Tremendous word by Michael.

Tonight I need to talk to you about something that Michael has worked on but from another point of view.

I want to approach it another way. I hopefully will bring to a conclusion what I began last night. I was explaining why types and shadows are given.

When man sinned, there came a veil between him and God.
That veil is the veil of reasoning.
We see him reasoning to conclusions that introduced a culture that was fundamentally different from the one he had had the day before. He clothed himself....he perceived he was naked...since he was, he was afraid.
Adam: “I clothed myself.”
God: “Who told you you were naked?” (I really meant to get around to that, but you were busy naming the animals, etc).

That wasn’t his response at all.
God: “Who lied to you? If you were naked I would have told you so. You are my son. You are a spirit like I am a spirit. Before this flesh was filled with spirit, it was just dirt. After the spirit leaves it the dust goes back to the dust. A spirit isn’t naked. It exists as it it. I clothed you with flesh. But now that you believe that your flesh, you see yourself as being fundamentally different from Me. You’ve invented your own view of reality, and you’re reacting in and out of it. That’s why you’re wearing clothes on your clothes. You’re doing stupid things.” (Note: all of this strongly suggested from Scripture)

By now, we all share the common neuroses. And the funny thing is we think that people dressed well are impressive. Most of the swindlers are dressed in the finest clothes,. They do this to win our confidence. The deception continues. It’s perpetrated regularly. Using the same genre. When you “come to yourself” your father puts a robe on you. Until then our view of reality is distorted.

God doesn’t stop talking to you just because you’re deceived. He talks to you a way that you can understand. But you cannot tell a child what you’d like to. You must use similes to associate concepts with what they have already experienced. Well, it’s like this.... If you try to explain the thing as it actually is....they won’t get it.
Whenever you tell someone that something is *like* another thing, it is impossible to tell them the *whole* thing. They default to what they think *that* is. What then are you hoping for?

You are hoping that they have a belief approximate enough that when the real thing comes along they are predisposed to believe it. So types and shadows are like that.

Last night we talked about the Lamb. Types and shadows of it. If God hadn’t done this, by allowing them to sacrifice lambs, Jesus’ arrival would have been without precedent. All types and shadows are like this. Because of types and shadows, we know that there are genuine articles.

A shadow is not the thing revealed in the light. It’s not yet the time for the reality to come. The Holy Spirit was saying, that the 1st tabernacle was a copy and a shadow of what is in heaven.

"*who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, “ See,” He says, “that you make all things according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.”*"  
(Hebrews 8:5)

We explored in some detail the reality associated with the resurrection, with the specific purpose of what happens when you migrate to the real, that’s where the similarity ends. When the reality comes it introduces an entirely different economy from what existed before.

Everything for which there is a shadow and type has a reality in heaven. The reality is destined to come in its time. God will never put the shadow in the earth that he won’t follow with the reality. We used the resurrection as an example in this regard.

Yes, there is a flavor but you cannot assume you know what the reality is. We talked about how when Jesus said “*I am the resurrection*”...all of that...that what you’ve experienced was made to predispose you towards Me. I am the compendium of all that’s gone before. Plant an oak tree, and a forest comes forth. Because of the ability of life in a seed to break out of the its outer shell.

Dirt is capable of dissolving that portion of a seed that’s supposed to die. It keeps the life encased. But originally all life came forth by the Holy Spirit. We saw with that the ultimate seed God put into the earth, which was Man. But, He encased that reality in a casing of dust. So that when he brings dust to dust, all that actually occurs to the human being, is that that casing that held him in place because of the fear of death, is removed.

The casing is preoccupied with keeping itself from dying. We don’t act as spirit beings because we are afraid. And men have been held in bondage to death all their lives.

The way you release man is to make him subject to the expiration that is inherent in death. The resurrection is a permanent solution to death. Because we’ve triumphed over it. “O death where is your sting?”
“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” (1ST Corinthians 15:55)

We’ve been resurrected. The great promise is, if the spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then, He who gave life to Him….by His Spirit, puts that Spirit in you, so that He dwells in you…you receive the Spirit of sonship by whom you cry out …father, father…and you become joint heirs with Christ.

“But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.” (Romans 8:11)

“And if children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” (Romans 8:17)

That’s what this mystery is.

Now the Spirit that was in the Man that was released through death and resurrection…was known as “the Christ.” The Christ is the Spirit in which/whom all can be gathered into one spiritual being, known as the Body of Christ. It’s a compendium of spiritual beings within the corporate man: Christ.

1st Corinthians 12:12 shows that we are one spirit baptized into one body, and made to drink of the one Spirit.

“For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ”. (1st Corinthians 12:12)

Ephesians 4:16: Every part of the Body is designed to function and play its part in the edifying and building up of the Body in love.

“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:16)

Till the one new man comes to the fullness of the stature of Christ. A corporate being. Verse 13 inherently refers to a corporate man. The head of this corporeity is the Lord Jesus himself. He’s in heaven. The body is in the earth.

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: (Ephesians 4:13)

Richard’s revelation applies here. Christ is being revealed in us day by day. In fact, before He returns His coming will have been prepared in the earth. The Bride will be the one who invites Him to come. The Spirit will concur with the Bride, that the exact fullness required is
present. The Lord Jesus Himself and all the saints will be with Him. Concerning those in 1st Thessalonians 4 – they are part of what is referred to as Christ. All that He is will come back and that is inclusive of those who have gone to heaven. Our problem is we don’t believe what’s in the Bible. We want the “me and Jesus” relationship to continue.

What Michael was saying was that your relationship begins with you getting related to Christ (that is, the corporate man – all that is Christ – Chapter 4 in Ephesians: this is what you don’t believe –

I don’t know how we’re going to break through the mindset that wars against the spirit of God:

“Brothers, we don’t want you to be ignorant… about those who have fallen asleep, and I don’t mean those nodding out in the services…. …those who have no hope….so we believe that God will bring with Jesus….those who have fallen asleep….with Him…not saying that He’s going to carry them ..carry is when you’re going….bringing is when you’re coming…we who are still alive will not proceed those that the Lord is coming with from heaven…down from heaven…it’s always amazing to me that an entire generation…have wealth and health here…then go there. Just ahead of the trouble. It’s supposed to be great now. Greater then. A Gospel of no suffering. Who ever is selling that will cause my ears to itch. This is what my soul wants to hear. What does it cost? We’re told that that’s the gospel, it costs nothing, but you must buy the tapes. It’s in the shipping. Whenever you pay $6.95 to have it shipped, you’ve paid $5.00 more than it cost.

The message is free. Just pay me to handle you. I’m tempted to go in a different direction. The reality is that this is where we are. The priests are prophesying falsehoods and the priests are teaching falsely and the people love it. The priests can’t maintain this without you loving it so. The moment this changes, the markets shift. What will they do at the end of this? Because there is an end of this.

Jesus is bringing back that part of the body of Christ that is in heaven. – He has part of His family in heaven and another part on the earth);

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name” (Ephesians 3:14-15)

We are the part that’s on the earth. After you’ve fallen asleep, you are subject to being brought back, when the corporate Christ comes again.

The dimension of heaven is far greater.

It changes the entire concept associated it with it.

Every time you’re in type and shadow, you’re in a religious economy. Reality is not expected
of you. When you’re in a religious economy, it’s okay to be religious. That’s where Israel was. Israel had a religious economy with God. Because the law was a shadow of things to come, of the Christ to come. The law was a school master. But we’re no longer there. The problem is that when God reveals the reality, then there’s no room for the symbolic. You must step into it. There’s no grace to remain in the shadow.

When the lamb was slain before time began, when the curtain was rent, you have to migrate. Repentance literally means to reposition your mind set. Doesn’t mean you were wrong. Just the end of one thing and the beginning of another. Now that man is saved and restored, there is a different economy. The order that’s associated with the real.

God has permitted us to live in a religious framework until the reality comes. God was never in the religious framework. He was always in us. People say “I met God in the Baptist church.” Now, there were those who helped. But the institution is like a leach on people when they don’t know any better…that rides upon the host who knows God. Let’s stop crediting institutions. God hates mixtures. He teaches against it. E.g., -- bitter water and sweet…(James 3).

“With it (our mouth) we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;

from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

(James 3:9-10)

Whatever you are part of, you are part of the good and bad of it. Good people are in these things. That’s why the things appear to be good. You take God out of them, and everything left is corrupt. The mistake we’ve been making is that the righteous in these things give credibility to them. Why does God permit his people to be in them? God is leaving the light on. Otherwise those of His in there would never get out.

As you move out of type and shadow, He will disclose who He is. It’s imperative that you see the relativity of this. As long as you are opposed to letting go of the shadow, you will never see who you are to become.

Types and shadows present what the house of God looks like.

God made a promise to Abraham…where He said to him that He would make him a great nation…so that through him and that great nation, He could bring a seed. A corpus Christi. All the spirits of everyone who I’ve received from the earth, whether Jew or gentile, male or female, according to the one promise that I’m making to you God said, If they belonged to Him, then they will be considered part of his nation.

What is contained in the seed? Life. What was contained in Him? In what form was the spirit man released? By resurrection. That is why (1st Cor 15) there is no hope for the reconciliation of man to God apart from resurrection.
“Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.” (1st Corinthians 15:12-17)

It’s why He would say He is the seed…the promise to Abraham would come as a Man and He…would be put to death. Out of death would arise a living spirit who would have the capability of reconciling everyone and everything to Himself. God was in Him doing this. I read that, you know. And Jesus would be the only form by which men would be reconciled to God.

So this foolishness by other religions is really just that. Apart from the resurrection…This is why they are not restrained from believing…no…you have to die and the spirit within you be released from the hold of death and assembled into the spirit of Christ. Apart from this it’s impossible. He’s not the father of your flesh; he’s the father of your spirit. Until you’re reconciled by the spirit, no reconciliation occurs. It is linear thinking and it doesn’t apprehend the truth. Jesus contained the Spirit that was put into the earth in His person; to be released by which all spirits in the earth could be reconciled. This is why he’s like Jacobs ladder.

This is a spiritual reality. With only our spirits assembled into it. Not because you have a genealogy. If you take the promise of the Christ out of the race there is nothing left. We all came out of Adam. We’re all reconciled by the spirit of Christ. Otherwise everything is dust. I see Christians constantly being deceived into believing otherwise that their role is special.

In Exodus 19…God did not owe them a second chance. But he did give it to them. Because He’s merciful. Why would he put this promise through an entire nation?

For the very reason that He allows the lamb to precede the man.

Because there is the necessity of bringing back a culture. One that predisposes itself to God. He speaks to us by types and shadows to bring us back home to him. So when God gave Abraham a race, he allowed it to be set up so that it could be a shadow of a holy race. People want a holy race. But they want to re insert it back into the natural. It’s like taking the greatest thing and reinserting it back into the inferior. God’s going to do all these things because you are going backwards. These are falsehood. They are ruling not by the authority of Scriptures although they quote it, but by there own authority.

Don’t think that God is obligated to honor your sincerity. When you grown up you must give up childish things. Here’s the thing that we know: God created an entire race, to bring the seed into existence naturally. That tells us that God intends to put the fullness of what is in Christ on display through a holy race. Until that happens, the fullness of what was in Christ will not appear. So what we’re talking about here is father greater than fathers and sons. It’s the
display of this holy race. That we would be jointed together in such a way, that the whole body buildings is itself up in ilovellfulness. Stature of Christ. Though each of us will be that part we’ve been called to be.

How are we going to address global issues with what we call the body of Christ today? We can’t. Where would any grace be administrated?

Abrahams’ Race.

Let’s look at Joshua 6, the story about the fall of Jericho. Here we can see arrangement of Abraham’s shadow, and the purpose of understanding how the holy race is foreshadowed. In looking here we can then be able to see the real thing when it comes.

You’ve seen Abrahams’ race, based upon father/son in the flesh….12 sons. And he wouldn’t allow Isaac to leave to go back to his people to get a bride. So to begin a race it takes 12 sons of the same flesh.

To lead to a holy race…Jesus began with 12 spiritual sons…We know that Jacob had these 12 sons.

Joseph was taken to that polytheistic country…made the father of the pharaoh..

Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: (Genesis 45:9)

He said to his brethren, when it’s time to leave here…do not even leave my bones here. Because we’re not from here. Our God is a different God…

And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. (Genesis 50:25)

And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you. (Exodus 13:19)

And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph. (Joshua 24:32)

It takes 3 generations typically to change a culture.

The 12 sons are the formation of new nation.

Jesus skips one generation…goes immediately to 12.
The natural preceding the spiritual.
We’ve seen the 12 called the foundations….This is what types and shadows mean…
Otherwise these are stories we can tell children on Sundays.
A people have come for whom these things are meant.
He means for us to get on the road, leaving behind everything else we’ve been in that’s been religious.
We can’t stay in the darkness.
We can no longer say we didn’t know.

Joshua 6 provides us additional insight into the house of the God of Abraham.

The Israelites walked around Jericho 7 times. Then blew the trumpets of rams horns and shouted, and the walls fell down.
God instructed them to take nothing for themselves nothing out of Jericho.
He wanted them to understand the concept of firstfruits.
God requires the firstfruits that you may never say you live by your own strength.
He requires that people do things to remind them of Him. We have communion and baptism so that we may be sacrificed.
The life we live is not our own.
You tithe not because you are celebrating that you are the possessor of an estate.
You tithe because you are freed from the oppression of money. You don’t live so that you can have it.
It follows you.

We need to be reminded of these things by the firstfruits. The harvest is coming within days of now. You are already in the season of the harvest. When you see apples on the tree, you know there are more apples.

Jericho was supposed to be this for the Israelites, but Ai their next conquest, didn’t fall. 36 died there. So they come back and did some serious caucusing. Was Jericho a fluke? Was the thing we feared, a reality? Early successes followed by adversity.

They had sin in the camp. God allowed them to find this out early.

And to accomplish this they didn’t do “einy meeny miny mo.” They arranged the people by tribes. They determined that the problem was in the tribe of Judah. A tribe is comprised of many clans. And the clan of the Zarhites was chosen...all the rest allowed to return to their tents. Then the households were chosen...first that of Zabdi, then that of that of one named Carmi, (always the Italians)...multiple households...and then the family of Achan. Achan was a relatively young married man.

So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken. And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken: And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.
(Joshua 7:16-18)

What have you done? He confessed to the strangest thing. He had a lust for a garment from
Babylon.

What do we know?

Here was an arrangement of an entire nation in such a way that you can identify one man, because the sin of one man in this season may affect the entire race. No longer are we not our brother’s keeper. Within one generation – in the holy race, the conduct of one man will cause distress to the whole race, because we are members of one nation, and together the body of Christ.

If you don’t understand this then you are not discerning the body. This competition that we have must cease for we have no method by which to arrest it. Except by the establishing of this holy race.

This is a heavenly model. You know what God is doing in the earth?: He’s chasing down sin, and as long as you think that you live or die to yourself, sin has a place in the earth.

What did Adam do when he sinned? He hid.

A mystery is being revealed. Why do you think that God revealed himself in multiple examples of sons/fathers? We are being shown the way that the mind of God, is. Whoever is IN God, is going to be transfromed. Its literally impossible for us to imagine this. God is going to make sure that no one goes unnoticed. Someone’s sin …Haggard…do we have to continue until a male prostitute appears on CNN to reveal this? Are we going to have to continue in this maddening scourge…

When will it stop being applied to our persons?

When every man is accounted for.

In our present system, when 40,000 people appear to watch a man on a Jumbotron, it has nothing to do with God. We’ve come to this. When the early church began with those first guys, there was a man and woman who lied to the Holy Ghost. And in Acts 5 Ananias and Sapphira dropped dead at Peter’s feet.

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles’ feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of them
which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

(Acts 5: 1-11)

I’m satisfied that people in Achan’s family knew what he had done. But they preferred the flesh over the spirit, and men died.

When things reach the next level, we’re going to see a public replay of Acts 5. And Achan. It won’t happen in secret. It’s God’s intention to do this just as we cross over into ______. And fear of God will reappear. It’s the beginning of walking in wisdom.

Why do you need a family? Why does a nation need to be broken down into families? Because it’s where accountability takes place.
Where the growth and maturation occurs. The place from which the mature ones come.
If this never happens, the permanence of weakness and immaturity will continue.

We move from families up to households. An individual belongs to a family.
Moving up we have a household composed of many families.
It can do things that an individual family can’t do.
If you needed a house, the household supplied it.
The household is overseen by a different kind of father.
Families together in this household have a father, who is old enough and mature enough to rule for the benefit of all.
Certain of these are elders in the city who represent all the households within it.
All of the house of God is represented in this way.
They are given to the well being of all those in their city.
So if there are needs within a household, they can appeal to fathers of other households to help.
It might not be another’s day to ask.
And if a father is asking for help for his household, he’s asking from those who understand that this is what fathers do.

They don’t allow things to enter their cities that will affect their families.
Moreover, in a nation there are issues that relate to that nation, different from other nations.
Clans and tribes are concerned with the sphere of nations.
Cities comprise nations.
Fathers of clans and tribes speak to national interests.
There may be many clans within a nation, but together the fathers of what is happening in a nation are in touch with clans in each city. The ones who are fathers of tribes are fathers within nations.
When these fathers begin to work together they will influence entire cities and nations.

But if we don’t get it right in our families and households, we have no hope of affecting things higher.
We have to be connected top to bottom. Nothing in the earth looks like the kingdom of God.
The father of a tribe is a true patriarch. There are levels of these. It is unmistakable that Paul is an apostle to the gentiles. Timothy is a patriarch to the Macedonians. If there is a famine in Jerusalem, even though they nearly killed him there, he had no work there…it’s the same Paul, nevertheless who gives orders to Galatia, Corinth, and Macedonia to help an entire city where he’s never been received. Why?

Because he loves Peter!!!!!

But there’s still just one body.

**It takes a holy nation to put the Christ on display in all his glory.** A government of a nation laid out in a Godly way, is entirely represented by fathers. If you see that kind of Government, you will see the love of the father. Every son is valuable to God. This is the way we will rule, and the time will come when our way of doing things will not be overshadowed by Oprah, Warren, Bill. We won’t be embarrassed by the sized checks they are able to write.

The type and shadow of all of this was Abraham’s house.