

Unlocking Your Identity

I wonder how many people would have been in the Bible if they had responded to God's invitation to unlock their identity. Perhaps to a large extent we only get to hear about the ones that responded.

Genesis 1:26-31

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

When you understand your identity, you begin to unlock it.

In creation order it is interesting to note that part of the reasoning behind being created in His image was dominion. Because mankind was made in God's image mankind had the ability to rule. This is embedded in God's DNA.

Is there something in your life over which you don't have dominion? A habit, money etc. You were created to rule. When we meditate on God's nature and realise that we were created in His image, we begin to take charge instead of living like victims. When Adam fell, this image was eroded. Christ came to redeem this.

2 Peter 1:3-4 (Berean Study Bible)

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴Through these He has given us His precious and magnificent promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, now that you have escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Your identity determines your value

God had created different animals according to their kind and then he created mankind. This is one kind of being not many kinds. With regards to how He created them, He only differentiated them according to gender. This shows us that He values both men and women as both were created in His image.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Your Identity determines your potential.

God blessed (spoke to mankind) in a manner which He did not do to the animals and the rest of creation. This is our uniqueness. When we have a clear theology of how God fills things it helps us to unlock our identity and step out for His glory. Don't be double-minded about this. God likes the idea of filling things. We are filled with the Spirit. We are to be salt and light to our communities. He loves to fill things up but we need to get rid of the things taking up space. I believe that although God is omnipresent He wants to manifest His glory everywhere.

Numbers 14:21

Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth,

Hab 2:14

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Ps 72:19

Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

Jer 23:24

*Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the Lord.
"Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the Lord.*

Eph 4:10

He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.

Eph 1:23

which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Isa 6:3

And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

God wants to manifest His glory everywhere through His church. This can only happen when we unlock our identity in Him.

²⁹*Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.*

God's blessing always includes divine supply.

God never gives you an assignment without providing resources for the assignment and for you.

Your identity determines the type and extent of your supply

When God gives us identity He also determines our nourishment. He did this for both mankind and the animals. God does not create something without thinking through its sustenance.

Whatever idea is birthed by God also includes a resourcing plan from God.

³⁰*And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.*

³¹*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.*

Jer 1:4-12

⁴*The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."*

God first deals with our identity to get us to cooperate with His divine purpose.

I knew you = Yada = intimate friends, clearly understand, comprehend, certainty, investigate, consider, learn.

Your purpose was in the mind of God before you'd had the chance to perform. God doesn't change His mind about you afterwards.

There are many people that were fashioned by God for His praise and glory but they are misusing this.

Ps 139:14

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Palah = Wonderfully = separated or distinct.

Pala = Wonderful = surpassing or extraordinary

God has wired you specifically for your life assignment.

⁶"Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." ⁷But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.'

Beware of the identity killers. If our identity remains locked we will always struggle to embrace our calling.

We must be careful what we say over ourselves and about ourselves. Man was given the power to name the animals. Our words create.

You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. ⁹Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth.

Your identity determines your access rights. Jeremiah gained access to God's words.

Adam was given delegated authority to name animals. Jeremiah was given God's Words to speak to nations. What does your identity and assignment give you access to?

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." ¹¹The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you see, Jeremiah?" "I see the branch of an almond tree," I replied. ¹²The Lord said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."

God is watching over His Word in your life to see that it is fulfilled. Are you giving Him something to watch over? We must declare the Word over our lives and destiny.

Watching = Shaqad = Watching, waking, hastening, anticipating, on the lookout, to care for watchfully.

Jer 1:17-19

¹⁷"Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them.

What do you need to do to get yourself ready?

Fear has consequences. Do not yield to the habit of fear. If you do so you might open yourself up to a spirit of terror.

¹⁸Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land.

¹⁹They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

Jeremiah was made into a fortified city. God wires you in the womb but then is continuously making you into something for His purpose. He is enlarging you. Do you know what you are being made into? You are not who you were last year. There are new mantles being placed upon you. There is fresh anointing you are starting to walk in.

Knowing who you are is a key to overcoming fear. God addressed the issue of identity in order to deliver Jeremiah from fear.

You will still have battles despite walking in your identity. The difference is that you will overcome.

You are bigger than you think. Don't give in to fear based on how you see yourself. Catch up to how God sees you.

When God fashions you into something new, He will always add His super to your natural.

Jeremiah 5:14

Therefore this is what the Lord God Almighty says: "Because the people have spoken these words, I will make my words in your mouth a fire and these people the wood it consumes."

Jer 23:29

"Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"