

THE SEVEN MOUNTAIN STRATEGY

Session 1: The Seven Mountains

INTRODUCTION

You are leaders who are about to shape nations. God is taking people from being hidden to the public, almost overnight. I believe that many of you have been going through processes to prepare you for very great destinies.

I. AUTHORITY OVER KINGDOMS

A. Growing without limits

- A friend had a tropical fish, 2" to 3" long in a fish tank, but it could grow to be a foot long in the river.
- You will always grow to the size revelation you're swimming in.

B. The devil tempts Jesus (Luke 4:1–13)

1. And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time,
(Luke 4:5 English Standard Version)
2. and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.
(Luke 4:6)
 - This temptation has to do with kingdoms, not the Kingdom. They involve power and glory.

C. The Lord's Prayer ends with "for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory."

1. Satan boasted that he gave this power to whomever he will.
 - He said, "I'm willing to give You power over those kingdoms if You'll do one thing—just bow down and worship me."

2. Jesus refused. He was going to get the kingdoms, the power, and the glory without compromise.
3. Satan gives power to those who will work with him, to a company called kings.
 - A king is someone who has a sphere of influence or authority and whose decisions affect others.
4. Our warfare is really not against flesh and blood but against spiritual powers.
 - Those powers are working to influence those kings who rule from high places.

II. THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS THAT INFLUENCE NATIONS

A. Religion/Church Mountain

- Religion shapes the minds of men, like Islam or Buddhism.

B. Family Mountain

- The family is a powerful shaper of culture.
 - Mothers and fathers have a powerful influence over the culture of their family.

C. Education Mountain

- Education has a powerful influence.

D. Government Mountain

- The political structure is going to rule in most nations.

E. The Gospel of the Kingdom

1. The Kingdom rules over all these mountains.
2. Jesus wants you to teach your nation.
 - For example, how families should operate and how education can glorify God.

F. Government Mountain

- Often rules over the other mountains

G. Arts Mountain

- Celebration, recreation, movies, music, and sports areas

H. Media Mountain

- Powerfully manipulates public opinion, spins ideas, through newspapers, internet, etc.

I. Business and Economics Mountain

- Economics and business really run all these mountains and shape the economies of the world.

III. THE POWER TO TAKE KINGDOMS

A. Kingdoms

1. Kingdoms are realms of authority on the earth ruled by kings.
2. Jesus took away the devil's power to place kings in their positions.

B. Kingdom of Heaven

1. The Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence because there's a conflict over who's going to have authority on the earth.
2. What you bow down to on the way up the mountain will control you when you get to the top.
 - Jesus took the keys of the Kingdom away from darkness and released them to the Church.

IV. JESUS IS WORTHY RIGHT NOW TO RECEIVE (Revelation 5:12).

A. When God's people are in control of those mountains

1. Power is released when believers take the government mountain.
2. There are riches and wealth hidden for God's people in the business mountain.

3. God wants to put wisdom, cures for diseases, research, and discoveries in the hands of believers in the education mountain.
4. There is strength for the family, for God wants fathers and their bloodline to be righteous.
5. God wants to restore honor to the Church as the Bride of Christ, glorious and beautiful.
6. Media can release blessings by being honest and still edifying.
7. The arts mountain uniquely reveals glory and really manifests what the Kingdom looks like.

B. Satan is robbing God of glory by controlling those mountains.

C. You are qualified to be the king at the top.

1. "And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." (Revelation 5:10 New King James Version)
2. God's people need to start swimming in the ocean of the Kingdom message and dreaming bigger dreams.

D. As these mountains are taken, nations are disciplined.

1. The battle in the last day is the battle for nations.
2. Jesus was given authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore we go and make disciples of nations so that people are immersed in the revelation of who God is. (Matthew 28:18–20)

E. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in education, in families, in government, in media, in the arts, in all the church, and in all the business.

1. Instead of focusing on building large churches and getting people to heaven when they die, we are going to teach people how to take the Kingdom.

2. The Gospel of Salvation is part of the Gospel of the Kingdom.
3. The anointing that is in the Church is for the healing of the nations.
 - Bigger than the healing of a physical body, there's the healing of broken governments and broken down systems of justice.
4. We not only have to go into all the geography, but we also have to invade the systems with the power of the Gospel of the Kingdom.
 - It is the reign of Jesus Christ over every area of the earth.
5. When Jesus returns, He will gather the nations and separate the sheep nations and the goat nations.
 - You can make your nation a sheep nation.

CONCLUSION

Father, I ask you to release a special impartation; that revelation of the Kingdom will come over our minds. And that you'll shatter the fish tank in every life so we can swim in the ocean of Your last day's purpose, that nations will reveal the Glory of God. I believe that God is imparting to you a fresh revelation. And when you read the Bible, start to read it with new eyes. It's a manual for how to run nations. We not only have keys to this life, but we also have keys for the life to come. And according to Hebrews 6:5, we can reach into the age to come and bring it into the present. God wants you to manifest the future Kingdom right now. In Jesus' name, amen.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What are the limitations of a focus mostly on the Religion/Church Mountain?
2. Discuss the statement, "What you bow down to on the way up the mountain will control you when you get to the top."
3. How can Jesus receive what He deserves right now? (Revelation 5:12)

SELF-STUDY

1. In what ways have you been limiting yourself in your dreams of expanding the Kingdom of Heaven?
2. What mountain do you feel you have been called to climb?
 - a. Why?
 - b. What do you see yourself doing in that mountain?
3. How does that help you make your nation a sheep nation?