

Affecting a Change: A lesson on Power Conductivity

(Christ... the Anointing to *affect a change!*)

I.) A morning question:

This fall after my completion of school studies I took a vacation. One morning while I was reading a novel I heard the Lord asks me a question. I knew the context of the question being John 15:5 (AMP) *I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.*

The question from God was “What does the vine produce?” ... I answered “fruit” and knew the moment I said it I was wrong. I then went and read the scripture again and could see why... The Vine produces Branches and the Branches are what produce the fruit.

I was startled to see how much I was expected to be a personally responsible in the conductivity of God’s Power in the task of bearing fruit. As a Christian, I am empowered to be an integral part of God’s solution against satan’s purposes. God is looking to us to affect a change in this world and in fact we are all an important link in that chain. When Jesus prayed “Your Will be done here on earth as it is in Heaven” ... He was expecting us to be in that Power flow.

When I hear God’s desire to have Earth become like how God has Heaven. I then stopped and ask myself what is Heaven like? What does God’s Will for Heaven look like here on earth? Is there lack? No, instead streets of gold and personal mansions? Is there sickness? No, instead life, health and strength? Is there sadness? No, instead a joy everlasting and peace? Are there dead end activities? No, instead we move from glory to glory. God wants earth to be just like Heaven, so what is the problem? Satan... he is running around like an outlaw and the Marshal i.e. the church is just letting him.

So what should the church being do with this outlaw? Use the legal power we have been entitled with, commissioned with or “Anointed with” to affect a change. What this looks like to me can be seen in Jesus’ teaching in again John 15? And that is that we need to become Godly connected and flow that Power connection to make a production of fruit. When it comes to a vine and branches, the image of a source of and the requirement of having a life force or sap run through is quite clear.

In this world God’s Will is, for us to be expected to receive what God has provided to us and then carry it to an end source for the production of fruit. It is us failing to receive and share that Power that then prevents God from having what He desires.

Let’s see where else we see these images for mankind being God’s “branch” ... or in a power flow.

Genesis 1:26-28 (AMP)

²⁶ God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.

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²⁷ So God created man in His own image, in the image *and* likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.

God's original Command or Blessing on Adam was to facilitate a dominion rule over all the earth.

The word "Blessed" used here in the Hebrew is the word "barak" which means:

- To kneel
- To bless
- To cause to kneel

Adam was to go to God on a bent knee to receive a provision for that dominion!

This might explain to some, why Adam was refused the Fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and evil. He was expected to get all his information in the cool evening walks he had with God. To God it was all about a relationship with His son and daughter in which He gives them all they need.

Genesis 9:1 (AMP)

And God pronounced a blessing upon Noah and his sons and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

This is the very same Hebrew word "barak" that was used here for Noah that was used for Adam and he also was expected to need to go to God and receive a power or supply for dominion on a bent knee.

Genesis 12:2 (AMP)

And I will make of you (Abraham) a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous *and* distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].

Again we see the word "barak" used but this time God amplifies the understanding through telling us what this "blessed" power is for and that was for us to be a "Blessing to others".

In the Hebrew the word "Blessing" used here is the word "berakan" (ber-ä-kä) which is defined as:

- Source of Blessing
- Blessing prosperity
- A gift
- Treaty of peace

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Now we can see the Power flow more clearly. We are to go to God and receive a Blessed Power on bent knee to deliver it to the world as a gift, an entreaty of peace or prosperity... or you could say to give them Good News and have it demonstrated in their lives!

Well that was the Old Testament... what about the New Testament?

Luke 24:50 (AMP)

Then He (Jesus) conducted them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He invoked a Blessing on them.

This Greek word for “Blessing” use here is the word “eulogeō” (yü-lo-ge'-ō) and defined is:

- To invoke a Blessing
- To celebrate with praises
- To cause to prosper
- To make happy
- To bestow Blessing on
- Favoured of God

Jesus was literally pouring out the same Blessing from God as seen earlier onto these church members.

We see within this Blessing the very same set of instructions to be a conduit for God’s power through us to be transmitted or carried onto others. The image of sap flowing through a branch is something they would have understood but I see it as electrical power flowing through wires and just like electricity, always looking for a place to be released. We call this Power flow “the laying of hands”!

Now let’s look at Mark’s account of the same story we saw in Luke for clarity.

Mark 16:15-20 (AMP)

¹⁵ And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach *and* publish openly the good news (the Gospel) to every creature [of the whole human race].

Point 1: Are there new babies arriving? If yes, then we are still commanded to share the Gospel just like the disciples were.

¹⁶ He who believes [who adheres to and trusts in and relies on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe [who does not adhere to and trust in and rely on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] will be condemned.

Point 2: So how we receive the Gospel will either Bless us or condemn us!

¹⁷ And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages;

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¹⁸ They will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well.

Point 3: Notice the power flow of God's will. The sick are to be healed through the laying on of hands.

¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God.

²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord kept working with them and confirming the message by the **attesting** signs *and* miracles that closely accompanied [it]. Amen or so be it.

The word "attesting" defined:

- **Be evidence of something**
- **Confirm something (... the Gospel or Good News)**
- **To show, or declare**

This is very clear... Jesus expected them to use His Blessing or Power to affect a change against satan's activities in this world and that He would then confirm the Word (Good News or Gospel), message or dare I say...God's Will being preached... with signs following.

Ok, that was the Hebrews church, now what does God say about the Gentiles... just to be double sure of the Anointing assignment for us?

Galatians 3:8 (AMP)

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify (declare righteous, put in right standing with Himself) the Gentiles in consequence of faith, proclaimed the Gospel [foretelling the glad tidings of a Savior long beforehand] to Abraham in the promise, saying, In you shall all the nations [of the earth] be blessed.

Yup, it's the same Greek word "eulogeō" (yü-lo-ge'-ō) again... Abraham's Blessing is on the Gentiles... as Christians we are to affect a change in "all the nations". And if we have nation then we are still to be on assignment.

Again we see that we are to use God's Power received on a bent knee to provide a gift or entreaty of peace that will subdue the world (satan's activities) and give birth to the fruit of God's Will.

Going back to the starting scripture of Jesus being the Vine and we are the branches, remember it says we will bear much or abundant fruit. Let's look deeper into the meaning of this word so we can see better what this means in action.

To bears or bring forth defined:

1. **to carry**
 1. **to carry some burden**

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1. to bear with one's self
2. to move by bearing; move or, to be conveyed or borne, with the suggestion of force or speed
 1. of the mind, to be moved inwardly, prompted
3. to bear up i.e. uphold (keep from falling)
 1. of Christ, the preserver of the universe
2. to bring, bring to, bring forward
 1. to move to, apply
 2. to bring in by announcing, to announce
 3. to bear i.e. bring forth, produce; to bring forward in a speech
 4. to lead, conduct

A “vine” defined by Thayer’s Greek lexicon:

“A vine, Christ calls himself a vine, because, as the vine imparts to its branches sap and productiveness, so Christ infuses into his followers his own divine strength and life.”

So again, I am able to see in that God’s plan; the expectation is that we will be an integral part of His Solution. We will be the channel in which the power flows through but this time it is pointing to us moving, being a conduit or carrying something.

It could be said then that God’s Power is to be conducted to the world through us and in doing so they will be able to receive from God His “Will on earth as in Heaven”.

From this viewpoint I am looking at the arrival of Jesus and what the angels declared at that time.

Luke 2:10 (AMP)

¹⁰**But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people.**

¹¹**For to you is born this day in the town of David a Savior, Who is Christ (the Messiah) the Lord!**

Why is the arrival of Christ the Lord such a report of good news? We need to know what these words means to gain insights and understandings.

Christ defined:

- The Messiah (Which Hebrew for Christ)
- Christ or christós is the Greek word for Anointing

Anointing defined:

- To give title to (i.e. a Judge, Policeman, Governor)
- To pour onto
- To rub into
- To empower

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- To enable... or QUALIFY
- A mantle, as in Elijah's mantle that Elisha pick up and wore as the Anointing transferred

Therefore, when a person is Anointed they are QUALIFIED! We have been enabled just like Sampson, David, Daniel, Paul or like Jesus was to affect a change to have dominion in this world.

2 Corinthians 4:7 (AMP)

⁷ **However, we possess this precious treasure [the divine Light of the Gospel] in [frail, human] vessels of earth, that the grandeur *and* exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves.**

We are to live and function with a Power that is clearly not within our own abilities but God's Anointed Power working in and through us! You see it is not about us but God and what He desires because of His Love.

Acts 8:5-7 (AMP)

⁵ Philip [the deacon] went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ (the Messiah) to them [the people];

In today's language, He declared there was an "Anointing in him to affect a change in their lives". He preach God's Will on earth as it is in Heaven to people that we bound to satan's will of death and destruction. He declared the Good News of the Word and of course Jesus which is the Word.

⁶ And great crowds of people with one accord listened to and heeded what was said by Philip, as they heard him *and* watched the miracles *and* wonders which he kept performing [from time to time].

He was demonstrating fruit all the time! Or, to clarify, he was in the Godly Power flow and when people believed they received God's Will from satan's dominion... or the curse... through him as a conduit!

⁷ For foul spirits came out of many who were possessed by them, screaming *and* shouting with a loud voice, and many who were suffering from palsy or were crippled were restored to health.

Supporting scriptures:

Luke 4:18-19 (AMP)

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me (Jesus said), because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity],

¹⁹ To proclaim the accepted *and* acceptable year of the Lord [the day when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound].

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John 10:9-10 (AMP)

⁹ I am the Door; anyone who enters in through Me will be saved (will live). He will come in and he will go out [freely], and will find pasture.

¹⁰ The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).

So what do these verses all mean? Using our image of being a branch, what does this piece look like in our daily living?

Ephesians 3:16-21 (AMP)

¹⁶ May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened *and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit* [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].

¹⁷ May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love *and* founded securely on love,

¹⁸ That you may have the power *and* be strong to apprehend *and* grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];

That Love or "God's Love" is shown as four dimensions. The fourth dimension is the time position on the graph... so this verse points to God operating outside "time".

¹⁹ [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

²⁰ Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over *and* above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—

²¹ To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it).

I need to stop and further identify what the Anointed Power of God is that we are to have flowing through us. What is the strength to walk and live knowing the "LOVE OF CHRIST" through experience more than we know the things of this world or from satan lies. Let's look in verse 20's the word "power" ... the "power that is at work within us".

Power or in the Greek Dynamai (dü'-nä-mī) defined:

- 1. to be able, have power whether by virtue of one's own ability and resources, or of a state of mind, or through favourable circumstances, or by permission of law or custom**

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2. to be able to do something
3. to be capable, strong and powerful
4. It is the ability to demonstrate in our lives this LOVE in our prosperity, kindness and willingness to share the Good News that the angels first declared when Jesus arrived.

In closing I repeat... it is not about us. We are vessels or branches for God's Love to be flowing through us.

On a bent knee we are to receive from God all our needs met but it doesn't end there. We are to also receive what others need to have the Good News manifest in their lives.

Matthew 6:9-13 (AMP)

⁹ *Pray, therefore, like this: Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed (kept holy) be Your name.*

¹⁰ *Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

¹¹ *Give us this day our daily bread.*

¹² *And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven (left, remitted, and let go of the debts, and have given up resentment against) our debtors.*

¹³ *And lead (bring) us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*