

THE APPEARANCE



Ephesians 2:20-22

Ephesians 4:11-16

**APOSTLES AND
PROPHETS
PREPARING THE
EMERGING
ARMY
RELEASING THE
ABILITIES AND
NATURAL
CALLINGS OF
EVERYONE**



A FATHER'S HEART



Malachi 4:5-6 "Behold, I send them the Prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord come. He shall turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; lest I come and strike Earth with a curse"

1 Corinthians 4: 15 "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel."

In this verse the Lord is talking about a day when the spirit of Elijah will be poured out on the Earth and bring a mantle of "Fathers" or what some call a mentor. **A few examples of spiritual fathers and sons are: Moses and Joshua, Elijah and Elisha, Jesus and his twelve disciples and Paul and Timothy.**

The charismatic movement brought with it a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts upon the Church. However, during this time there were not many fathers. **When a person has no father, Malachi says it brings a curse.** Due to the high number of divorce in the country, a new generation of young people is emerging.

2 Timothy 3: 1-5 describes them as: lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.

The majority of believers need, but have never had a spiritual father. Many people have

sought everywhere for someone with the heart of a father who would take them under their wings and help them, but never managed to find him. A few have found someone and have allowed God to do this, but the vast majority were not willing.

Many have the traits before mentioned and have followed their own paths without a spiritual father to be accountable to, or in any way measure their character. This error brings a curse. You can say as many times as you want to: "I break the curse in the name of Jesus", but until the Covenants of God are renewed, the curse of being fatherless remains.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you, how often I would have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not!" Matthew 23: 37. Jesus was talking with the heart of a father.

How many things he wanted to have said and taught them, but they didn't want to. How many blessings he could have given, but they were not willing. **Are we prepared to follow a different direction and be guided by a spiritual father as well as be a spiritual father to others?**

It is not easy to find someone today who has a genuine father's heart. Even among those who claim to be apostles and prophets, the vast majority of them feel threatened, experience jealousy and fear whenever someone younger who demonstrates potential, talents, gifts and great faith shares his dream with them. (TBC)