

Courts of Heaven Notes from Steven McKie & David Herzog  
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God is calling us to engage Mount Zion; to literally go into the Heavenly Zion and to learn how to engage with and become part of the Courts of Heaven and His Government.

Mountains speak of governmental realms and this is His governmental arena where we come to release legislation into the earth and to annul the contracts of Satan made against us.

Here's your invitation to come up higher and become a part of the court system of heaven.

"If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by. (Zechariah 3:7)

"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Isaiah 2:3)

Hebrews 12: 22-24 says, "You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God (the heavenly Jerusalem), to myriads of angels in festive gathering, to the assembly of the firstborn whose names have been written in heaven, to God who is the Judge of all, to the spirits of righteous people made perfect, to Jesus (mediator of a new covenant), and to the sprinkled blood, which says better things than the blood of Abel. I will build my church (ecclesia = legislative, judicial government) and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)

Jeremiah 23:18 says, "For who has stood in the council of the Lord so as to see and to hear his word? Who has given heed to his word so as to proclaim it?"

God is raising up His Government on the earth and teaching us how to engage the courtrooms of heaven and have things change in a massive way personally and nationally.

The revelation of the court system of heaven really can change everything in your life and the nations

So here are some scriptures to lay a foundation, the idea of courtroom and justice is all through the Bible.

Psalm 89:14 says: "Righteousness and justice are the foundations of His throne..." The very foundation of God's throne is Justice and righteousness.

God is very much interested in the right thing happening and justice for his creation.

Just and Righteous is who He is not just what He does!

He Himself has a throne where He rules and that rule is based on Righteousness and Justice.

Everyone has had things stolen from them and experienced unjust situations and or circumstances!

Health, destinies, inheritances or dreams.

Revivals in the past have been attacked and ultimately ended prematurely.

Nations that were supposed to prosper have struggled with poverty instead.

The church itself is not walking in the power of the early apostolic era.

Anything that is living short of what God wants us to live like is an injustice and therefore not right in God's eyes.

The truth is we have been stolen from in a lot of areas but this is the time where the books in heaven are about to be opened and God is about to render a verdict on our behalf!

The Apostle John and Daniel both saw such a time where the saints of God would be given Justice in the courts of heaven!

The amazing thing is the courtroom is rigged on our behalf because the Judge is actually our father our advocate is Jesus, the word of God is our bill of rights.

So the first example of the courtroom in action is in Zechariah 3: 1-7...

Next the Messenger-Angel showed me the high priest Joshua. He was standing before God's Angel where the Accuser showed up to accuse him. Then God said to the Accuser, "I, God, rebuke you, Accuser! I rebuke you and choose Jerusalem. Surprise! Everything is going up in flames, but I reach in and pull out Jerusalem!"

3-4 Joshua, standing before the angel, was dressed in dirty clothes. The angel spoke to his attendants, “Get him out of those filthy clothes,” and then said to Joshua, “Look, I’ve stripped you of your sin and dressed you up in clean clothes.”

5 I spoke up and said, “How about a clean new turban for his head also?” And they did it—put a clean new turban on his head. Then they finished dressing him, with God’s Angel looking on.

6-7 God’s Angel then charged Joshua, “Orders from God-of-the-Angel-Armies: ‘If you live the way I tell you and remain obedient in my service, then you’ll make the decisions around here and oversee my affairs. And all my attendants standing here will be at your service.

These verses are an example of the courtroom in heaven

Joshua (in verse 7) was promised access to Heaven, access to the courtroom if he was obedient to God’s ways. And this promise is for us too because all the promises in God are yes and amen! We can all go into the courtroom, no matter how dirty or unclean we feel and what filthy rags we think we are wearing. You don’t get clean to go the court, you go to the court and you will get clean.

Joshua wasn’t clean when he went to the court but he was given new robes representing forgiveness and the washing of the blood that makes us white as snow! And just like Joshua we will be given a new turban which represents the mind of Christ. And it gets even better!

The promise wasn’t just that we can go to court to petition but that if we live the way He tells us (obedience) then we can oversee the affairs of the Judge and make the decisions!! That is a realm of Government that very few have walked in that’s fore sure but yet the promise is there for all to see! So It’s not just about us going in and pleading, it starts off there of course, but we’re going to rule and reign and be part of the justice system .

We are Kings and priests of our God and we are going to participate in the government of heaven invading the earth. What amazing days we live in!

Another example of the courtroom is in Job. ...

Job 1: 6-8 says –“ One day when the angels came to report to God, satan who was his designated accuser came along with him, God singled out satan and said, ‘what have you been up to? Satan answered God, checking things out on the earth. (Another translation says going to and fro and up and down). And God said to satan, have you noticed my friend Job? There’s no one quite like him! Honest and true, his word totally devoted to God and hating evil...”

Job 2: 1-8 says: One day when the angels came to report to God, Satan also showed up. God singled out Satan, saying, “And what have you been up to?” Satan answered God, “Oh, going here and there, checking things out.” Then God said to Satan, “Have you noticed my friend Job? There’s no one quite like him, is there—honest and true to his word, totally devoted to God and hating evil? He still has a firm grip on his integrity! You tried to trick me into destroying him, but it didn’t work.”

4-5 Satan answered, “A human would do anything to save his life. But what do you think would happen if you reached down and took away his health? He’d curse you to your face, that’s what.”

6 God said, “All right. Go ahead—you can do what you like with him. But mind you, don’t kill him.”

7-8 Satan left God and struck Job with terrible sores. Job was ulcers and scabs from head to foot. They itched and oozed so badly that he took a piece of broken pottery to scrape himself, then went and sat on a trash heap, among the ashes.

Satan is the ‘designated accuser’ and that he comes to the heavenly court. An accuser is court room language! An accuser is someone who has a case against you or at least has some accusations to present against an individual, family or even a nation.

We also see that the court is where Satan got permission to curse Job and strike him with severe sores. For it was God who said “alright. Go ahead- you can do what you like with him but mind you, don’t kill him.”

Whether we realize it or not, Satan has been going to the courtroom, just like he did with Job, to get permission to steal from all of our lives. And because no one has been going into court and saying NO we

want to present our case and oppose what the accuser is saying, we have experienced defeat after defeat!  
We have often perished because of lack of knowledge

However, the good news is this is changing rapidly!! There is now a growing company of people on this earth who are engaging in the heavenly courts and learning how to participate and function there to bring justice to the earth!!

His Government will rule from shore to shore and of the increase of His Government there will be no end!  
The Government might be on His shoulders but we are His body! We are learning how to rule and reign!!  
So here is a New Testament example of the courtroom

Luke 22:31-34 (Jesus speaks to Simon)

31 Simon, Simon (Peter), listen! Satan [a]has asked excessively that [all of] you be given up to him [out of the power and keeping of God], that he might sift [all of] you like grain,

32 But I have prayed especially for you [Peter], that your [own] faith may not fail; and when you yourself have turned again, strengthen and establish your brethren.

33 And [Simon Peter] said to Him, Lord, I am ready to go with You both to prison and to death.

34 But Jesus said, I tell you, Peter, before a [single] cock shall crow this day, you will three times [utterly] deny that you know Me.

In this new testament example Satan asked to sift them all like grain.

Satan asked excessively. In simple terms this means that Satan asked many times if he could destroy the disciples.

I want to ask then is this, where did he ask? Well the answer is also simple, in the courts of course!

All through the bible examples the courts are always where Satan asks for permission do things on earth!

And it's obvious that it is in the courts that Satan asks to destroy us too.

Revelation 12:10 says:

Then I heard a strong (loud) voice in heaven, saying, Now it has come—the salvation and the power and the kingdom (the dominion, the reign) of our God, and the power (the sovereignty, the authority) of His Christ (the Messiah); for the accuser of our brethren, he who keeps bringing before our God charges against them day and night, has been cast out!

Satan doesn't just make accusations against us but he makes them against us day and night.

We can also see that he brings charges against us! Again that is courtroom language!

There is a day coming when the courtroom will be in place and the accuser of the brethren will be cast down.

But until that day, we need to learn how to engage the courtrooms of heaven to enable the judge (our father) to make a verdict on our behalf!

Here are some more new testament references to courtroom language. 1 John 2:1 says:

“My little children, I write you these things so that you may not violate God's law and sin. But if anyone should sin, we have an Advocate (One Who will intercede for us) with the Father—[it is] Jesus Christ [the all] righteous [upright, just, Who conforms to the Father's will in every purpose, thought, and action]”

So we can see again that the theme of the courtroom is all through the Bible. It is full of courtroom language and this text says that Jesus is our advocate.

So what is an advocate?

“An advocate is someone who speaks on behalf of someone else” the term is often used in the legal profession to describe someone who has received some legal training which allows him or her to represent another in a courtroom.”

So basically this scripture is saying that Jesus is legally trained and he knows how to represent you in the court

So if you fall short and sin Jesus can represent you in the court and your forgiveness is guaranteed because He took the punishment we deserved!

The whole court system is rigged on our behalf

The idea of the courtroom is all through scripture.

Amos 5:15 says: Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts

Psalm 100 v 4 says: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalm 35: 1 says Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

Job 13:18 where it says 'now that I have prepared my case, I know that I will be vindicated'. In the two scriptures about Job Satan appeared in the courtroom and asked to harm Job. And did harm Job but do you think from this scripture that Job has learned a valuable piece of wisdom?

He says NOW that I have prepared my case I know that I will be vindicated!

I wonder what would have happened if Job had prepared his case earlier?

Would he have been vindicated earlier before all the boils and death?

Would he have been able to block Satans attempt to destroy him and his family in the court?

Who knows for sure but Job was certain that now his case was made he would be vindicated!

It's time for us to learn that lesson and make our cases in the court!

There are 7 things I want to highlight about the scriptures.

1) There is a courtroom in heaven

2) Satan goes to the courtroom to accuse

3) Satan looks for any legal loophole so that he can ask permission to attack your life. He wants to steal kill and destroy and because we haven't known about the courtroom he has often been successful.

4) We have been invited to take part in the courtroom (Joshua 3:7)

5) We don't need to be clean to go to the courtroom. We are made clean when we go there! Joshua was given new garments. 6) We defeat principalities and powers and the devil in the courtroom.

That's where true authority is!

It's like a policeman standing in the road with his hand up, he doesn't have much power in himself but he does have the whole backing of the law behind him!

Therefore because the whole law is behind him you probably will stop when he simply lifts his hand. That's what authority is.

And when we get the scrolls and papers from heaven that declare your unjust situation must change you better believe they have to change because no demon in hell dare stand against that decree and verdict of the court! All of heaven backs that verdict including angels and the ancient of days Himself!

7) We can ask for 7 times back what has been stolen from us! And, all the substance of his house.

Proverbs 6:31 Says: "But if he is found out, he must restore seven times [what he stole]; and.. he must give the whole substance of his house." That's not only what he's stolen from you, that's the booty, spoils of war, and the plunder!

Imagine we got back everything that the enemy has stolen times 7?

Imagine all those revivals that were cut short?

Imagine what the apostolic fathers walked in?

Imagine what Maria Woodworth Etterwalked in and William Branham?

Imagine if we not only get back what they walked in but 7 times more (at least?)

Daniel 7:9-11 says 'As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. 10 A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. 11 'Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire.

Daniel says he saw 'thrones' that were placed, not just a singular throne for the Lord, but plural, thrones. W

ho are the thrones for? The answer is you and me!

He is the king of Kings but we are kings. He's the Lord of Lords but we are Lords! We are seated at the right hand of God. Seated is symbolic of authority! The thrones are there for us! We are supposed to be seated in heavenly places. We need to walk in this, hunger for this, desire this and honor this.

Lord teach us how to engage the court room, seven spirits of God come and teach us. You may say, but I don't understand anything about this but that's what the 7 spirits are coming for – to train and teach us! There are books being opened in heaven right now, this is the time Daniel was talking about. God doesn't take away authority until there are people who can take that place of authority. For example, God couldn't put David in place until he was ready to rule as a king. He couldn't replace Saul until David was ready.

And this is the right time.

There is a company of people who are getting ready to rule and reign with Christ!! There is a generation who will take back all that's been stolen! For generations, we the saints have been stolen from and we have suffered injustice in many ways.

But in these last days the ancient of days is about to open the books and He is going to release justice and we will reap what many generations have sown.

One generation will receive all the rewards of all the prayers made by all the saints down through the ages. Every promise ever made to any saint will be fulfilled!

And we the end time bride will be the beneficiaries!

Its justice time! And we are about to receive a verdict in our favor!

So practically how do we access the courtroom?

Simple – By faith. It doesn't matter what you feel or don't feel.

When Ian Clayton started this journey, he said he stepped in for about a year and saw nothing! But he kept doing it by faith!. He stepped in every day, nothing happened until one day, he stepped in and he could see it, he was fully there.

His faith led to it becoming real to his physical senses.

The bible says that by faith Enoch was translated! We need to just believe that it's real because it is and our physical senses will catch up sometime! So when you go in to court (by faith) you have an attitude of honor.

It's not a formula remember but there are some simple protocols!

So I honor the judge, the court, sometimes the angels and the cloud of witnesses.

Let the Holy Spirit teach you because we are all different and it is not a formula.

I enter with thanksgiving.

Remember we must judge ourselves first, admit the sin, ask God to cleanse you, the blood is there for you and it speaks on your behalf. Then I would simply present my case to the Judge.

For example, let's say the injustice is sickness.

I would find all the scriptures about sickness and build up a case, e.g., by His stripes we are healed, he bore all our sicknesses and took our infirmities etc.

I would simply present them to the judge and ask Him to judge the sickness.

I would say something like 'your word says it is unjust that I should be sick, that by your stripes I am supposed to be healed' etc'.

You're building up a case and simply presenting it to the judge.

This can work for anything, whether its poverty, financial difficulties, or a region that needs breakthrough in someway.

This is not a formula, the Lord may lead you in a different way and that's all ok as long as we remain humble and teachable we won't go wrong.

Intimacy is key!!

He will lead you and teach you!

Build a history in the courts.

How do we know what we have the right to ask for in the courtroom?

The promises in God are yes and amen. You can ask for every promise in the bible it's all yours!!  
2 Cor 1: 20 says: "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God."

Your scroll and blueprints.

What has God spoken to you about concerning your life?

What dreams have you had about your life?

What prophecies have you received?

What promises has God made to you?

Don't worry about making mistakes.

"The future belongs to the courageous!" Gods Government is coming and He is calling the weak, the broken  
He's calling the uneducated. His voice is calling from heaven can you hear it? Not many wise are called to this! God chooses the foolish to confound the wise.

But if we choose to be foolish enough to believe that we can participate in heavens Government and heavens courts then we will be chosen to participate in the greatest age mankind has ever seen! The age of the ecclesia, the age of the manifestation of the sons of God ruling reigning and governing in union with Him!

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The Court of Heaven is a place to take care of business or legal matters in the heavenly place and see things change on the earth that otherwise may never have changed.

If it gets settled in heaven, things change on the earth pretty fast and miraculously.

Jesus blood gives us access.

There is no waiting time to get into the courtroom; the doors are always open

God is the Judge (James 4:12)

Jesus is our Advocate (1 John 2:1)

Satan (Accuser of the Brethren) is the opposing attorney.

He is making accusations against us stating that you deserve punishment.

We present our case before the Judge, countering with the argument that the Blood of Jesus and repentance brings "legal" forgiveness or justification. (Romans 5:9)

The Judge makes his final verdict.

The courts of heaven are heavily stacked in our favor as long as we follow the proper protocols.

Job presented arguments for his case, pleading to go straight to the Judge of heaven and earth to plead his case: "But I desire to speak to the Almighty and to argue my case with God." (Job 13:3)

Job knew that true justice would only come from the true Judge of heaven and earth.

It goes so far as to say that the Judge will even deliver those that are not innocent. "He'll even deliver the guilty, who will be delivered through your innocence." (Job 22:30)

Is one time in the courts enough?

The persistent widow kept pleading her case with the Judge until he gave in. How much more will the Judge of heaven and earth answer us? (Luke 18:1-8)

Job was very persistent, "I'm not letting up. I'm standing my ground. My complaint is legitimate." (Job 23:1)

Job goes on to say, "If only I knew where to find God, I would go to his court. I would lay out my case and present my arguments." (Job 23:3-4)

The accuser of the brethren is always there to accuse us before the Judge.

All we have to do is show up covered in the blood, having already repented, and presenting our case.

If the enemy tries to bring up our past or any past sins in our life that have already been repented of and forgiven, the Judge won't allow them to be used against us as evidence.

They are already covered under the blood, paid for, repented and forgiven.

Most Christians lose battles on the earth simply by not showing up to the courts of heaven.

The devil is a legalist and tries to find a loophole. The only loophole he can use is if you don't show up and plead your case or if you don't repent or anything he could use against you.

Matthew 5:25 says, "Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison."

Just as with Job, the enemy has to get permission from God even to afflict you. Jesus told Peter that Satan has asked for permission to sift you like wheat. (Luke 22:31)

The accuser of the brethren accuses God's people day and night:

"Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night." (Rev. 12:10)

One important key is to prepare your case with as much evidence as possible.

Scriptures

Prophetic Words

Witnesses – Angels, Cloud of Witnesses

Etc.

Job said, "Now that I have prepared my case, I know I'll be vindicated."

Once you win your case in the heavenly courtroom and have defeated even principalities and powers, you are given a heavenly scroll with the final verdict. Now you have true authority.

Show these papers and legal documents to the powers of darkness

They know they have no more legal authority to attack you

All heaven will now order to back you up

Demand your enemy to restore seven fold and all the substance of his house

Booty, spoils of war, plunder