

DEALING WITH THE HEAVENLIES

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Introduction

"Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?" (Job 38:33)

In this passage, the Lord was asking the man Job some very important questions about how the heavens exercise dominion on the earth. It is important for us to answer this question by studying the scriptures. We really do need in this generation to be able to answer the two questions in the affirmative if we are to fulfill our divine mandate as a generation.

It will appear that many occultists, parapsychologists, new age people and the lot are conversant with the answers and therefore are in firm control of situations and conditions in the nations. The church of Jesus however seems to be very ignorant of these vital two fold matters that determine even our peace and blessings.

We must deal with the heavenlies because 98% of all babies born on the African continent are dedicated in one way or another. In some places children are brought out and placed on the ground, lifted to the heavenlies or bathed with water. In some places people are named after day they are born and sorcerers can manipulate these things to affect you. Rosicrucians are taught to 'medifocus' (A term that means they meditate and focus) on every leader in the world based on his birthday.

It has been found in Switzerland that during the full moon there is increased wife beating. It is also generally known that during the full moon there are more rapes, more lunacy tendencies especially for psychotic people, more pregnancies, wars get started and even dogs bay at the moon. The moon affects the menstrual cycle of every woman. Actually, the cycles of life for conception and birth of every child is calculated according to the cycles of the moon, rather than the conventional Gregorian calendar. It will then make sense that sorcerers are able to exert adverse cyclical events in peoples' lives by interfering with the sun moon and stars especially around their birth date or conception date. The moon affects the climate, tide, agriculture and productivity.

The moon and the sun control major religions in Africa and Asia. Five times a day the Moslems pray making pronouncements into the sun which have to do with the control of politics and even the control of prices. They make a lot of input into the heavenlies. It is not in vain that their religious symbol is the crescent and the star.

Our fetish priests decide the day of festivals by examining the moon. In Swaziland after observing the moon major decisions are made in respect of vital aspects of the highly demonic Inkwala festival.

The Ordinances of Heaven

For this part of the question, we must look at the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth.

"¶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were

above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.” (Ge 1:6-8)

From here, we see that the firmament called heaven here in the old King James Version is what we would call the sky today. Ordinarily, this realm should not exercise dominion just by itself. However, a few verses down the chapter, we read the following:

“¶ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.” (Ge 1:14 –18)

In these verses, we see that God created the sun, moon and the stars and fixed them in the sky by statute to fulfill certain functions as follows:

1. Divide the day from the night
2. To be for signs
3. To be for seasons
4. To be for days
5. To be for years
6. To give light upon the earth
7. To rule over the day
8. To rule over the night

From this list of eight, we see that the sun moon and stars exercised functions that bordered on dominion and determination of many important matters on earth. Giving light was only one of those functions. The key function was to rule.

“To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever: The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever: The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever. “(Ps 136:7-9)

We see that they served to declare omens and signs of events on earth, such as when Jesus was born and his star appeared as an omen and it was observed by wise men from the east. (Mt. 2:1-2) We also see that they determine seasons. The seasons here are not just weather seasons, but the seasons as described in Eccl.3:1-8.

“¶ To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:” (Ec 3:1)

One of the signs of the last days is to be a season of intense disturbance of the heavens and the bodies there. The Lord Jesus had this to say:

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things

which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.” (Lu 21:25-26)

Evidently, these activities will be executed by an empowered Church of the Lord, as part of the shaking of the nations by unprecedented signs and wonders, before the return of the Lord.

*“And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: **And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath**; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:” (Ac 2:18-20)*

We also see that the heavens determine the very nature of each day and night and year. The psalmist makes this very clear.

“¶The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.” (Ps 19:1-3)

David the psalmist states here that each day has a speech and each night a certain knowledge to declare. The sun, moon and the stars proclaim these speeches and knowledge.

In this 19th Psalm, not only are the sun moon and stars described as having lines that go all over the earth to enforce their voice and whatever they intend to declare, but the sun is personified as having a character and nature of a strong man and a bridegroom. It is even said to have a house provided for it by God.

“Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.” (Ps 19:4-6)

We thus see that these bodies in the heavenlies certainly have ordinances that they represent. The way they exercise these ordinances determine a lot regarding the well being of men and other occupants of the earth, in all their habitations all over the earth “...There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard” (Ps19:3)

What we are saying here amounts to that the sun, moon and stars were to exercise spiritual control over the earth. Their ordinances went beyond physical effects such as light and energy provision for the earth, or the mere control of sea tides by the moon. These bodies regulate the very cycles of human and other forms of life on the planet. This is the way God designed it to be. This is the evidence of scriptures.

Setting Their Dominion on the Earth.

“¶ When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him?”

and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:" (Ps 8:3-6)

"Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him." (Heb 2:8)

These scriptures show that originally, man had the mandate for control of these heavenly controller agencies. In other words, although the sun moon and stars were to exercise dominion, they were to be directed by man in their exercise of these very strategic roles. Although this rulership mandate of man was lost in Adam, we regained it in Christ. Today therefore, every redeemed child of God can exercise the mandate of control of the heavens in faith.

"And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven." (De 4:19)

God strictly forbids the worship of these awesome bodies despite their declared roles. He further states here that each people under the earth have their own share of the heavens and the bodies in it. This will explain why God describes that the heavens over a particular people could be closed and brassed over while another in the same location enjoys open heavens. This situation which God brings at times is in reaction to the sin of the people and it affects the labor of their hands.

"And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits." (Le 26:18-20)

The sun and moon can bring problems and difficulties into a person's life situation with attendant harassment. This is described in scriptures as the sun or moon or both smiting men either in the daytime or at night.

"The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night." (Ps 121:6)

In the day of Deborah for example, the stars were said to actually fight against Sisera, the Army general of King Jabin.

"They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera." (Jg 5:20)

This in effect meant that everything went wrong with him and his own plans. He became prey to his enemies as evidenced by the story in that passage.

On the contrary, the sun and moon can bring blessings into a person's life with all the pleasantness and goodness that go with it. This was the way Moses blessed the generations of Joseph.

“And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath, And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon,” (De 33:13-14)

The important thing here is how this dominion is exercised. For example in Job we hear about the roles of some of the stars as follows:

“Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?” (Job 38:31-32)

It will appear from these scriptures that some of these stars such as Pleiades have sweet influences that they bring into peoples lives and situations. Others like Orion seem to have bands that can enforce bondage or limitations, while others such as Arcturus are able to arrange guidance.

When God punishes the wicked, he at times does so by making their heavens dark over them.

“For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.” (Isa 13:10-11)

“And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.” (Eze 32:7-8)

These words do not refer to a physical darkening of these bodies. It is a spiritual action that results in troubles and attendant harassment that is brought into people’s lives when their sun, moon or stars are thus darkened by exercise of the mandate over the heavens. This is especially so when God is dealing with sorcerers and diviners who tamper with the ordinances of heaven.

“Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.” (Mic 3:6-7)

Again in contrast to this, the Lord speaks of times when the sun will not go down, nor the moon withdraws itself.

“Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.” (Isa 60:20)

This here means a season of sustained favor and victory, as in the case of Joshua when he by unprecedented prophetic proclamation physically effected the standing still of the sun and the moon.

Notice what he said:

*“Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, **Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon**; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.” (Jos 10:12)*

This ensured that his season of victory on behalf of the Gibeonites was sustained while the sun and the moon were suspended in their positions of enforcing victory for the army of Joshua. (Joshua 10:12-15) When this happens, you are delivered from even malicious gossip.

“And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.” (Jos 10:21)

God himself is involved in this exercise of controlling the heavens. He said concerning this that when we make proclamation to change the ordinances in the heavens, he God sets up a sequence described by the prophet Hoshea.

“And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth; And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel.” (Ho 2:21)

When the people (Jezreel) cry for food, God commends the process by speaking (responding) to the heavens. It is the heavens that now having received the divine nod, respond to the earth, before the earth can respond with fruitful harvest.

Idol Worshiping of the Heavens

“For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.” (2Ki 21:3-5)

“And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.” (2Ki 23:11)

“¶ And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel. And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.” (2Ki 23:4-5)

Despite God’s express commandment against worshiping of the hosts of heaven in Deut.4:19, Israel and their kings joined the heathen nations in this wickedness. They did bizarre things such as we see above in their exaltation of these bodies in heaven.

The consequence of all these are that the heavens become polluted and bring the land and its peoples under satanic control. God usually will judge this if there is no repentance and corrective action taken by the church to rectify the evils wrought by such actions in the land.

“¶ At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves: And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.” (Jer 8:1-2)

It is clear that our devotions should not be directed at these heavenly bodies but rather to the Lord. Engaging in horoscope practices, such as reading horoscope predictions, hanging horoscope symbols in our homes or cars or our bodies amounts to worshiping the stars. Subjecting yourself to these signs of the zodiac frequently referred to as guiding spirits brings you into demonic bondage as it amounts to contravening God’s command in Deut.4:19.

Prophetic praying and the Heavens

“And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. ¶ Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.” (Col 2:15-16)

The New Testament teaches that vain observation of days is wrong. However, we realize that since the Old Testament is a shadow of things to come, it is important to get the substance and principle behind the several commandments that the Lord gave to the Jews about the New Moons and feast days called Holy days in the Old Testament. Jesus said he had not come to destroy the law but to fulfill it.

“¶ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” (Mt 5:17-18)

God in the Old Testament actually commanded that Israel should bring special worship and blowing of trumpets before him on new moon days.

*“Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, **and on the new moons**, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.” (2Ch 2:4)*

*“Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. **Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed**, on our solemn feast day. For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of*

Jacob. This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.” (Ps 81:1-5)

It was usually for many of them, also the time to seek the prophets and seers of God in the land. (2King 4:22-23) Why was this so? It is clear that God wanted and still wants his people to seek him more earnestly at the new moon seasons. This period represents the commencement of new lunar activities in the earth. It is important that our input be recorded in the moon as it commences its new cycle. The only way to do this effectively is to spend new moon seasons in prayer and fasting and nighttime praying. This enables us determine if the moon will smite us in that month or bring forth the precious things that come from it according to Deut 33:13-14.

On such days, we should use the scriptures to pray as discussed in the foregoing. We should on such days take authority over the evil words and legislation that priests of darkness and other sun, moon and stars worshippers have sought to bring into our lives, communities and nation via their devotions to the heavenly bodies.

It is therefore wise to adopt this precaution. By so doing, we will deliver ourselves from many things that will otherwise overtake us because we were careless.

Much deliverance is possible as we deal with the complications that are created in the sun moon and stars. We can help people by dealing with the heavens on their behalf. You yourself can deliver yourself from demonic complications as you deal with the records in the heavens stored by the ancient priests from your ancestral roots in prophetic praying.

Character Requirements for Dealing with the Heavens

“But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name. And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.”(Isa51:15)

Dealing with heavens requires certain things before we can affect the foundations and events in the earth as above.

1. A battle (military) disposition or inclination as a Christian. God introduces himself here as the LORD of Hosts.
2. A relationship of intimacy with the divine that results in being covered in the shadow of God’s hand
3. The word of God as placed by God himself in our mouths.

Men such as Moses and Joshua, who used the heavens extensively to determine things on earth, fulfilled these three conditionalities.

Hear Moses:

“¶ Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the

grass: Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.” (De 32:1-3)

Moses used the heavens to enforce his mandate on the children of Israel through both doctrine and speech, which were distilled as rain and dew on both the people and the land. The reason he succeeded was because he was committed to publishing the name of the Lord alone.

Recall the testimony of heaven as touching the man Moses. In Numbers 12:3, he was the meekest man on earth in his generation. In Exodus 33:0-11, we see God speaking to him face to face as a friend. Later in the same chapter, we hear him asking God to show him his way so he can know God better. Pslm.103:7 testifies that while God showed his ways to Moses, Israel only saw the acts of God as displayed by the same Moses.

Joshua also in Chapter 5 of Joshua used the heavens extensively in the battle against the five Amorite kings who invaded the Gibeonites. See the story of the intervention of the heavens as Joshua wielded this mandate in the day of God’s power. Joshua 10:5-14.

We see the same situation in the day of Deborah the prophetess in Judges Chapter 5.

Isaiah the prophet in Chapter 6:1-7 gives us the details of his spiritual preparation for this type of ministry, which he described in Chapter 51 as planting the heavens. His lips needed cleansing.

Hear Jeremiah’s recommendation:

“Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.” (Jer 15:19)

To fulfill this ministry, we need to tread the paths of the ancient saints. We must live at a level of both intimacy God and purity of conduct before men as will compel the heavens and the earth to hear our words.

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