

First Fruits & A New Era

I. A New Era: 2025 Revive & Thrive

A. An Era Change:

[2Chron 7:14-15](#) (His eyes are open and His ears attentive to the prayer made in this place.)

More than we expected. [Psalm 126](#) Like those who dreamed...

Potential: [Zech 4.1](#) (the angel came again and woke me...Awakening)

4.2,6 What do you see? Lampstand... Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit..)

Hanukkah and Christmas 2025

[slide 1] New Era Relighting the lampstand of the City on a Hill

“Light the Fire Again!” Hanukkah fell over New

“Mine eyes have seen the **glory** of the coming of the Lord”

More than we expect...

[Ps 126:1 KJV](#) When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, We were like them that dream.

ESV - restored the fortunes

[2](#) Then was our mouth filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing:

II. Offerings Change Our World

A. His Offering...

B. Our Offerings... a Participation in His Divine Nature

[video] Ryan & Dana

B. Entering a New Era — Often a Wrestling My struggle—

Miracles, but just enough... where is the More than Enough?)

“Why don't you receive a FF offering?” **Study**

B. Transformation by Renewal of our minds

[Rom 12.2](#) Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern...

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C. Resulting in a Prosperous Soul *Rooted in* and *Built upon* God's Love

[Ps 23:1](#) NO LACK ! YHWH rohi lo 'echsar (a covenantal ontology)

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[Ps 1:1](#) Blessed is the man ...

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2 ... *his delight is in the law of the LORD, ...*

TRANSFORMATION → A Fruitful Life

3 He is *like a tree* (a complex living system that joins earth and sky) planted by *streams* of water that yields its *fruit* (attractive, nutritious, and bearing seed) *in its season*, and its leaf does not wither. In *all* that he does, he *prosper*s.

[3Jn 2](#) NASB Beloved, I pray that in *all respects* you may *prosper* and be in good health, just as your *soul prospers*.

A **wholesome way of thinking, feeling, deciding** about life, health, money, ... It bears the IMAGE of our Father!

D. Invitation to collaborate with our Father

...To partner, to participate with Him regarding the future of your life, your family, and the world you live in.

If we could *instruct the future* how to treat us, how we would *want to live*, what we would hope for our children, would we do it?

So we did it. Hundreds of testimonies. Seemingly impossible breakthroughs. Jobs, debts cancelled, properties, businesses, ministries, family restorations, marriages, babies, scholarships. On and on.

Sowing seeds for miracles.

This reminds me of **Elijah and the widow**... The benefits keep coming! Like a fruitful tree — season after season!!

No limits in Seeds

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Releases OVERFLOW of God's Creative Ability

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Our story

— 1977 starving ... increased our **GIVING**...change began to overtake us. 1984 house w/o debt... 1987... I am, it's you 1988... I have set you hear... 1992 I see a vast property... 1999 The Lord is giving you an AMP... 2007 ... why don't you have a First Fruits offering

Mustard Seed has all the instructions. A **sequoia** seed... Your seed is ALIVE

SOWING **gives God an opportunity** to work through us!

Partner with God - He's **rejoicing** over you and will **renew** you with His affection — for a PURPOSE

II. 7 First Fruits Principles – (Tithe *after* the Harvest)

1. Sanctifies the Whole - our life and all we love.

[Rom 11:16](#) NIV If the part of the dough offered as **firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy**; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

Holy - outside the natural, separate from the ordinary, pure

When something is sanctified to the Lord, He **treats it as His own**. It is kept, blessed, increased and enlarged to great capacities.

2. Pattern not Legalism - Cause a blessing

Simply, we **honor** the Lord with the first and the best and the rest is blessed. **A Pattern** revealing His ways.

[Ezek 44:30](#) NKJ The **best** of all firstfruits of any kind...; you shall give..., **to cause a blessing* to rest on your house.** *(to settle, find a resting place) *imparted favor and protection *[slide 6]**

3. Generosity – Indicator of Grace and Love at Work

[2 Cor 8:7](#) NIV But just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us — **see that you also excel in this grace of giving.**

8 I am **not commanding** you, but I want to **test the sincerity of your love** by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

God isn't after our money, he's after our hearts. Giving **transforms** our hearts.

[Matt. 6:21](#) For **where** your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also.

4. We Give According to What We Have. No limits on impact

We give part of ourselves— our offerings take us beyond our present circumstances. FEAR NOT!

[2 Cor 8:12](#) NIV For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to **what one has**, not according to **what he does not have**.

Elijah & the Widow

[1 Kings 17:8](#) Then the **word of the LORD** came to him, 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, *I have commande*

*[We may think we have nothing, but we actually do. Our **last** can be a **new FIRST**]*

Sons and daughters of God... many times aren't aware of the **capacity to INCREASE**

Jesus & the Widow

[Mark 12:41](#) And he sat down opposite the treasury and **watched** Many rich people put in large sums. 42 And a **poor widow** ...

5. In Giving We Plant Living Seeds of Blessing.

A seed is **alive** and contains **instructions for the future**; they are embryonic information capsules. The **living blueprint in the seed** captures the **power** of the Sun, transforming dirt, water & air into food, into clothing, housing & fuel!

[2 Cor 9:6](#) The point is this: **whoever sows** sparingly will also **reap** sparingly, and **whoever sows** bountifully **will also reap bountifully**.

The seed we sow roots our heart in the soil of God’s love—

a. Our *children*.

The **Creator Himself became a seed**. [Gen. 3:15](#)

b. Our *Words*, contain future potential in an immature form

[Mark 4:11](#) ... “**To you** has been given **the secret of the kingdom of God**,... 14 **The sower sows the word**. ...

c. Our *Offerings* planting for the future

almost infinite increase — no limits

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[2 Cor 9:7](#) **Each** one must **give** as he has **decided in his heart**, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver. For the Joy!**

[Gen 26:12](#) And **Isaac sowed** in that land and **reaped** in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord **blessed** him, [13](#) and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy.

6. GENEROSITY results a *Reciprocal* & PROPORTIONAL RESPONSE

[Luke 6:38](#) NKJ Give, and it will be given to you:... good...pressed, shaken, running over... put into your lap. For with the **same measure** that you use, it will be **measured back** to you.”

If you give, you **always get back more**.

This is the BENEFIT of giving, not the MOTIVE.

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STUCK? FRUSTRATED? Release God to Work!

IV. 4 Keys to First Fruits:

Cyclical— **Annual basis or beginning of venture.**

In Faith – stretches beyond our ability.

Sacrificial – what moves you, often moves God.

[2 Sam 24:24](#) ...I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing.”

Focused— **prioritize areas for breakthrough.**

Reflects the godly passions of your heart

Based on God’s Word.

Pray, Believe, Decree, Stand.

You will reap if you don’t faint.

You have seed in the ground!

This is a time to sow, consecrating

the dreams for our lives;

the promises of God we treasure in our hearts.

V. Instructions

Pray for God's Direction

(desire discipline delight) Pray for hearing hearts.

No Fear Guarantee

A Target,

Ask what Gates are held by the enemy?

Set an amount or ask for one.

Write a check, use Push Pay, Credit Card or make a pledge (next two months).

No Fear — Refunds for 2 months!

Bring it on First Fruits Sunday

[Phil 4:19](#) NKJ And my God shall supply all your need **according to His riches** in glory by Christ Jesus.

There are **NO LIMITS** on the effects of a **SMALL CHANGE** in our thinking and behavior.