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Topics addressed: What is a Summit?

What are the objectives of this summit?

Who are we targeting as participants?

God has brought us here at this time to meet as a planning team for the GAPNET Summit. It will be the GAPNET SUMMIT for Ghana with a few people attending from other nations just to observe what is happening and it will have two purposes to accomplish. Apart from it just being a Summit it will also be a place for us to learn to organize a full scale Summit for West Africa. The Summit for West Africa will be by request because that is what was settled after 2009 that we are leaving Africa and going to other continents and for Africa it will be by request. Up until the end of 2008 God had said that we were to stay in Africa. So we did that for all the regions.

What is going to happen is that having received a request for Ghana, initially I thought it was for West Africa and I thought we would not have enough time to plan something for West Africa but now that it is Ghana mainly then there might be a few invitees from other nations then we can do it as practice ground at the same time it is going to be something that will have impact as God enables us.

It is a GAPNET Summit. Why not a GAPNET Congress? What is the difference between them? First of all GAPNET is GLOBAL APOLSTOLIC AND PROPHETIC NETWORK and why Summit not a Congress? Because a Congress is where everybody goes that is a representative of a constituency or a few representatives from various constituencies. When it comes to a Summit, apart from the summit of a mountain that you know is the highest part of a mountain, it is the heads of governments that go for summits. It came from that image of the highest part of a mountain.

You usually have presidential summits, a few ministerial summits. Usually it not all ministers. It might be ministers of finance or some key ministers, foreign affairs and things like that. If it is a security based kind of summit then usually they will look for ministers of security or interior. Why am I going all the way to do basic definitions before we come to the aspect of how does it apply to us? Because it will help. When you have summits usually the most common summits are the ones that are presidential or ambassadorial. If it has to do with heads of government then it must be something that involves a matter of vital importance that you want to ensure that the people who are discussing it know what they are talking about. Even among presidents it is not all the presidents that finally sit down to plan summits. You might delegate people to handle things but you have to conceptualize what it is about.

At a summit we discuss business we do not do just any kind of discussion. We discuss the way forward types of things where we actually say "Where do we go from here?". You review what has happened in the region or the constituency under discussion. What are the things that we see that are right? What are the things that are wrong? What are the things that need to be put in place? That is why during GAPNET Summits we usually first of all, make sure people understand the gates of society.

What is the Biblical basis for summits? Let us begin by looking at Revelation 5:10. Revelation 5:10 talks of the fact that He has made us already made us Kings and Priests unto our God and we shall reign on the earth. So to be a king on the earth there is no king without a kingdom. So if you are the head of some kingdom you are qualified to come as a representative to the summit to discuss what should happen to the kingdom. It is not everybody that will be invited. Also look at 1 Peter 2:9 – You are a chosen generation a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people called out of darkness into his marvelous light. Also Revelation 1:5 & 6 – we are a kingdom of priests. We know that the aim is that the kingdoms of this world might become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ and He shall reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 11:15).

Let us go back to Exodus 18:20-22 you will see that certain things were put in place concerning the kinds of people who should be running the show. They had to be heads of certain groups but amongst those there are now 72 elders. When God wanted to have a summit with them for the next step where Moses would have people sharing things with him it was only they that were allowed to come. When they were approaching the summit of the mountain only two people finally got there. The summit of the summits, only one person was there. When he got there the summit did not start until he had prepared himself for six days. It is important that we understand that as we are talking of both Exodus 24 and Exodus 33.

It had sounded to some people here that I was trying to be difficult when I said that I did not think that we were ready. Are we prepared? Have we put things in place enough yet to have the summit? If we are going to do it properly to become a pattern, a model for others, we must prepare well. Even after God had called Moses, he had to go for six days of no talk before you now get to the actual summit. Then the summit lasted forty days and forty nights and because it is so serious you do not even have a break to eat. Not even to drink water. Then really we have tried to have mock summits. At the end of the day the actual summit is supposed to be a very serious thing. However, because God sees our frailties and infirmities He has given us the Holy Spirit who helps our infirmities. So He can now intercede for us according to the will of God. He says Sir forgive them for they know not what they are doing. If we want to get serious then for the summit it has to be that serious. With Moses God actually laid it out. This is how I want things to be run. This is what I want done. He stated that anybody who was going to do this task must be like this. This is what we try to look at when we come to the eight gates of society. This is not

a conference. This is not a congress. It is a summit. To Moses He gave specific instructions including hygienic laws, industrial laws, economic laws, social laws, political laws and the ten commandments. The ten commandments are the basis for national laws up until today.

If we are to put down patterns for the world to copy and they will be the best for it then we have to be very serious. It is our Father's estate and He has the way that He wants things to be run. When He decided to put the world in place He said let us make man in our image, in our likeness and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every living thing that moves upon the face of the earth. (Genesis 1:26) In that case, it means that when He sent the last Adam, He was sending the last Adam to show not only man, but the rest of creation also, how He meant things to be run here on earth. So if we are created in the image of the last Adam then the original purpose of our being saved is not to go to heaven. Unfortunately 75 – 90 percent of the ecclesia of God has reduced itself to getting saved and getting ready to go to heaven. If you really are serious about getting to heaven then after you get saved we should just pray for you to go. Why are you here? Why are you still around? He stated it in Revelation 11:15 it is now the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ. So how do you now disciple nations to become the kingdom of God? That is the purpose. Unfortunately, we are stuck in our little buildings. We are supposed to be training people that will disciple the nations. Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. No we want to possess a wonderful car or building. We have not done a good job. The people who have never seen the doorway of a church building seem to do a better job of making money.

What is a GAPNET Summit supposed to be like?

If we understand summit to be a serious thing where God is giving you directions as to how things should be run – This is my estate. This is the way I want it to be run. This is the way I want it to be structured. This is the way I want it ordered. Then we have to make sure that we are doing it that way. Any other way, forget it. Then it would not be His summit – it would be our own summit. We would be doing our own thing.

A GAPNET Summit is a summit of people who have an understanding of both the apostolic and prophetic. Apostolic in terms of laying new foundations, laying down the patterns that are supposed to be followed. Prophetic being directional, pointing the way. To say this is the way we are going. This is the way the world ought to have gone. The kingdom of God is something that God has been establishing right from the foundation of the world. The kingdom of God has been preached since Jesus came. John the Baptist came saying “the kingdom is at hand”, meaning he was not introducing it for the first time. He was saying the kingdom we have been talking about is finally here. We are therefore saying – Apostolic - to lay the kinds of foundations that God has always wanted. Prophetic – to interpret the will of God because prophetic is not only in terms of pointing direction because you might have

a prophecy in terms of predictive prophecy. There is prophecy that has to do with forth telling. There is prophecy that has to do with interpreting what God has already spoken because you know the heart beat. That is what prophets did even in the initial expression of the covenant before the renewed covenant that we call new testament.

We saw Moses as the one who set patterns for nations. This is how you build a nation from scratch. This came from a summit. When it came to David it was a similar situation. With Moses it was this was how you build a nation from scratch, this is how you are supposed to lead people, this is how things are supposed to be done. He literally set patterns for many nations up until today. He set agricultural practices. Everything was set the way God meant it to be. When we now come to the GAPNET Summit we are saying it is a summit that has to do with the society. Apostles, prophets, evangelists and teaching shepherds since they are supposed to be the ones to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry meaning the saints are the ministers – these ones are the coaches for the ministers to become true ministers to disciple nations. Therefore, anywhere they meet, like we are meeting now, is only a coaching session. It is only the dressing room kind of setting. At best practice pitch. The actual game takes place out there on the pitch. If the coach tries to play on the pitch he will be given a red card. Unfortunately, who are the ones that are doing the playing? The coaches are playing and the players are clapping for them because the players have become spectators. It means both the coaches and the players are a bit mad. If you are sane you cannot be clapping for a coach when you are a player. The main purpose of the coach is to see if there are areas that need correction, advise, rebuke. That is why the Word of God is given for doctrine, for rebuke, for advise, for training in righteousness. Coaches, what are we doing? Entertainment. At GAPNET Summit that is not the purpose at all. It is to stir you to begin to think something is wrong. We have to get back to the original. What are the original patterns? So if you are going to plan something you must know what you are planning. This way you will not go ahead and do just another conference. Let us have a wonderful meeting. Let us make sure we have the greatest number of people. No you choose only the people that are qualified for a summit.

Only the 72 elders were chosen to go for the summit. After a certain level only 3 went. After a certain level only Moses went. It was only after six days of quiet. When Moses had gone through the process of preparing his heart, that the summit began on the 7th day. The summit lasted 40 days because it was a serious thing it was the setting of the pattern for the rest of time.

This is Ghana. This is where GAPNET is headquartered. We cannot just do any thing.

We must make sure we do it right. We must do our homework well. We are going to lay the pattern for many generations that will come here after. We are going to lay them for society, because it is the society that we are going to disciple. To disciple a society, a nation, we need to look at the structure of the society. We want to look at the eight gates of a society. Some people say 12 gates, others say 7 mountains, some say 7 domains, some say 7 spheres of influence. These are from 4 different

backgrounds. I use the gates because of what I believe I heard from God. God said "On this rock I will build my ecclesia and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it". The word church is not in the original Bible. It is the word ecclesia that means assembly. It is the legislature. It is the expression of God on earth that actually sets patterns. I use the example of 1974 – the 4th of August when there was a legislation here in Ghana that from now on you will no longer drive on the left side of the road, you will drive on the right side of the road. Since that time the pattern has been set whether you like it or not you have to follow it. That is the purpose. That one the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. But as long as it is a church not ecclesia, the gates of hell will continue to prevail against it. We must therefore realize that the issue is with the gates.

I could take you to Joshua 20 and Deuteronomy 21. Elders were supposed to be at the gates. Elders were supposed to go and meet someone who had killed a person at the gate. They would interview him and investigate the situation and they would make the avenger of blood hold at the gate. If they realize that it was not something that was intentionally done then the person would be allowed to stay in that city of refuge until the year that the high priest died. Deuteronomy 21 deals with a situation where there is a dead body and the elders need to take responsibility.

How seriously you take God will determine how seriously He takes you. If you honor Him then He will honor you. Since elders are supposed to possess the gates that is why we now say let us look at the gates of the society. We could have looked at pillars of the society. If we are looking a pillars then there should be seven. We should turn back the battle at the Gates according to Isaiah 28:5 & 6. He will be a source of strength to those who turn back the battle at the gates. Then, why eight gates of the society? I believe so that we will be able to have a new beginning.

What are the 8 gates?

The first gate is the family because that is how you get unto the face of this earth. That is the bedrock of the society. If you miss it at the family level then you have missed it. Show me one person that did not come from a family. There is none. Even Jesus came through a family. If you get it right at the family level you will get it right. God started his fellowship with the family of Adam and Eve in a garden. Now people boast in terms of buildings rather than the lives they have built.

We therefore will look at what are God's patterns of the family. During the summit we look at constitutions, bylaws, articles of association etc. We will need to look at all the things that God has said over the years to his people. It was through summits that things were agreed on. There was one summit in Acts 15. Right here on the continent of Africa there was a summit that lead to you having any Bible you have whether you have electronic or print. The cannon of Scriptures was decided at a summit in Carthage in Tunisia. It was on this continent that we finalized what would be the cannon of Scriptures. If we are talking summit we must make sure that we know that we are laying some foundations that will have consequences for ages.

The next gate is the gate that has to do with belief systems. Belief system is different from what people have been calling church. Belief system has to do with mindsets, paradigms, worldviews and dispositions. Unfortunately many of us have not had much work in this area. That is why two of us can sit and look at the same thing and the way we now respond is completely different. We are both saved. We have given our lives to Christ but our mindsets are different. If we don't handle our minds then we will have challenges. Most of us do not give much time to the mind. The closest we get to is renewing our minds by the word of God by reading the Scriptures, studying the Scriptures, memorizing the Scriptures. These three are usually the ones we will do. Renewing your mind actually has to do with renovating your mind. Go and check the origin of that word. Renovating, where you change the entire look. That is why you go from a caterpillar to a butterfly. What kind of mindset do you use to approach all the things that we are talking about? Even this whole thing about the way ecclesia is run. Is it not because we came from a religious system of Constantinople? Constantine came up with the church to control people. This was the Catholic system where the emperor became the Pope. From there everything has to revolve around the leader. Because we came from that kind of background with mindsets even with those of you that talk and preach kingdom, your mind is still Pastor. You believe that everything should revolve around the Pastor. When the Word of God says "that they might be with Him, that He might send them out." How many times did you see Jesus praying for any of his disciples to be healed? Here we are completely doing the thing off tangent of what Jesus came to set up and we are happy doing it. For the last four months I have been asking God "How did we get here?"

In February we looked at the case of the 17 year old Chinese girl who had established a large group of believers in a short time. When she was asked about her church planting movement she stated that all that happened was that she told her best friend about how she fell in love with her lover who is Jesus. Her best friend told a friend and it continued like that. We were meeting to share what Jesus told you. From what He has told me I can share. We started meeting like that. When the houses we were meeting in were too small then the ones who were there long enough were sent to another person's house to start meeting. That was how the whole thing worked. For them it had nothing to do with church planting movement.

I did not say we should not teach doctrine. We should teach doctrine but what is the purpose? Is it trying to help people to get to love their lover better? Or, are we trying to build our own empires? Let us be very sincere. So belief systems have to do more with paradigms, mindsets, dispositions, worldviews – the way you see things. It must be from God's perspective as against your perspective.

Third gate has to do with government, governance and leadership. Is there a place where we have gone off tangent more than that place? Even the common definition for politics is completely off base. We see politicasting and politricking and politrickstoring. We have to go back and see what was the pattern that God gave to us. There are patterns all over. We quote a Scripture that is for government as a

Christmas verse. Isaiah 9:6 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder...”and once he starts ruling his name shall be called Wonderful. How many governments are truly wonderful? Even in America? They are not wonderful because they are carrying out the Babylonian system. Wonderful means something that is a miracle. Something to marvel at. Something that is full of wonder. Building roads is part of it. But it is like someone saying “Vote us as the best restaurant of the year because we serve food”. “Vote for us because we make roads.” What is the government supposed to do?

Fourth gate – The Economy

Fifth gate – The Education System

Sixth gate – Science and Technology

Seventh gate – The Media

Eighth gate – Arts, Sports and Culture