## **Declaring God's Authority: Occupy Do Business!**

At Life Song Church, we not only teach the Bible, we *live* the Bible. We are "walking out" the prophecy of Jesus Christ. God is always faithful to confirm our steps. The following message is from Sunday 12-4-05. From this we can see how God expanded our authority as we have been faithful to "Do Business," for over 20 years of ministry. At the start, our name was Lights of Hope Ministry. This is a **foundational message**, declaring our doctrine-vision.

**This message is verbatim.** Some words have been highlighted.

**Sunday Dec 4, 2005:** "This is the opening statement to our **doctrine-vision**: "We believe God established, ordained, and poured out His Spirit on Lights of Hope Ministry, in order to fulfill the great commission set forth by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our call and vision is to **occupy** as we lead others to Christ."

**Occupy:** (New Testament) do business, trade, buy and sell, possess, negotiate with the resources entrusted to you as stewards. The Old Testament word that relates to occupy is **possess**. In order for Israel to possess the promised land, they had to be obedient to God's commandments, put their trust in Him and fight. *To occupy and possess is to be given authority to rule as in a military sense*. LOHM is being equipped for spiritual warfare and our commander and chief is Jesus Christ, Lord of all.

<u>1 Chron 28:8</u> "Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an **inheritance for your children** after you forever."

The world says, "Generation x is lost and the world is falling apart!" LOHM says, "Revival will start with the youth and they have a promised land flowing with milk and honey that we will pass down for their inheritance, the Kingdom of God is here and now!" We can either die in the wilderness through murmuring, complaining, lack of faith, commitment and obedience, or possess and occupy.

**The Number "Four" and LOHM:** Several years ago at a financial conference that Gary Rumptz and I attended, God planted the word **"occupy"** in my heart. I didn't understand at that time, God was **building the vision for LOHM**, as well as equipping us. It was not until last year that we started to understand the significance of the number four. God is the God of order and purpose, not chance and coincidence. He is the great mathematician, and numbers show His order and purpose to the universe.

Our three year anniversary of LOHM fell exactly to the day on **4-4-04**. The only way this was possible was for a leap year to fall in this period, and a leap year happens once every **four** years. I believe this is when God started to show us the significance of the number **four** as it applies to LOHM.

God gave new names to people according to their assignment and purpose. God changed Abram to Abraham meaning "Father of a multitude." The name Lights of Hope Ministry came to us supernaturally. God created light on the **fourth** day. God gave the name "Light of Hope Ministry" to Karen on the **fourth** day after we were called out from our other church. There are **four** words to our name; Lights of Hope Ministry.

According to the book "Understanding the Dreams you Dream" by Ira Milligan, a book about Biblical keys to hearing God's voice, the number **four** means "Reign: Rule over the world; kingdom; creation (including things in heaven and earth); world." It seems as though there is a direct correlation between the number **four** and the words **possess** and **occupy!** There is another major prophetic vision God has given me and Karen that relates to the number **four**, but it is not time to share.

At the laying on of hands at my ordination it was prophesized over me that: "Money would not be an issue" and that "The works you are building will be an inheritance for your children." Our main focus will never be a building; it will always be bringing the love of Jesus to a lost and dying world." **-End 12-4-05 Sunday Message**.

## Today Sunday May 22, 2022

The 1 Scripture quoted in the above message is **Deut 28:8** and it tells us to "possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever." Possess means to occupy, seize, and inherit. God's promise to generations of those who will follow Him.

Jonathan Cahn Sapphires Daily Devotional Scripture for **today 5-22-22**. I wrote in my prayer journal this is my "birthday Scripture" <u>Deut 7:9-10</u> "Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who **keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments**; 10 and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.

**The #1 reason** I started **We The County** is to pass down to my children and grandchildren a free America. By the authority of God, we will possess, occupy and do business in this great county as **One Nation Under God**.

## The Parable of the Minas: Do Business

<u>Luke 19:11-27</u> Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. 12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' Do Business is Strong's #4231 the word "occupy."

When the Master returned, 2 servants were faithful and were given more cities to have "authority" over.

<u>Luke 19:16-19</u> Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' 17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' 18 And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' 19 Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'

In 2007 when Lights of Hope Ministry moved to our current location and changed our name to Life Song Church, we specifically looked for a location as close to M-46 and M-53 as possible because we believed God gave us "authority" to unite **Sanilac, Huron and Tuscola** counties together.

**Thanksgiving 2007**: During my morning prayer time my vision of a nuclear bomb and God's mandate; "Ignite the Thumb with Praise and Worship." Praise and worship controls the gates by releasing God's authority over a region.

**"2010 Pray It In Sheet"** The Lord put it on our heart to include **Lapeer** in what we consider "The Thumb." Now our prayer/authority area was Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and Lapeer. Our authority over this region increased because we were faithful to "do business" with our minas.

Remember the #4 has spiritual significance to Lights of Hope Ministry (also see Sunday message 4-4-04), as it means to reign and rule, having ties to the words "occupy" and "possess." This all ties together.

The Four Gates: 2-24-20, two days after our first Not Ashamed Rally, God showed me **4 Gates** in this region. He has given the Pastor's of those gates the Key of David. I assumed the Gates would be in Huron, Tuscola, Lapeer and Sanilac counties, but the Lord did not tell me where, only that there are **four**. The **first Gate** is Pastor Mark Seppo Vassar Victory Center, the **second Gate** is Pastor Tim Martin New Life Christian Church. The Lord put it on my heart that **Gate #3** is Pastor Bruce Clark Blue Water Christian Church. I had a hard time with this because his church is in St. Clair County and is not one of the 4 counties we have been praying over. I asked Pastor Mark and Tim to confirm Pastor Bruce as the 3<sup>rd</sup> gate and they did. Pastor Bruce also prayed and got confirmation. **July 23 Saturday 6pm "Not Ashamed 3<sup>rd</sup> Gate.**"

As I was having a difficult time accepting St. Clair County as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Gate, a person came to my office to give me a map of the "Thumb" of Michigan. The map has Michigan divided into 12 regions. Region #8 is actually called "The Thumb" and includes Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac, Lapeer and St. Clair! This map now hangs in my office. God's prophetic confirmation is always amazing! I believe our Lord is saying to LSC, "Well done good and faithful servants, you have been faithful in little, now have authority over 5 counties!"

Is your trust and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ? Have you given your life to Him? Are you "doing business" for Him?