

Module 8 Heavenly Realms 11 Court of the Lord

A major aspect of the heavenly realms is the governmental perspective
There are different levels of governmental authority relating to the different realms
Our mountains and our thrones are positions of governmental authority that are in different realms

Zech 3:7 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways and if you will perform My service, then you will also govern My house and also have charge of My courts, and I will grant you free access among these who are standing here.'"

Engaging eternity reveals identity and destiny
Our scroll enables us to recognise and resonate with all the things that are part of our destiny, our calling including: our redemptive gift, relationships, tasks, quests, mandates, ministry, heavenly positions, heavenly roles and more

Jer 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

The key concept about who we are is that He knew us and we need to know Him to know us

God is speaking to Jeremiah, but He has also spoken to each of us.
He knew me, and He knew you, before He formed us in the womb.
Knowing is through intimate encounter not intellect
We can know by hearing Him call our name

This was not some vague thought that God had. These were thoughts revealing His desire for us
You existed even before you were in the womb; God has always known you from His now perspective
Since intimacy must be two-way, actually, you knew Him too.

He consecrated us, which means He set us apart for relationship and purpose
He had a purpose for our lives that He knew, and that we knew, before we were actually formed.
It is part of our very being. He has appointed each of us to a particular role, task and position relationally

For Jeremiah that was as a prophet to the nations.
What name has He given you?
Who has He called you to be?
What has He appointed you to?
Do you remember what you were doing before you were here?

The good news is we can remember so we can know the truth
We functioned as a spirit light being before we entered this earth realm
He wants us to know that again
You can ask Him, and He will reveal it to you as only He knows best how to do it

1 Cor 15:48-49 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly
Bear the image of the heavenly or spiritual, which is eternal from God's perspective

Just as we were born in an earthly body, we had already been born from above and now we have been reborn or resurrected from above our spirit is now active and reconnected to God.
So we will now bear the image of the heavenly.

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We need to be bearing the image of the things that are going on in God's heart, establishing them in the heavenlies and outworking them here on the earth.

God has opened up the door for us to engage with the heavenly realms and access eternity, so that we can both see and reflect what is going on there.

God's plan is for us to enjoy rest: being loved, joyful, at peace and whole
His plan is to prosper us, to see us succeed.
He gives us a hope by giving us a vision of our destiny.

Do we know who we were created to be?

Do we know why we are here?

Do we know our name?

That may sound like a strange question, but God has a name for us which is our true name.
It encompasses all we are and all He intends us to be.

It is a heavenly name which is assigned to us in accordance with our destiny.

It is the name that is on our thrones, and in our scroll.

When I saw my name, I knew it was me. My memory reconnected to my identity

It will be the same for you, because your spirit will leap in recognition, just as John leapt in Elizabeth's womb when he sensed Jesus in Mary's womb.

That is what happens when aspects of our destiny start to take place around us. Things start to move us and our spirit begins to leap.

Heb 10:27 "Then I said, 'Behold, I have come (In the scroll of the book it is written of Me) To do Your will, O God.'"

Psa 139 tells us that there was a substance to our lives which God saw when it was still unformed.
We existed before we had a physical body.

Psa 139:16-17 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book (scroll) were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

That scroll was written not only before we were formed, but before God created the heavens and the earth.

Understanding who we were then, even as an 'unformed substance', will really help us to understand who we are now.

Everything we are called to be now was written then, on our scroll.

Sometimes we will find that we have done the things that are written on it, even though we might have never read it.

That will happen because our destiny is inherently tied up with who we are.

When we choose to line up with the purposes of God, and seek to be guided by Him, we start to fulfil our destiny.

How precious are Your thoughts

We need to get hold of those thoughts, because they will transform how we think about ourselves.
It cannot be anything but life-changing for us to know how God thinks about us.

I guarantee that not one of us thinks about ourselves 100% the way God does.

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But the more we allow God's thoughts toward us to affect the way we think about ourselves, the more transformation we will see in our lives, and the more we will become like Jesus. We will do the things He did, and the greater things we are called to do.

The thoughts of God toward us today are totally in tune with what was written on our scroll before the foundation of the world.

But destiny is not fate.

We have a choice, to agree with God and pursue it, or not.

Resonate with our destiny, agreeing

We already agreed with Him as a spirit being when our scroll was written.

If we choose to agree with Him now, it is essential for us to get hold of His thoughts toward us and to know what is written on our scroll by experience, not intellect

We already agreed with Him when our scroll was revealed.

If we choose to agree with Him now, it is essential for us to get hold of His thoughts toward us and to know progressively what is written on our scroll.

There are many places we can engage our scroll

The scroll room of heaven

Engage the fire stones and absorb it

Engage the heart of God in eternity, the womb we were created in

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Engage the Court of the Lord

Engaging the Court of the Lord or the Sod of God

Heaven of Heavens

I believe we all engaged that court before we became a living soul when we were assigned the physical aspect of our destiny

Our destiny scroll was revealed and we were commissioned into sonship in this dimension and where our angels were assigned to us

I believe we are to mature in sonship to access the Sod or council again in a different capacity as sons

The Hebrew Bible is a book of concrete images and symbols.

C.S. Lewis said, "Symbols are the natural speech of the soul, a language older and more universal than words."

Living letters

The biblical commentator Patrick Miller has said the council imagery is "one of the central cosmological symbols of the Old Testament."

That is, it explains the "machinery and systems" of the universe; how God accomplishes His will using His semi-divine servants.

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The Council Defined

The heavenly council is a symbolic ruling body consisting of God as the supreme monarch with an assembly of supernatural servants gathered around His throne in a heavenly assembly.

By using the word “symbolic” it is not to imply the Council is not real.

The imagery is analogical or metaphorical and depicts actual realities in the divine world.

Put simply: YHVH is King and He works with His divine servants to outwork His will but He wants sons

How did Israel know about this heavenly council?

The Bible implies they knew from accounts of visionary visitations by prophets.

Modern commentators call these visits “throne visions” — first-hand reports of the heavenly council in session.

The phrase “heavenly council” is not actually biblical; the phrase “divine council” or “divine assembly” is.

It comes from Psalm 82:1 Elohim has taken his place in the divine council In the midst of the Elohim He holds judgment

There are three terms for the council gathering: edah, qahal and sod.

Edah means congregation, assembly, or company.

It’s also used for the congregation of Israel.

Qahal means to gather together. It parallels the later Greek Ekklesia.

All these words indicate that the patterns of heaven get outworked on earth

Relational patterns

Communal patterns

Governmental patterns

The DIY tree path has corrupted those patterns by excluding God

Sod designates a king’s inner circle – his closest friends and counsellors who know his mind and discuss his plans.

To participate in the sod of YHVH meant profound privilege.

Daniel 7:10 mentions a heavenly “court”

Depicting God as a time-transcending Judge sitting among other judges.

Terms for the Members

Council members have several names or titles. They are: holy ones, spirits, messengers, ministers, servants, those on high, princes – and other names

The diversity of names indicates differing roles in their relationship to YHVH and His names that indicates His diverse roles as Creator, Father, King, Judge, Lord

Our sonship is the revelation that we are made in His image and likeness to ascend in maturity

God Himself has many names these are both symbolic or metaphorical

God’s names in Hebrew are revelations of different aspects of His nature and how He functions

There are covenant names that are associated with His acts in covenant history

EL, ELOAH [el, el-oh-ah]: God "mighty, strong, prominent" (Nehemiah 9:17; Psalm 139:19) – etymologically, El appears to mean “power” and “might” (Genesis 31:29). El is associated with other qualities, such as integrity (Numbers 23:19), jealousy (Deuteronomy 5:9), and compassion (Nehemiah 9:31), but the root idea of “might” remains.

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EL SHADDAI [el-shah-dahy]: “God Almighty”, “The Mighty One of Jacob” (Genesis 49:24; Psalm 132:2,5) – speaks to God’s ultimate power over all.

ADONAI [ah-daw-nahy]: “Lord” (Genesis 15:2; Judges 6:15) – used in place of YHWH, which was thought by the Jews to be too sacred to be uttered by sinful men.

In the Old Testament, YHWH is more often used in God’s dealings with His people, while Adonai is used more when He deals with the Gentiles.

YHWH / YAHWEH / JEHOVAH [yah-way / ji-hoh-veh]: “LORD” (Deuteronomy 6:4; Daniel 9:14) – strictly speaking, the only proper name for God. Translated in English Bibles “LORD” (all capitals) to distinguish it from Adonai, “Lord.”

The revelation of the name is given to Moses “I Am who I Am” (Exodus 3:14). This name specifies an immediacy, a presence.

Yahweh is present, accessible, near to those who call on Him for deliverance (Psalm 107:13), forgiveness (Psalm 25:11) and guidance (Psalm 31:3).

EL ELYON [el-el-yohn]: “Most High” (Deuteronomy 26:19) – derived from the Hebrew root for “go up” or “ascend,” so the implication is of that which is the very highest.

El Elyon denotes exaltation and speaks of absolute right to lordship.

EL ROI [el-roh-ee]: “God of Seeing” (Genesis 16:13) – the name ascribed to God by Hagar, alone and desperate in the wilderness after being driven out by Sarah (Genesis 16:1-14).

When Hagar met the Angel of the Lord, she realized she had seen God Himself in a theophany. She also realized that El Roi saw her in her distress and testified that He is a God who lives and sees all.

EL-OLAM [el-oh-lahm]: “Everlasting God” (Psalm 90:1-3) – God’s nature is without beginning or end, free from all constraints of time, and He contains within Himself the very cause of time itself. “From everlasting to everlasting, You are God.”

EL-GIBHOR [el-ghee-bohr]: “Mighty God” (Isaiah 9:6) – the name describing the Messiah, Christ Jesus, in this prophetic portion of Isaiah.

As a powerful and mighty warrior, the Messiah, the Mighty God, will accomplish the destruction of God’s enemies and rule with a rod of iron (Revelation 19:15).

YAHWEH-JIREH [yah-way-ji-reh]: “The Lord Will Provide” (Genesis 22:14) – the name memorialized by Abraham when God provided the ram to be sacrificed in place of Isaac.

YAHWEH-RAPHA [yah-way-raw-faw]: “The Lord Who Heals” (Exodus 15:26) – “I am Jehovah who heals you” both in body and soul. In body, by preserving from and curing diseases, and in soul, by pardoning iniquities.

YAHWEH-NISSI [yah-way-nee-see]: “The Lord Our Banner” (Exodus 17:15), where banner is understood to be a rallying place. This name commemorates the desert victory over the Amalekites in Exodus 17.

YAHWEH-M'KADDESH [yah-way-meh-kad-esh]: “The Lord Who Sanctifies, Makes Holy” (Leviticus 20:8; Ezekiel 37:28) – God makes it clear that He alone, not the law, can cleanse His people and make them holy.

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YAHWEH-SHALOM [yah-way-shah-lohm]: "The Lord Our Peace" (Judges 6:24) – the name given by Gideon to the altar he built after the Angel of the Lord assured him he would not die as he thought he would after seeing Him.

YAHWEH-ELOHIM [yah-way-el-oh-him]: "LORD God" (Genesis 2:4; Psalm 59:5) – a combination of God's unique name YHWH and the generic "Lord," signifying that He is the Lord of Lords.

YAHWEH-TSIDKENU [yah-way-tzid-kay-noo]: "The Lord Our Righteousness" (Jeremiah 33:16) – As with YHWH-M'Kaddesh, it is God alone who provides righteousness (from the Hebrew word tsidkenu) to man, ultimately in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, who became sin for us "that we might become the Righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

YAHWEH-ROHI [yah-way-roh-hee]: "The Lord Our Shepherd" (Psalm 23:1) – After David pondered his relationship as a shepherd to his sheep, he realized that was exactly the relationship God had with him, and so he declares, "Yahweh-Rohi is my Shepherd. I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).

YAHWEH-SHAMMAH [yah-way-sham-mahw]: "The Lord Is There" (Ezekiel 48:35) – the name ascribed to Jerusalem and the Temple there, indicating that the once-departed glory of the Lord (Ezekiel 8 – 11) had returned (Ezekiel 44:1-4).

YAHWEH-SABAOOTH [yah-way-sah-bah-ohth]: "The Lord of Hosts" (Isaiah 1:24; Psalm 46:7) – Hosts means "hordes", both of angels and of men.

He is Lord of the host of heaven and of the inhabitants of the earth

The name is expressive of the majesty, power, and authority of God and shows that He is able to accomplish what He determines to do.

As sons we need to engage with and mature into the relational love of God as expressed in those names that reveal His character, nature and attributes

We experience and become transformed as sons into that image

There are the heavenly and transcendent names

EL, ELOAH, EL SHADDAI

ADONAI, YHWH

EL ELYON, EL ROI

EL-OLAM, EL-GIBHOR

There are the earthly and imminent names

Jehovah our Righteousness, Sanctifier, Healer, Provider, Banner, Shepherd, Peace, Is There, Lord of hosts, Lord of Lords

We are to ascend as sons through our relationship with Father, Son and Spirit; that reveals His essence, nature and character through His precepts, statutes and laws

Ascending through all the 12 High Chancellors' Houses to become co-creators with our Father

Some titles for the council members affirm the idea of semi-divinity.

These beings are openly referred to as elohim – gods, divine beings.

They are also benei elohim, benei elim, and benei elyon (sons of God, sons of the Most High) (Gen 6:2; Ps 8:6; 29:1; 82:6; 86:8; 89:7; 97:7; 138:1; Job 38:7)

This poses no threat to God's position as He has made us His children in His image to become like Him as sons

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For He is ha-Elohim, which means “the (only real) God.”

Jesus described us as gods

John 10:33 The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.” 34 Jesus answered them, “Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? 35 If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken)...

1 Cor 8:5 For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, 6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

The Sod or council is also opened to others:

Ps 25:14 “The sod of the LORD is for those who fear him; to them he makes known [the deeper meanings and blessings of] his covenant”

Job 29:4 Job once lamented about days gone by “when the friendship [sod, intimate council] of God was over my tent”

If access to the Sod were given to Job and the prophets, how much more to sons!

In Daniel 7, the Ancient of Days gives authority to the Son of Man to rule the earth and the Son gives that authority to the sons

John 5:27 tells his disciples, “He [God] gave him [me] authority to execute judgment, as the Son of Man”

John 17:1, 2 “Father... you have given [me] authority over all people” as Son of God

Matt 28:18 he says, “All authority has been given to me in Heaven and on earth” go therefore and disciple the nations

John 20: 21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

Sod council, counsel – 21 occurrences

Translated circle, company consultation (1), council (5), fellowship (1), friendship (1), gathering (1), intimate (1), plans (1), secret (2), secret counsel (3), secrets (2).

In the Hebrew Bible, the Sôd of God was a council of celestial beings who consulted with God, learned His sôd/secret plan, and then fulfilled that plan.

We are called to access the courts; to take charge of the courts; to ascend to mature sonship

Zech 3:7 “Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘If you will walk in My ways and if you will perform My laws, then you will also govern My house and also have charge of My courts, and I will grant you free access among these who are standing here.’”

Who are in the Sod?

Angelic heavenly representatives

Ancient ones – sons of Adam who did not fall

Enoch pre-flood

Abraham post-flood, representing all the families of the earth

Moses and Elijah

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Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

We can engage the Sod to engage the memory of our encounter under the rod to access our scroll of destiny

Re-engaging the testimony of our identity and scroll before our fall into this dimension

Testimony of our scroll in the Sod Court of the Lord

Testimony record – wine room, court of scribes

Matt 18:10 ... for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Face of the Father the mirror of our identity

Engage yourself as a light being

Engage the scroll

Engage scroll with Judgment seat

Engage the heart of God



Steps like Jacob's ladder leading up to heaven
Start thinking about those steps and the open door
Hear the invitation to come up here
Let those steps form in your imagination and by faith
walk up those steps to the door step through the veil into
the kingdom realm



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Engage the Court of the Lord.

