

Title: Expedient

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Welcome to the Garden. We are so glad you are here. Our heart is to host His presence. He is always here, and we love Him very much. He will manifest and reveal Himself to each and every one of you. He knows exactly where we are and where He is taking us.

Here is the truth. With every word of God, the Holy Spirit is the one that is near, available, and always willing to give us understanding. He will open our eyes and our ears and our heart to hear what the Father is saying. Because in our own flesh, that is not possible. But, the Holy Spirit is the one that has been sent from Heaven to us. He is the one that comes to bring revelation knowledge of the Father and the Son. In that, He Himself is revealed.

You ask, "Are you singing to the Father, the Holy Ghost, or Jesus?" Yes, because that is the Godhead, the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost. Amen. Here we give Him a place of Lordship and dominion. *We are* submitted to Him in fullness. When your heart is open to Him, He will come. He will take you from glory to glory and faith to faith. He gives you strength and courage. Amen.

The word that the Lord gave me for today is, "expedient." We are going to build on that.

Isaiah 11:1-5 NKJV

Powerful. This is actually a prophecy of Messiah, Jesus Christ, and His Kingdom, the Holy Spirit, and the fullness of Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus Christ is fully submitted and baptized in and with Holy Spirit and His fullness. This fullness of Holy Spirit is described here in this passage. The Spirit of the Lord upon Jesus, is wisdom and revelation or understanding, counsel and might, knowledge, and the Fear of the Lord. Jesus Christ's greatest delight and the number one passion of His heart, is the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord. That is His greatest desire. His delight is the Fear of the Lord.

In the Fear of the Lord, He obeyed the Father's will. In the Fear of the Lord, He came and humbled Himself as a man. He took the sin upon us, and destroyed it at its root from the beginning, through His own obedience and absolute surrender to the love of God. Through His willingness to allow the fullness of Holy Ghost to come upon Him to accomplish this. He is anointed, smeared in, covered in, drenched in, filled with, baptized into, and perfectly carries in fullness, the Spirit of the Lord. We must learn that if that was His greatest delight, then as the body of Christ, our greatest delight, should be the Fear of the Lord. The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. That is what gets people saved.

John 3:16 NKJV

If you do not repent, and if you are not born again, the consequence is eternal damnation apart from the Father. Jesus came and said, "I am going to bring you the Fear of the Lord. I am going to manifest the fullness of His Spirit to you to the end." Forever and ever, the Spirit of the Lord will always be with us. He is with us now.

I want you to see this, because this is what is working in us. This word is working in us. The very foundation of His throne is justice and righteousness. That is God's throne. Everything that comes from the throne of God, is going to come from perfect justice and righteousness.

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Because, God is perfect in all His ways. Every throne on the Earth isn't necessarily built on that, correct? Some are trying to get there. But, this is the Lord God Almighty, amen.

Now I want you to hear the definition of the word, expedient, and different thoughts or contributions toward this word. It means, *“to bear or to bring together with a personal reference, to be well or profitable, for your good, nothing but the right, to create an advantage for or to make something better. To be good for or profitable for that which serves to promote or advance a suitable means to accomplish an end.”* The American English dictionary says, *“useful for effecting a desired result, suited to the circumstances or the occasion, advantageous, convenient, based on or offering what is of use or advantage, rather than what is right or just, guided by self interest or politic. Expedient describes something that is suitable. An action that is appropriate for the situation. Expedient may also have a negative connotation, and is sometimes used to describe an action that is advantageous or convenient for the situation, but not necessarily the most just or moral action to take. The synonyms would be, ‘advantageous, desirable, feasible, judicious.’”*

“There is a way that seems right to a man. But, God’s Spirit is perfect truth, justice, and righteousness.” There is a propensity for the peoples to turn to what they think is right with God, or in their situations, or is the way to go or walk. In their decision making, they think that “this is it.” But, the Spirit of Truth is the one that will examine *us* to the depths of our beings, in spirit, soul and body, and lead us as the scripture says, “in to all truth.” Because, God is always making a way for us. The Spirit of God is always working for our good.

What we think is good in our eyes, He is far above and beyond it. Scripture says, “He does exceedingly above and beyond anything we could ever hope, think, or imagine.” It says that, “we are persuaded and convinced in the love of God and nothing can separate us from Him.” He always goes above and beyond what we think, how we see, and how we think it should go or what the results should be. You hear that? Remember what I said at the beginning, “the Spirit of the Lord in fullness; it is the Fear of the Lord that guides and directs our steps.” Now we are going to break it down some more.

John 11:45 NKJV

What has happened here is that there was a man that was dead for four days. His name was Lazarus. He was very special to Jesus, and to his sisters, Mary and Martha. Most have heard of this story. He died, and Jesus comes to call him forth out of the grave with a very profound statement, “Lazarus come forth.” He came out still bound up in his grave clothes. Hallelujah! Somebody had to roll the stone away, and he came out. You would think everybody on the planet would have been really happy about this resurrection. Right? If a loved one of your own had passed away, been dead four days, and God said, “Come forth and live” you would be dancing, praising, and worshiping the Lord, correct? That's called “resurrection power.”

But, the enemy had deceived the religious rulers, and they literally became so angry about the power of resurrection that Jesus the Messiah carried here, that they wanted to kill Lazarus and Jesus. That is in your Bible. You say, “that does not make sense. Why would you do that?” It was a good work, but it infuriated the devil and infuriated religious spirits that do not have the Holy Ghost. It is moving from carnal, fleshy, prideful ambition. That is how the enemy can twist the goodness of God, the Word of God, or the power of God. But, it always comes back on the enemy’s head because Jesus wins. That is the summary.

John 11:45 NKJV

It says many believed in Him.

John 11:46-53 NKJV

Verse 47, "The chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, 'What shall we do? For this man works many signs. If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him. The Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.' One of them, Caiaphas, being the high priest that year, said to them, 'you know nothing at all. Nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people and not that the whole nation should perish.' Now, this he did not say on his own authority, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation. Not for that nation only, but also He would gather together in one, the children of God who were scattered abroad. Then from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death."

So, we understand this is where this word, expedient, appears. Look at it in its context. In governmental rule and under authority, the man Christ Jesus, the Son of the living God, makes a way, even on behalf of these that are cursing Him, wanting to kill Him, and do not want His reign on the Earth. Because, if He had been left alone, and didn't fulfill what God told Him, this power would be continued. But, the price for sin would not have been paid for, because there was none holy, none righteous that could do that. Only the perfect blood of Jesus, and only the perfect obedience of Jesus, submitted to the Father, could fulfill this word. He was the only one.

That is why the high priest picked up on this in the spirit, saying, "you know this might be expedient for us. This might be working for our good here if we go ahead and let Him die. Because, what would happen if we would have to pay for this? What would happen if something comes to affect our nation?" They were terrified and threatened that they were about to have a nation taken over. He knew the truth, and he is searching for it. They just go the way of mankind and with those carnal thoughts. "What happens if one man should die for the whole nation?" There is the prophecy. That is what Jesus Christ did.

John 16:7-8 KJV

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is expedient for you that I go away. For if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you. But, if I depart, I will send Him unto you. When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is expedient for you," This is Jesus talking now. Earlier we read of the high priest saying, "it is expedient that one man should die for the people." Now Jesus is saying, "it is expedient for you that I go away. For if I go not away, the Comforter," who is Holy Spirit, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Stand By, God, the Spirit of the Lord, "will not come unto you. But, if I depart, I," Jesus, being the Head of His Church, "will send Him unto you. When He is come," this is what He is going to bring, and it takes you back to Isaiah 11, the throne of God, of righteousness and justice, that rules from the throne of God, "He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

"If I, the Son of God, go back to the Father, He will send you Holy Spirit." You have got to have Holy Spirit, so, "it is expedient for you, that I go away so He can come." The goal is to get Him in us. Right? The goal is for Holy Spirit to not just rest upon us as we saw much throughout the Old Testament. The Spirit the Lord would come upon the prophet and they would prophesy. The Spirit Lord came upon Samson, and He brought great power and might. The Spirit of the Lord would come upon them, and they would raise someone from the dead. That is how it looked. There was a greater work still to come. There is always a greater glory, and it is expedient that Christ would go, because He is going to die not only for His nation, but for all of

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the families and nations and peoples of the Earth. "All who would call upon Him shall be saved," versus, just Israel. God's heart all along is, "I want everyone, every tribe, nation, people and tongue." Thank you, Lord. Yes, because we were outside of the covenant of peace as Gentiles. But, God has a bigger plan. This word, "expedient" is starting to make sense now.

"His ways are not our ways." He is always above it. He is higher. He is in, with, and through it all. It gives Him the glory, because nobody can do this, but God. Jesus said, "Yes." Again, "*Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is expedient for you.*" Say, "for me." He said, "*I go away, for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you. But, if I depart, I will send Him unto you. When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, righteousness and judgment.*" He is going to come into the Body of Christ. He is going to come into those who have called upon His name and are saved. Those who have been born again. We are talking some serious power here. This is the dominion of God. This is the authority of God. This is the wisdom of God that is manifesting, Holy Spirit, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Stand By, and Comforter.

I Corinthians 6:12 KJV

"All things are lawful unto me. But, all things are not expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any."

"All things are lawful unto me, but not all things are expedient." They are not advantageous. They are not necessarily, judicious and righteous. Right? I have a free will. I can work by the word of the Lord and the law itself. But, yet, "All things are lawful unto me, but not all things are expedient." There is something better. There is something more.

I Corinthians 10:23 KJV

"All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient. All things are lawful for me, but all things edify not."

He added a little bit more to that. "*All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient. All things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.*" It is not for the edification of the body. It is not for the edification of God's purposes and plans, or even myself. It is God, that works to profit all. I can go and do my thing and it would be lawful, but it may not be expedient for all that I do. That is because God is working something that is greater than that, for the profit of all. What we think, "this is the way." He says, There is something better, because God is always working better. That is where we put our faith, in God. Any victory we get, we are just off the charts in giving God praise! Right? Thank you, Lord. Hallelujah! Shaka Banda, here we go! You know how we get.

God is so great and so good and so sovereign, that He would do this. Can you hear it? The Spirit of wisdom and wise decisions. Could it be that the Spirit of Wisdom is seeking to impart to us deeper insight and keen awareness of our circumstances in life and propositions that will come to us for our benefit or our choosing. Is the Spirit of wisdom, drawing us deeper into His true justice and giving us a greater clarity for the Kingdom and our work within it?"

I will read it again. "Could it be that the Spirit of Wisdom is seeking to impart to us deeper insight and keen awareness of our circumstances in life? Because, that is where we are and propositions that will come to us for our benefit or our choosing sometimes looks good, but it is not for our benefit." It comes in a pretty package with a lot of promises, bells and whistles, but it is not for my good. There is another motive behind it. You hear it?

The Spirit of wisdom wants to impart to us something greater here. It is the Spirit of wisdom, drawing us deeper into His true justice and giving us a greater clarity for the Kingdom. I want

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eyes to see. I want to see clearly and our work within it, because that is the Spirit of Truth. He is always working for us to work for God, in all of our spheres, in our life, in our relationships, and families. God is working in, with and through us to bring in the Kingdom. He said, "Repent, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," right? So, we are changing the way we are thinking here. It is repentance, changing the way you think. He is always doing something great. Make wise decisions. We have all made some important decisions in life. At least once, we have made a wrong decision if you are human.

Deuteronomy 16:19 NLT

"You must never twist justice or show partiality. Never accept a bribe, for bribes blind the eyes of the wise and corrupt the decisions of the godly."

A little bit of going on behind the scenes. If you do this for me, I will do that for you. Right? If you do this for me, I will do that for you. *"You must never twist justice."* This is God talking. *"You must never twist justice or show partiality."* Do not pervert justice or be biased. *"Never accept a bribe,"* of payment for a cheap form of justice, that has an appearance of godliness, but it is not. It has an appearance of a correct weight, but is not, right? *"For bribes blind the eyes of the wise and corrupt decisions of the godly."* We want our decisions to be right. We want to make the right decision. We want to walk with God and do what is right before His eyes. Correct?

Deuteronomy 16:19 Bible in Basic English, BBE

"You are not to be moved in your judging by a man's position. You are not to take rewards, for rewards make the eyes of the wise man blind and the decisions of the upright false."

Wisdom is speaking today.

Psalms 48:10-11 BBE

"As your name is, oh God, so is your praise to the ends of the Earth, and your right hand is full of righteousness. Let there be joy in the Mountain of Zion and let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of your wise decisions"

Because of God's righteous judgments, His absolute perfect justice, and His kingdom rule, your daughters and your family will praise you. You hear that? Because, God, you make wise decisions. Now being the Church, the temple of the Holy Ghost, with the Spirit of God living in us, "Christ in me, the hope of glory," this is my direction. This is my purpose. This is in me. It is in you, to make wise decisions. Amen. We are giving glory to God here, because your name is God. You will be praised throughout the ends of the Earth.

"Your right hand is full of righteousness." It is like righteousness and justice, the foundation of His throne. He gives the Body of Christ, not ignorance, but ears to hear and eyes to see true righteousness and true justice. The way of the Lord. We have to come up a little higher guys. Right? "His ways are not our ways." Our ways are not His ways, but we are coming into the knowledge of His way. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

1 Kings 3:4-15 NET

This is a story about King Solomon.

"The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for it had the most prominent of the high places. Solomon would offer up a thousand burnt sacrifices on the altar there. One night in Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream. God said, "Tell me what I should give you?" Solomon

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replied, "You demonstrated great loyalty to your servant, my father David, as he served you faithfully, properly and sincerely. You have maintained this great loyalty to this day by allowing his son to sit on his throne. Now, O Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in my father David's place, even though I am only a young man, and am inexperienced. Your servant stands among your chosen people; they are a great nation that is too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning mind, so he can make judicial decisions for your people and distinguish right from wrong. Otherwise, no one is able to make judicial decisions for this great nation of yours. The Lord was pleased that Solomon made this request. God said to him, "Because you asked for the ability to make wise judicial decisions and not for long life, or riches, or vengeance on your enemies, I grant your request and give you a wise and discerning mind superior to that of anyone who has preceded or will succeed you. Furthermore, I am giving you what you did not request, riches and honor, so that you will be the greatest king of your generation. If you follow my instructions, by obeying my rules and regulations, just as your father David did, then I will grant you long life." Solomon then woke up and realized it was a dream. He went to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant, which is the presence of the Lord, and offered up burnt sacrifices, presented peace offerings, and held a feast for all his servants."

"The ability to make wise judicial decisions. You asked for the ability to make wise judicial decisions, to distinguish between right and wrong, understanding to discern judgment, to discern justice to listen to justice." This is what he is asking for. God granted his request. He was so pleased with this, because it is the foundation of His throne. Jesus is King. Solomon was king. David was king. The nation is constantly backsliding and going to worship false gods. You understand? But, this was the beginning. In this right here, know that God's wisdom will never contradict His word or ways. "It is expedient for you, that one man die for the entire nation." It is expedient, that I go and bring Holy Spirit."

He is going to come to you. He will be Lord. He will bring the dominion of the Kingdom of Heaven to you, in you, with you, and through you. He will comfort you. He will be your peace. You enter that peace, just like that. In these days, this is the word of the Lord. We have to have this wisdom from God. We have to be submitted to the fullness of Holy Ghost to know, "there is a way that seems kind of right." But, the Spirit of God in me, says something is not right. Something is off. Do not be bought out. Do not take a bribe. Do not go with cheap grace or another way, an easier way, to "get her done."

His way is the highway. It is the greatest way that we could walk. In this world, there is persecution. They oppose the righteousness and justice of the Lord. But, know that He is righteous and perfect and just in all of His ways. It grieves the flesh. Sometimes the flesh just can't take it, but the spirit is willing, because the Comforter is in you. Just as Jesus was willing to go to that cross, because the Spirit of the Living God was in Him, leading Him to it. The Spirit of God had already shown Him His eternal kingdom, authority and reign on the throne from Jerusalem forever and ever and ever. Amen. "For the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross." Because His heart was to have a family, and see everybody forgiven and home with God, in the presence of the Lord.

Kings, rulers, governors, presidents, and workers, come and go, rise and fall. But, the Body of Christ is called to walk with God, with Him in heavenly places, far above other rule. The Spirit of God will come, and He will speak to each and every member of the body to bring the whole picture and to strengthen all. Yes! The Spirit of God will work through us, and in our spheres of authority. The Kingdom of Heaven and His dominion is there. When something is not right. In your authority, you pray to God. "God, I come before the throne of perfect righteousness and

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justice. This is out of line. It is not right. It is not fair. It is not just. I ask for the Spirit of Truth to come here. That you would come and rule favorably. That you will come and bring true justice and righteousness here. Line it up, get it right, and get it in order. Because, you know that He is working for the good of all. You hear that? He is always working for the good of all. Period. God just wants our faith to be in here. He wants us to believe this. This is powerful.

I am going to read these words again from Solomon. Verse six, He said *“you demonstrated great loyalty to your servant, my father, David. He served you faithfully, properly, and sincerely. You have maintained this great loyalty to this day by allowing me, his son to sit on the throne.”* There is a generational blessing. He said, *“You know, I am a young man and I am inexperienced.* I really need your help. Right? The god of this age, says, “Kill them all.” But, it can never, ever, ever happen. God be praised. His throne is established forever. Those who have ears to hear let them hear.

Let's stand up and receive that word. You can meditate on it and ask the Lord about it. How it affects you, personally.

“God, you are our God. You do not slumber or sleep. Your eye is upon us. Your heart is for us. We thank you that you are wanting us to know your heart and will, and to be filled with your wisdom. We want the wisdom from above not beneath. We want the wisdom from Heaven, not what this Earth can offer. We want the wisdom from your throne. I ask that you would impart to each and every one of us, Lord, your wisdom. You know what we need. You know where we are. You know our role, our call, and our purpose in life for your namesake. We ask that you bless your people with a new, fresh impartation and revelation of your wisdom and your way, Lord. That you would transform us, Lord. That we will remain faithful. You are faithful and true. May we remain faithful to you. Bless us and keep us. Cause your face to shine upon us. Give us peace and wholeness, Lord.

We bless Israel, Father. We continue to lift her up daily, 24/7, before the throne of grace. Israel is forever sealed by the word of God. God show yourself strong. We thank you for turning that nation, and the hearts of all leaders and peoples to the God of the Bible, again. Great revival starts there. God of Israel is in charge, leading and gloriously praised. The peoples are turning to God. Those that would be granted repentance now, before the end to say, “Jesus is Lord.” What multitudes are coming now, and saying, “Jesus is Lord,” the Messiah whom the Spirit of the Sovereign Lord rests upon with wisdom, revelation knowledge, the Fear of the Lord, counsel and might. *For* that repentance Lord God, we thank you. We bless Israel and all of their government and authorities, the oldest to the youngest. Comfort, comfort, comfort, heal, deliver, restore, build up, and renew. Thank you that you have hedged them in. Your Kingdom come, Lord. Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. In Jesus' name, amen. Amen.