

G² Goshen Gathering[©]

Praying and working together in unity to *transform* Citrus County into a kingdom of God community

Goshen represents a God blessed and protected place and people *set apart* by God for His plans and purposes.

We share a vision for building a kingdom of God community in Citrus County by awakening and mobilizing the church (ekklesia) to take and possess the land for the Lord Jesus. This is a biblical plan for the spiritual *transformation* of our community into a place of **Shalom**. This is a Hebrew word meaning: peace, health, safety, welfare, prosperity, soundness, rest, tranquility, harmony, completeness, fullness and wholeness. We can become a habitation for the manifest *presence* of the Holy Spirit, a people of righteousness and justice.

The Lord sent the Holy Spirit to empower His disciples to obey His commands to:

- Pray for the kingdom of God and the will of God to come to earth. (Matthew 6:10, Isaiah 56:7)
- Love the Lord and obey Him wholeheartedly. (Matthew 22:37, John 14:15)
- Love our family and neighbors as we love ourselves. (Mark 12:31)
- Be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 6:24)
- Make other disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Seek the kingdom of God and His righteous way to live. (Matthew 5-7, 6:33)
- Unite into One spiritual body of Christ. (Psalm 133; Ephesians 2:11-15; 4:1-6; John 17:20-26)
- Be compassionate and loving witnesses of the Lord, sharing the Good News of His forgiveness of sins, salvation (Greek: sozo) repentance, freedom and His kingdom with our community. (Acts 1:8; Matt. 24:14)



The time is NOW!

Now is the time for the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, to be boldly lifted up and be wholeheartedly and passionately praised, worshipped, glorified, loved and obeyed in all our hearts, minds, lives, marriages, families, children, congregations, community and nation.

All those who call on the name of the Lord need to put their hands to the net so that the Lord Jesus will receive the full reward for His suffering, His prepared Bride and His kingdom in full.

You are invited to join us as we pray and work together to prepare ourselves, our families, our community, our nation and every nation for that Day when we will meet the Lord face to face, be judged by Him and be joined together with Him in love as members of His family, as His bride in His kingdom forever. AMEN

Pray, listen and lovingly obey the Lord. We will humbly unite to lift up the full offering of the great harvest of souls and disciples. We offer our lives as living sacrifices. We offer our spiritual sacrifices of our praise, worship, and humble loving obedience as members of the body of Christ, the Bride of Christ, to the Lord.

THE GOSHEN PRINCIPLE*

God has promised that He will establish *places of mercy* in times of tribulation, as spiritual and natural havens, like the land of Goshen in Egypt during the days of Israel's bondage. (Genesis 47:27) The people living in Goshen experienced growth from the Lord on all that they possessed. Their land was called the *best* in all of Egypt. (Genesis 47:6) These regions are blessed with the abundance of the Lord and are fruitful in all areas of life. (Psalm 65:13) These *set apart* regions become places where crops flourish, the economy thrives, families are full of joy, and individuals live with divine purposes, protection and blessings.

Why not us? Why not now?

Now God is moving those who hear His call to establish places of refuge that provide a blessed place of sanctuary for His people in times of tribulation, and a habitation for the Spirit of God. (Psalm 132:5) People are seeking the plans from God to set up these *set apart* and divinely appointed and protected places. (Psalm 107:35) The **Lord's supernatural protection** is referred to as the *Goshen principle*. (Exodus 8:22-23; 9:4-6, 26; 10:23; 11:7)

The Bible promises that there will be places on earth of spiritual protection

In the time of the plagues of Egypt, God did not allow His judgments to touch the place where His people lived called Goshen. (Exodus 8:22) God protected His people from the plagues He released in Egypt. The Lord said to Pharaoh, "*I will make a difference between My people and your people.*" (Exodus 8:23) (Exodus 9:4, 6, 26)

Pockets of mercy is a term used to refer to geographic areas where God's people will be hidden or protected from God's judgments in the end time. These have also been prophetically called *cities of refuge*.

God will protect His people again on The Day of His wrath.

God's people are told to gather together and seek the Lord in humility, righteousness and justice.

Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, ...² Before the decree is issued, ... Before the LORD's fierce anger comes upon you, Before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you!³ Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth, Who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden in the day of the LORD's anger. (Zephaniah 2:1-3)

God is seeking a holy habitation where He can glorify Himself among His people. (1 Peter 2:4-5)

These *kingdom of God communities* will be places *set apart*, consecrated to the Lord and by the Lord, places of faith, peace, hope, healthy centers where people are encouraged by living close to one another in true biblical unity, obedient love and Christian community.

The Lord manifests His Presence where He is invited to fellowship with His people. (Revelation 3:20)

Let us unite together to pray for and build our kingdom of God community, like a Land of Goshen, through love, prayer, worship, unity, service, humility, righteousness and justice, so that we may be blessed hidden, covered and protected in the coming days of the Lord's judgment and wrath, and then we will become PREPARED for The Day of the Lord.

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Hosting the Holy Spirit

The desire of God is to indwell His people, His Bride with His Spirit, His manifest Presence
...you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16 NKJV)

Where the Holy Spirit is welcomed, He brings His favor, blessing, His manifest presence to save, heal, set free, restore and teach; to prepare the Bride of Christ. How do we nurture a place of *habitation* for the Holy Spirit? It is our responsibility to learn the things that attract His presence to our lives and communities, and to be obedient and faithful to do them. **How do we host the Holy Spirit in our lives, families and community?**

Love the Lord – Put the Great and First Commandment in first place in our lives to enter the door to the King and His kingdom of God. *And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* This is the first commandment. (Mark 12:30)

Obeys God – We demonstrate our love for the Lord by obeying His commandments, His will, His ways, His voice and His Word. *“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”* (John 14:15, 21)
... Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. (1 Samuel 15:22)
He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” (John 14:21)

Repent – Humbly become broken to your selfish ways, turn to God, confess our sins, be forgiven, healed, restored and progressively transformed into the image of Christ as His Bride. *...whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.* (Matthew 23:12; Luke 14:11; 18:14; Hosea 10:12)

Humility – We come before a Holy God in humility....*do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”⁶ But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you....* (James 4:5-8 NKJV)

Surrender – Yield and give your life to the Lord as a living sacrifice. *...so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.² Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.* (Romans 12:1-2 NLT)

Discipleship – Be a disciple, a true follower of the Lord and make disciples. *Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.* (Matthew 16:24 NKJV; Matthew 10:1-8, Matthew 28:18-20)

Abide in Christ – We pursue an intimate relationship with the Lord over time and allow Him to live His supernatural life through us. *“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.* (John 15:5)
I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

Thank God – Always have an attitude of gratitude to the Lord in all things. *in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Praise the Lord – The Lord is so worthy of all our praise *...You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.* (Psalm 22:3)
Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. (Hebrews 13:15)

Prayer – Communicate continually with the Lord. Listen to His voice and lovingly obey Him. *Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing,* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)
...*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.*” (Isaiah 56:7)

Fasting – To be positioned to receive more from the Lord... *I humbled myself with fasting...* (Psalm 35:13)

Unity – Pray and work together in unity with members of the body of Christ, the family of God. *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!* (Psalm 133)
... *bearing with one another in love, ³endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.* (Ephesians 4:2-6)
that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. (John 17:21)

Purity – Be washed and cleansed by the sacrificial blood and Word of the Lord. *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* (1 John 1:9; Ephesians 5:25-27)

Peace – Shalom that comes from the indwelling Holy Spirit. ...*the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.* (Romans 16:20 Philippians 4:6-8)

Holy – We have been given the gift of the perfect righteousness of the Lord as a free gift. *You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.* (Leviticus 11:45; 1 Corinthians 1:30)
even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; (Romans 3:22)

Holy priests – Intercede before the Lord. *you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.* (1 Peter 2:5)

Anointed – By the Spirit as a priest to approach the throne of our Holy God. *Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,* (2 Corinthians 1:21)

Consecration – *Set apart from the world to the purposes of the Lord. Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹and having a High Priest over the house of God,* (Hebrews 10:19-21)

Serve – Others as a servant and as an ambassador of Christ. *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.*” (Mark 10:5 NKJV)
Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ (Matthew 25:45 NKJV)

Faithfulness – Be persistent in prayer, devotion and obedience to the Lord through the years in love, humility and faith.*shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?* (Luke 18:7; Hebrews 11:1)

Please God – Father God was well pleased with His Son Jesus because He completely obeyed Him in all ways, even to death. *By faith Enoch was taken... so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”;* for before he was taken he had this testimony, that *he pleased God.* (Hebrews 11:5)

Love – Our family and community into the kingdom of God. *Love never fails.* (1 Corinthians 13:8 NKJV)
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:31)

Prepare – Become prepared to be joined wholeheartedly with the Lord as His Bride forever! ...*For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and His bride has prepared herself.* (Revelation 19:8 NLT)