

Ark of the Covenant

Mechanical to the Mental

Physical to Spiritual, Old to New Covenant

The four things I try to help people experience when working with horses are: willing submission, good communication, a balanced life to direction ratio, and solid foundation of maneuvers. What I teach is the mechanical to the mental. Through a solid foundation of maneuvers and balancing the life to direction ratio (mechanical), I try to help people experience willing submission and good communication (mental). Willing submission is “after initial cue the horse performs the task on a loose rein and no leg pressure, it’s the horse’s idea.” Good communication is “learning to read, feel and understand what the horse is saying in response to our request” and we communicate in 2 primary ways: 1) through feel, timing, and balance, and 2) through driving factors. Due to the fact that you cannot “learn” feel, timing and balance, but have to experience it, I try to help people experience “feel, timing, and balance” through the horse’s driving factors.

I try to help people position for the transition, so that when the transition takes place they can “feel” it, experience it, and then learn how to duplicate it. I try to help people position themselves mechanically so that they can experience “feel.” So they can bring the mechanical to the mental, where the horse’s thoughts become our thoughts, his will, our will, we operate as two creatures moving together in perfect communication and willing submission. Then that people would be able to “experience” the same thing with the Lord.

Basically what the Lord has given me with horses is to help people come into the New Covenant. Hebrews 8:10-11 says, “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their mind and write them in their hearts (willing submission, “it’s our idea”).....And they shall not teach every man his neighbor and every man his brother, saying, “Know the Lord”: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest (good communication). It is pretty hard to know someone if we do not have a relationship with them, it is pretty hard to have relationship with someone if we cannot communicate with them. The Greek word for Know is “Ginosko” and means: allow, be aware of, feel, have knowledge, perceive, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand. Notice the words “feel” and “can speak, be sure, understand.” I think this is a very good way to describe “good communication” with a horse and with the Lord.

Over the next 40 days I am going to give you some “mechanical/physical” things to work on to help you experience the “mental/spiritual” things of God. “But who has known the mind of the Lord that we might instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ” (1 Corinthians 2:16). I am going to give you some mechanical drills to help you develop a solid mechanical foundation and balance your life to direction ratio. I pray that at the end of the 40 days there will be something in

here that will help you come into the New Covenant; to find the place where there is willing sub and good communication.

Hebrews 8 says that the “pattern” given to Moses on the mount was to be our example of heavenly things. The earthly tabernacle was given so that the priests could have intimacy with God. However, through Jesus and the New Covenant we are all called to a holy priesthood and can have intimacy with God. Although we are not under the law like the priest in the Old Covenant, we still follow the “pattern” given to Moses to get into the Holy of Holies (Hebrews 8:5). The priests of old could not just walk into the Holy of Holies and neither can we. The physical makeup of the earthly tabernacle has spiritual implications to our heavenly tabernacle. There were basically seven parts to the “pattern” given to Moses. The priest had to first enter through the gates into the outer court, then present a sacrifice on the altar, wash in the laver, and walk through the curtain into the inner court where the lamp stand, table of showbread and the altar of incense were. Then the priest could finally enter into the Holy of Holies where the Ark of the Covenant was and experience true intimacy with God.

Although priests could only enter in once a year (Hebrews 8:7), we have access through Jesus whenever we want. However, the “pattern” that was given to Moses still remains. I heard an awesome teaching on the tabernacle, and how following the “pattern” given to Moses has the ability to take us into the presence of God. The “mechanical drills” that I am about to give you are part of the “pattern” given to Moses on the mount to gain access into the Holy of Holies. I have just broken them down using horse parables. Some of the drills may seem like a little work, but remember the priests in the Old Covenant had to prepare themselves too, in order to get into the Holy of Holies and that is the pattern that has been set. The Levitical priests had to do a few mechanical things in the outer court, before they could enter into the inner court and finally the Holy of Holies.

It is interesting that there was enough room for hundreds of people to worship in the outer court, there was only room for about 10 to serve in the inner court, and there was only room for one person once they stepped into the presence of God in the Holy of Holies. This is true in our lives. We can worship with hundreds of people, we serve with about 10 people that are close to us in our ministry, but true intimacy with God is just between you and God and no one else. This is what the next 40 days are about, learning how to enter into the Holy of Holies and experiencing a real and living God. This place is so important. It is in this place, by stepping into the presence of God, that we are transformed into His image (2 Corinthians 3:18). It is also in this place, in the presence of God, that we develop the “Foundation for Perfection.”

What separated the God of Israel from all the other Gods throughout the land was that their God dwelt among them. He was real and living and His manifest presence guided them where they were supposed to go (Numbers 15-23). Read Exodus 33:9-10, 40:34, and 1 Kings

8:10-11. The presence of God would come down on the tabernacle; people could see it and He would direct them. When the cloud moved they moved, and when the cloud stayed they stayed. His manifest presence offered them shade in the heat of the day and fire at night to keep them warm. Isaiah 4:4-6 says that those who gather around the “Branch” (Jesus) will be washed and for the dwelling place of Mount Zion (Christian church), we will receive the same manifest presence or “glory cloud” that the Israelites had. This is huge!!!!!! Have you found this? Does your church have this?

In Acts 1:9 Jesus was taken into heaven and a cloud covered Him up and they could no longer see Him. Then two angels appeared to the disciples and told them He “shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11). Different scholars may interpret this very differently, but Jesus was taken in a cloud and scripture says He will return in a cloud. Jesus says, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). I do not know what the scholars say, but I have experienced Jesus in the “glory cloud” prophesied in Isaiah 4:4-6. And when we “assemble” around the “Branch” with the people of “Mount Zion” we experience the manifest presence of God and are fed, filled and transformed into the image of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18). In this place, that we “enter” (just like the Holy of Holies) He guides us, directs us and offers us shade in the heat of day and warmth in the cool of the night (elements of the world). So what is this “glory” and how do we get in it?

Well, glory in the Hebrew comes from a word meaning weighty and in the Greek means very apparent and it’s like to think. The glory of God is something we experience with our five senses. When we come into the presence of God we will start to experience this “weightiness,” we can actually “feel” the presence of God. I do not read of anyone in the Bible that stepped into the presence of God and experienced His glory and didn’t know it. We know when we are “in” God’s glory! For some people it manifests as goose bumps and for others it is butterflies in their stomach, it may vary, but it always results in the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Some people may want to run away from it (Exodus 20:18) and many people try to cover it up (Exodus 34:29-35). But we know when we are in God’s presence and Satan does everything in his power to prevent it.

We are transformed into the image of Jesus Christ when we are “in” God’s glory (2 Corinthians 2:18). So don’t you think it would be nice to know how to get “in” this glory; into God’s presence, into the Holy of Holies? This is what the next 40 days are about; using horse parables to help you get into the Holy of Holies and experience God’s glory, God’s presence. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17), how can we know these things unless someone teaches us (Acts 8:31)? I have been a Christian for as long as I can remember. I was raised in a Christian home, and have gone to church my entire life. However, I was 18 years old before I had someone teach me how to “enter” into His glory. I pray that there

will be something in here that will help you enter into God's glory and experience His presence in the Holy of Holies.

This is where we experience the "Kingdom of Heaven" and how we "Return to Eden". Inside the Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant and inside the Ark was the second copy of the Ten Commandments given to Moses on the mount. If you remember, Moses was ordered to give the first copy to the people, and the people shattered the first copy with disobedience. The second copy was not given to the people, but kept inside the Ark in the Holy of Holies. The law was placed inside the Ark and kept in the presence of God. This has great symbolic significance in our lives. The only place we can ever fulfill the law is when we place Christ inside our hearts and are transformed into His image from glory to glory; in the Holy of Holies. This is the only place we have any hopes of willing submission and good communication. I pray that the horse parables found in the "Foundation for Perfection" will help take you into the presence of God and experience the New Covenant in the fullest.