Mystery Doctrines: Invisible Heroes: Personal, Historical-Salt of the Earth, Pivot Power, & Body of Christ-& International Impact

- 5) The omniscience of God <u>empowers the invisible assets</u> by which the divine power system functions.
- 6) The omnipotence of Jesus Christ <u>sustains the universe</u> so that believers have the <u>opportunity</u> to utilize the system and execute the protocol plan in the resolution of the angelic conflict.
- 7) The omnipotence of the Holy Spirit empowers the believer's <u>residence</u> in the divine power system for both the <u>function</u> of the plan and the development of <u>momentum</u> within plan.
- 8. The believer has the opportunity to become an <u>invisible hero</u> in the angelic conflict with impact in several areas of life. The invisible hero is any believer who enters into the sophisticated spiritual life and he has maximum impact on history as a mature believer.
 - 1) <u>Personal impact</u>. The mature believer has invisible impact on those with whom he has direct contact: family, friends, neighbors, fellow workers, and community.

Although *invisible* impact is a mystery doctrine of the Church Age, we can see examples of how the concept of personal impact was employed by *visible* heroes in the dispensation of Israel. A positive example is found in:

Proverbs 37:25 - I have been young and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken <u>or his descendants begging bread</u>.

A negative example of how the absence of mature believers resulted in the destruction of five cities of the ancient world is recorded in Genesis 18:1-19:29 with emphasis on verses 23-33 of chapter 18.

2) <u>Historical impact</u>. The freedom and prosperity of a client nation is ever dependent upon the presence of mature citizen-believers. When their number shrinks, immature believers and heathen define the national psyche. Becoming increasingly susceptible to Luciferian propaganda, the nation gradually drifts toward degeneracy. At some point all establishment solutions are exhausted as the cycles of discipline gain ascendency. This is when the nation's survival lies entirely on the ability of the remaining pivot to elicit the Lord's mercies. Whether in prosperity or adversity, the Zeitgeist of a client nation always reflects the historical impact of its pivot. Historical impact has several applications:

1) The <u>salt of the earth</u> principle:

Matthew 5:13 - "You are the <u>salt</u> [preservative & flavor] of the earth; but if the salt has become <u>tasteless</u> [loss of doctrine leads to loss of impact], how can it be <u>made salty</u> again [regain its preserving power]? It is no longer good for anything, except to be <u>thrown out</u> [a cosmic believer] and trampled under foot [divine discipline] by man.

2) The <u>pivot power</u> principle:

Romans 11:2 - God has <u>not rejected His people</u> [the unconditional covenants remain valid] whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

v. 3 - [1 Kings 19:10,14] "Lord, they have killed Your prophets, they have torn down your altars, and I alone am left, and they are seeking my life."

v. 4 - But what is the divine response to him? **[1 Kings 19:18]** "I have kept for Myself <u>seven thousand men</u> **[pivot]** who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

v. 5 - In the same manner also, there has come to be at the <u>present time</u> [the Church Age] a <u>remnant</u> [pivot] according to an election by means of grace.

3) The <u>body of Christ</u> principle:

Ephesians 1:20 - God raised Him from the dead and seated him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

v. 21 - over above all <u>rule</u> [ἀρχή, *arch*ē: general officers], and <u>authority</u> [ἐξουσία, *exousia*: commissioned officers], and <u>power</u> [δύναμις, *dunamis*: special forces], and <u>dominion</u> [κυριότης, *kruiot*ēs: spies], and <u>every name</u> named [πᾶς ὄνομα, *pas onoma*: rank & file] not only in <u>this age</u> [Church] but also in <u>the one to come</u> [Tribulation].

NOTE: In Jewish writings these bracketed terms were used to designate angelic power and their ranks.¹ In this context it refers to the demonic forces² under the command of Lucifer and his officers, Beelzebub, Abaddon, and others.

¹ Cleon L. Rogers Jr., and Cleon L. Rogers III, "Ephesians 2:21," in *The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1998), 436.

² R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Ephesians* (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 1985) unpublished notes.

Ephesians 1:22 - And has put all authority under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church [dative of reference for a <u>special mission</u>: $\tau_{\hat{\eta}}$ ἐκκλησία, *tēi ekklēsia*: with reference to the church],

v. 23 - which is of such a quality as to be His body, the fullness of Him who fills all by means of all.

The special mission of the church includes upholding the integrity of the client nation by (1) evangelizing the lost within its borders, (2) communicating doctrine to the saved, (3) preserving the Bible, (4) dispatching missionaries to other countries, and (5) providing a haven of refuge for the Jewish Diaspora.

3) <u>International impact</u>. This is the function of missionary activity. When a client nation sends qualified communicators outside its borders then there is impact within those nations whose citizens respond to the message.

When enough people respond to the gospel it results in increased prosperity to their society. Faith in Christ results in the opening of the Grace Pipeline through which flows logistical grace support. See the Book of Jonah.