

MIGRATION: PRINCIPLES OF MIGRATION

READING FROM JOHN 5:1-15

John 5:1-15 "After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

⁵Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." ⁹And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

¹⁰The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." ¹¹He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" ¹²Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" ¹³But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. ¹⁴Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." ¹⁵The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well." (NKJ)

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DISCUSSION

1. What is the definition of migration?

- 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. What feast was being celebrated?

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

3. What is the meaning of BETHESDA?

House of Mercy

4. What symbols indicate that a church is being pictured?

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)

- Thus Bethel (house of God) is a picture of a church. Bethlehem, Bethsaida etc. are all pictures of churches with special characteristics derived from their names.
- Bethlehem - house of bread. This house majors on revelation.
- Bethsaida - house of provision. This house majors on meeting felt needs.

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)

Water as A Symbol of the Word of God:

- To leave Egypt the nation had to pass through the Red Sea; to leave the world (Egypt) you have to pass through the Word.
- To leave the wilderness the nation had to pass through Jordan; to leave the inaccuracies of the wilderness you have to pass through the Word.
- The triumph over the Moabites was due to the reflection of the sun on the water. (2Ki 3:20-24)
- The triumph over demons is through the Word.

- The recurrent miscarriages were due to polluted water. (2Ki 2:18,19)
- When the Word of God is polluted, visions abort.
- Moses survived on the water. The Word will save you.

4.3 Five Porches

- This is a picture of the five-fold ministry. (Eph.4)
- **Other pictures of the five-fold ministry:**
 - A. The Hand (IKi 18:44)** "Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'" (NKJ)
 - Dan 5:5 "In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote" (NKJ)
 - B. The 5 Bars (Exo 26:27)** "five bars for the boards on the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the far side westward." (NKJ)

4.4 Great Multitude (Vs.3)

- This is a picture of a mega church.

4.5 Stirred Up the Water/Made Well of Whatever Disease (Vs.4)

- This is a picture of a church with manifestations.

4.6 Sheep Gate

- **This is a picture of Jesus.** (John 10:7) "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.

5. What Clues Are There to Indicate That This Is an Inaccurate Church?

5.1 "by the sheep gate"

- Now the "sheep gate" 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 "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 "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.

5.2 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)

5.3 Impotent People

Impotent: deficiency in capacity; destitute of force; weak; feeble; unwell; powerless.

- This "mega church" 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.

5.4 Angelic Manifestation

- This was a house of angelic manifestation, not HOLY GHOST manifestation.

5.5 Infirmary for 38 Years (Vs 5)

Deut 2:14 "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

John 5:6 "When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time,"

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

5.7 Do You Want to Be Made Well

John 5:6 "Do you want to be made well?"

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

5.8 Sir

John 5:7 "The sick man answered Him, 'Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.'"

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

5.9 I Have No Man

John 5:7 "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up"

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

5.10 Jesus Was Not Moved with Compassion

- Despite the sufferings of the multitude in Bethesda.

6. What 3 Applications Can You Make from The Following Words of Jesus in Vs. 8.

John 5:8 "Jesus said to him, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk.'"

- **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)

7. What Characteristics of a Religious Spirit Are Manifested in The Jews? (Vs.10, 11, 12)

¹⁰The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

¹¹He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

¹²Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

- **The Jews were more concerned about the law than his healing.**

- They were not interested in the man who was made him well or him who made him well.
- Instead they were more concerned about the fact that *"It was the Sabbath; it was not lawful for him to carry his bed."*
- They were too troubled by his migration to recognize his healing.
 - A religious spirit has a legalistic focus. (give me an example)
 - A religious spirit misses the miracle because of a legal focus. A man who *"had an infirmity thirty-eight years"* was delivered from infirmity, **feeble state and powerlessness** and all they were concerned about *"It was the Sabbath; it was not lawful for him to carry his bed."*
 - Religious spirits surface when migration occurs. *It was after he walked that they noticed him.*

8. Why Would You Say That the Impotent Man Migrated Accurately?

Afterward Jesus found him in the temple. *"Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, 'See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.'*" (John 5:14)

- 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 new found passion for God.
- A MOVEMENT FROM THE HOUSE TO THE TEMPLE REPRESENTS ACCURATE MIGRATION.
- HGCC moved from being an isolated local house a become a part of the ABC family a foundation of a temple in the city.

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 (Habakkuk 2:20) *"But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."* (KJV)

9. How Would You Relate the Impotent Man to The Feast of the Passover?

- 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.

10. Below Is a List of Inaccurate Locations.

- Isolation
- Gifts
- Wandering
- Manifestation
- Abstract Doctrine
- Traditions
- Escapism
- Dependence
- Local
- Entrance
- Spectator
- Elementary Principles

11. How Is an Accurate Location Is Demonstrated?

11.1 From Isolation to Relationships/Networking

- Heb 10:25 "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)

11.2 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 "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 "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)

13.3 From Wandering to Settling/Stability

This is a migration to stability e.g.

i. Stability in faith

- Col 2:7 "Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." (KJV)
- 1Thes 3:2-4 "2And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow labourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith: 3That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. 4For 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)

ii. 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)

iii. 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)

iv. Stability in love

- Eph 3:17-19 "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; ¹⁹And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." (KJV)

11.4 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:

11.4.1 Throne to The Voice: Isa.6:1-4; 8 the manifestation of the throne was followed by the voice of God.

11.4.2 Move of The Spirit to The Voice: Gen 1:2-3 “2And 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. 3And God said, let there be light: and there was light.” (KJV)

11.4.3 Dove to The Voice: Matt 3:16-17 “16And 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: 17And lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (KJV)

11.4.4 Light to The Voice: Acts 9:3-4 “3And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4And 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.

11.5 From Abstract Doctrine to Dynamic Experience.

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

- 2 Cor 3:2 “You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men” (NKJ)

- 2 Tim 3:10 “But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance” (NKJ)

11.6 From Traditions to Biblical Accuracy

- Mark 7:13 “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 “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.**

11.7 From Escaping to Occupying

- Luke 19:13 "And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, occupy till I come." (KJV)

- 1 Pet 2:9 "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 "22And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." (KJV)

- Eph 1:22-23 "22And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way." (NIV)

- Deut 28:13 "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)

11.8 From Dependence to Autonomy

Eph 6:11 "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 dependence/addiction to leadership.

Heb 4:16 "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)

Ultimately our dependence must be on Christ.

1 Tim 2:5 "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" (KJV)

11.9 From Local to Global

Acts 1:8 "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 "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)

11.10 From Entrance to the Finish

Acts 20:24 "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 "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.

11.11 From Spectator to Participant

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

11.12 From Elementary Principles (New Birth) To Perfection

Heb 6:1 "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)

12. What Are the Hindrances to Migration?

12.1 Damaged Mindsets

- **These are mental strongholds that exalt themselves above the knowledge of God.** (2Co 10:5) "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:

- Superstitious mindset
- Traditional mindset
- Sentimental mindset
- Illogicality

12.2 Wrong Company

- Solomon's immoral associations prevented him from moving into the purposes of God. (1 King 11:1-5)

12.3 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.

12.4 Rebellion

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

12.5 Flesh (Carnality)

- Read 1Cor.10:5-11
- The Israelites failed to migrate to the Promised Land because of works of the flesh.

12.6 Ignorance

Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (KJV)

2Ki 17:32-33 "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. ³³They 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.

12.7 Spirit of Fear

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

12.8 Material Comfort and Security

Luke 12:19 "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.

12.9 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.

12.10 Spiritual Deafness

Matt 13:13-16 “Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴And 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; ¹⁵For 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.” ¹⁶“But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; (NKJ)

- A lack of sensitivity to the things of God.

13. Examples of Inaccurate Migration

13.1 Demas

2 Tim 4:10 “for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica-- Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.” (NKJ)

- Demas went back to the world.

13.2 Elimelech

Ruth 1:1-2 “Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion-- Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there.” (NKJ)

- Elimelech left Bethlehem (House of Bread) and went to the place of iniquity. He died in the place of inaccuracy.

13.3 Lot

Gen 13:10-13 “And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. ¹¹Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. ¹²Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. ¹³But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.” (NKJ)

- Lot migrated to the fertile plains of Jordan. It did not bother him that it was located near Sodom.
- His righteous soul was vexed. His wealth is eventually burned up and he is raped by his daughters.
- His offspring are Ammonites and Moabites.

13.4 Abraham

Gen 12:10-11 “Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land. ¹¹And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, “Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance.” (NKJ)

- Abraham left the promised land and went to Egypt.
- He acquired Hagar in Egypt; the rest is history.

13.5 The Young Prophet

1King 13:14-17 “and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. Then he said to him, “Are you the man of God who came from Judah?” And he said, “I am.” ¹⁵Then he said to him, “Come home with me and eat bread.” ¹⁶And he said, “I cannot return with you nor go in with you; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place.” ¹⁷“For I have been told by the word of the LORD, ‘You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.’” (NKJ)

1King 13:19-23 “So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.” ²⁰Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back; ²¹and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, ²²but you came back, ate bread, and drank water in the place of which the LORD said to you, “Eat no bread and drink no water,” your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers. ²³So it was, after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, the prophet whom he had brought back.” (NKJ)

- The young prophet went back to Bethel, in violation of the word of the Lord.
- His journey ends in tragedy.

13.6 Jacob

God's command was that he return to the land of his family.

Gen 31:13 "I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family." (NKJ)

- Jacob was on his way to Hebron.
- He made a detour and settled in Shechem; here his daughter Dinah was raped.

Gen 33:17-19 "And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. Therefore, the name of the place is called Succoth. ¹⁸Then Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram; and he pitched his tent before the city. ¹⁹And he bought the parcel of land, where he had pitched his tent, from the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money. ²⁰Then he erected an altar there and called it El Elohe Israel."

Gen 34:1-2 "¹Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land." (NKJ)

14. Benefits of Migration: Pilgrimage

P - Presence (Cloud)

God accompanies us: (Exodus 13:20-22) "So they took their journey from Succoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness. ²¹And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night."

I - Inheritance (Purpose)

Exodus 4:23 "So I say to you, let My son **go** that he may **serve Me**. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn."

L - Liberty

- Liberty from the task masters of Egypt and liberty from the captivity in Babylon

G - Growth (Numerical growth)

Genesis 12:1-2 "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. ²I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing."

- An accurate migration will result in growth, even numerical growth.

R - Revelation (Word from The Lord)

Jeremiah 29:13 "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive."

I - Impartation (Elijah and Elisha)

- Elisha received a double portion of anointing from Elijah

M - Maturity (Blind Man at Siloam)

John 9:11 "He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

John 9:35-38 "Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"³⁶ He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" ³⁷ And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you. ³⁸ Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him."

A - Abundance (4 Lepers)

2 Kings 7:3- 8 "Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die? ⁴ If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die." ⁵ And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one was there. ⁶ For the Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and the noise of horses—the noise of a great army; so they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!" ⁷ Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp intact—their tents, their horses, and their donkeys—and they fled for their lives. ⁸ And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp,

they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid them; then they came back and entered another tent, and carried some from there also, and went and hid it.”

G - Gladness (Lame)

- Mephibosheth

E - Equalisations

- Mighty men of were Like David

15. REQUIREMENTS FOR MIGRATION

Sometimes A Leader May Migrate Without His People.

15.1 JEHOSEPHAT

2 Chr 20:31-33 “So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. ³²And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the sight of the LORD.³³Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.” (NKJ)

15.2 MANASSEH

2 Chr 33:15-18 “He took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem; and he cast them out of the city. ¹⁶He also repaired the altar of the LORD, sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel. ¹⁷Nevertheless the people still sacrificed on the high places, but only to the LORD their God. ¹⁸Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.” (NKJ)

15.3 UZZIAH (AZARIAH)

II Ki 15:1-5 “1In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah the son of Amaziah, king of Judah, became king. 2He was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. 3And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done, 4except that the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. 5Then the LORD struck the king, so that he was a leper until the day of his death; so he dwelt in an isolated house. And Jotham the king's son was over the royal house, judging the people of the

land." (NKJ)

REQUIREMENTS FOR MIGRATION:

1. JESUS

- Jesus is central to every migration.
- In the Passover - He is the Passover lamb.
- In Bethesda, His arrival is central to migration
- At the gate called Beautiful - healing took place in His name and was the inception to the migration of the lame man. (Acts 3:2-11)
- He is the pillar of fire.
- He is the rock that gave water.
- He is the cloud.
- Jesus is essential for any migratory process.

2. ELIMINATION OF HINDRANCES

- Elimination of spiritual insensitivity; the natural man cannot receive the things of God – he is spiritually insensitive.
- He has no idea of spiritual migration i.e. the importance of getting to Zion position.
- Deliverance from blindness is essential (Emmaus road experience, Luke 24:13-35)
- Perception determines pursuit; you cannot move into that which you cannot see.
- The rich man going through the eye of the needle - He must offload the riches of the old move. (Matt 19:23-24)

3. SUPERNATURAL INTERVENTION

Supernatural intervention often precedes migration; examples:

- The Red sea parting
- The parting of Jordan
- The pillar of cloud and pillar of fire
- The healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda

4. UNITY

Following are the principles of unity for migration.

1. Similar Beliefs (believe the same things). This is the one accord principle; the gathering together as one man.
2. One Mind with the Set Man (saying the same things). There must be agreement with the leader. (Joshua 1:2) "... go over this Jordan, you and all this people".
 - David and his men.
3. Corporate Brokenness (feeling the same way). Proud folk cannot migrate; a Gideon company is needed.
4. Dwelling Together (permanent relationship); there must be covenant community.
5. Similar Activity (doing the same things that God has instructed). For example: walking around the walls, warfare.

5. SET MAN THAT HAS MIGRATED

You cannot lead people where you have not been.

- The set man models transition.
- Hezekiah inspired transformation in the people (2Chr 31:1) "Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and broke the sacred pillars in pieces, cut down the wooden images, and threw down the high places and the altars-- from all Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh-- until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned to their own cities, every man to his possession." (NKJ)
- The people migrated with their leader. Under his leadership the people changed. Under his leadership the people became autonomously godly - the people now did what was right in God's eyes. His spirit was transferred to the people.

6. JEHOIADA GRACE

- A second man is needed. Jehoiada was not a set man – under his influence the people migrated. (2Chr 23:16-17) "Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the people, and the king, that they should be the LORD'S people.¹⁷ And all the people went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down. They broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars." (NKJ)
- Jehoiada was not a king, he was a priest, Joash was the king
- When the work force migrates then the whole church migrates.

- The Set-Man cannot do this alone; the Leadership support is vital for corporate migration.
- Very important for those in leadership to not to be novice and immature; but people who have embraced and wholeheartedly believe in the doctrine of the Set-Man
- You can't have a situation where if the Set-Man is out of town, those he left behind will take the flock back to the obsolete season.

7. OUTGROWTH

- Outgrowth puts pressure to migrate (Isa 28:20) "For the bed is too short to stretch out on, and the covering so narrow that one cannot wrap himself in it." (NKJ)
- Read 2Ki 6:1:4
- "Enough, no more, tis not so sweet now as it was before"-SHAKESPEARE.

8. NEED vs. OPTION

- Migration must be seen as a necessity rather than one of many options for it to take place.
- The four lepers recognized that if they did not migrate, death was certain.

9. EMPOWERMENT

- Must be empowered before migration
- When Israel left Egypt, they left with resources.
- Jacob had resources before migration. Even the man at the pool had a bed.

10. DESIRE

The desire to please God must be present for migration to take place.

- (Ps 110:3) "Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, you have the dew of Your youth." (NKJ)
- Neh 4:6 "So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work." (NKJ)

16. OTHER PASSAGES FOR MIGRATION

1. The 4 Lepers (2Ki 7:3-5)
2. Passover of Egypt (Exo 12:31-44)
3. Passing Over Jordan (Josh 1:1-2)
4. The Lame Man At The Gate Beautiful (Acts 3:2-11)

The End!!!