been working as long as a year before they found out they were due payment for their labor.

Such is the case for many people proclaiming they are Apostolic born again believers.

It's possible for me to proclaim my freedom in Jesus Christ and not operate in my true identity of his revelatory love for me on a daily basis. Because without the transforming power of the Holy Ghost I will find myself living under the social, economic, and community barriers of my environment. Just like the emancipation proclamation. Because my worship and my identity is tied to the knowledge of the son of God and not to the doctrinal identity of the UPCI by itself. I am not saying this is not a good thing, I'm saying it's not the only thing that identifies my identity, purpose, and destiny as a born again believer, ancestors.com, does not define my real identity. Neither does my racial and ethnic background.

The APOSTOLIC's of Dekalb are defined in true lineage, by the tabernacle of David, through the cross of Jesus Christ:

In our opening text we see the Apostles arguing over whether they will accept the Gentiles into the Jewish fellowship. Many of the born again Messianic Jews wants all of the Gentiles to follow all of the Judaism laws of circumcision in order to be a real believer.

The Apostle James stands up and says do not put these yokes on the Gentiles. James begins to prophesy from the book of **Amos 9:11-13** this phenomenon of Gentiles speaking in tongues is a fulfillment of scriptures from the Prophet Amos.

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Notice in verse 16 he uses the phrase the house of David which has fallen. And that Jesus will rebuild these ruins. It's important we extract from the word the power of our identity for the APOSTOLIC's of Dekalb.

The house of David here was known as the Tabernacle of David or the tent of David.

This tent housed the Ark of the Covenant after David brought back into Jerusalem from Obed-Edoms house. Here lies the identity of the Apostolics of Dekalb.

David was found as a shepherd boy by the prophet Samuel to be anointed to be King. David's father failed to bring David out to the Prophet Samuel when he arrived at David's home. It is believed by many Jewish scholars and theologians David was born in an illegitimate relationship according to *Psalms 68* and *Psalms 51:5*.

David says in *Psalm 69:8 AMPC 8* ***I have become a stranger to my brethren, and an alien to my mother's children.***

This word stranger in Hebrew means illegitimate.

In Jewish custom no one could enter the Tabernacle of Moses with an illegitimate blood line for ten generations. David was a marked man both in his home and in his church. This is why his brothers scorned him when facing Goliath. His family, background reminded him every day, you are not legitimate David, you are flawed, and you don't have what it takes to be like the rest of the family. David faced rejection most of his life.

David writes in *Psalm 69:3-4 AMPC 3* ***I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched; my eyes fail with waiting hopefully for my God. [4] Those who hate me without cause are more than the hairs of my head; those who would cut me off and destroy me, being my enemies wrongfully, are many and mighty. I am forced to restore what I did not steal.***

We need to really feel what David is made out of in order to see God's revelatory love for ourselves.

Psalm 69:5 AMPC

[5] O God, You know my folly and blundering; my sins and my guilt are not hidden from You.

Psalm 69:10-12 AMPC

[10] When I wept and humbled myself with fasting, I was jeered at and humiliated; [11] When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword (an object of scorn) to them. [12] They who sit in the city's gate talk about me, and I am the song of the drunkards.

Psalm 69:14-17 AMPC

[14] Rescue me out of the mire, and let me not sink; let me be delivered from those who hate me and from out of the deep waters. [15] Let not the floodwaters overflow and overwhelm me, neither let the deep swallow me up nor the dug pit with water perhaps in the bottom close its mouth over me. [16] Hear and answer me, O Lord, for Your loving-kindness is sweet and comforting; according to Your plenteous tender mercy and steadfast love turn to me. [17] Hide not Your face from Your servant, for I am in distress; O answer me speedily!

Psalm 69:18-20 AMPC

[18] Draw close to me and redeem me; ransom and set me free because of my enemies lest they glory in my prolonged distress! [19] You know my reproach and my shame and my dishonor; my adversaries are all before You fully known to You. [20] Insults and reproach have broken my heart; I am full of heaviness and I am distressingly sick. I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.

David discovered a new identity when he passionately pursued God's mercies and love for him IN his illegitimate state.

After placing the ark in the tent, David established an order of worship that continued through his reign for 33 years. Singers and musicians were employed to praise, give thanks, and prophesy before the ark of God for twenty-four hours a

day. Worship could be heard from Mount Zion. That was the reason God said, ***'This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it'.*** (**Psalm 132:13-14**)

Here is where Dekalb comes in at. David connected every promise of God's love directly to his illegitimate identity. In other words, David, is our example in how to pursue and embrace the power of Calvary's superior love in the face of daily rejections from our environment. This is the tent of David. It is a place where Gentiles from the Prophecy of Amos in Dekalb go by the spirit of prayer to operate their real identity. It's an identity that is rooted in the superior of love of Jesus Christ against all realities of illegitimacies.

We know this to be true because Jesus said, ***'I am the son of David'***. And My death and resurrection is to restore the house of David, or the tabernacle of David, in the APOSTOLIC's of Dekalb.

It's called rebuilding the ruins because of the junk and the lies and generational curses you and I have to fight through. The tent of David is an identity and not a geographic place. It is a state of being and mind set.

David knew he could not live with the reality of his ethnic and biological background. So look at what he says in **Psalm 51:15-17 AMPC**

[15] O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. [16] For You delight not in sacrifice, or else would I give it; You find no pleasure in burnt offering. [17] My sacrifice the sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart broken down with sorrow for sin and humbly and thoroughly penitent, such, O God, You will not despise.

The redemptive theocracy of David's Tabernacle.

Confidence rooted in humility honors the Father. It honors the cross. It's rooted in total dependence on Jesus.

The ruins of David is, you and me, working everyday through our self-esteem issues to reflect our confidence in His grace and mercy.

1 Corinthians 1:25-28 AMPC

[25] This is because the foolish thing that has its source in God is wiser than men, and the weak thing that springs from God is stronger than men. [26] For simply consider your own call, brethren; not many of you were considered to be wise according to human estimates and standards, not many influential and powerful, not many of high and noble birth. [27] No for God selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is foolish to put the wise to shame, and what the world calls weak to put the strong to shame. [28] And God also selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is lowborn and insignificant and branded and treated with contempt, even the things that are nothing, that He might depose and bring to nothing the things that are,

David's military victories were directly tied into the passion and the expensivity of his worship and identity.

Song of Songs 8:6-7 AMPC

[6] Set me like a seal upon your heart, like a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death, jealousy is as hard and cruel as Sheol (the place of the dead). Its flashes are flashes of fire, a most vehement flame the very flame of the Lord! [7] Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man would offer all the goods of his house for love, he would be utterly scorned and despised.

Tent of David is:

- Our place for identity
- Our place for purpose
- Our place for destiny
- We get our battle directions from this place story of Esther
- It's a place for intimacy and inner healing from the condemnation of the devil

2 Peter 1:2-3 AMPC

[2] May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in the full, personal, precise, and correct knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. [3] For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that are requisite and suited to life and godliness, through the full, personal knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

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