

# Getting Fit For The Finale

## The Translation Generation ~Part Four

**Thesis:** The “Translation Generation” will be a people of spiritual fitness, who illuminate the whole world with the glory of God’s true character. With the assurance that our salvation is wholly by grace, through faith in Christ alone, we are freed up from all self-centric considerations and motives and empowered to live for the glory and vindication of God’s character, under no anxiety regarding our personal salvation. The higher is our consciousness of God’s love, the less concerned we are for ourselves and the more concerned we are for God’s honor and innocence in the eyes of the on looking world. His exoneration becomes our number one motive and goal rather than our own salvation. We are eager to become all that God made us for.

### The Fit Man

**Leviticus 16:21, KJV**—Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness.

**Hebrews 2:10, NLT**—It was only right that God—who made everything and for whom everything was made—should bring his many children into glory. Through the suffering of Jesus, God made him a perfect leader, one fit to bring them into their salvation.

**Luke 11:21-23**— 21When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. 22But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. 23He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

**Colossians 2:15, NIV**—Having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

**Genesis 3:15, NIV**—I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

**Romans 16:19-20, NIV**—19I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. 20The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

### **Satan Chained**

**Revelation 20:1-3**—1I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more.

### **The Sanctuary Cleansed**

**Daniel 8:11-14**—11He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host... His sanctuary was cast down. 12Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to...cast truth down to the ground... 13Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, “How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot?” 14And he said to me, “For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”

### **The Mystery Accomplished**

**Revelation 10:7, NIV**—In the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

**1 Timothy 3:16**—Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

**Colossians 1:27, NIV**—...the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

### **Other Metaphors**

**Ephesians 4:13**—...the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

**Revelation 7:3**—...sealed...in their foreheads.

**Revelation 14:1**—...His Father’s name written in their foreheads.

**Revelation 19:7**—Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

**Proverbs 4:18**—The path of the just *is* like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

**NOTE:** See Isaiah 14:12-20 on how Satan’s captivity is achieved.

**NOTE:** The proclamation that the sanctuary will be cleansed is the answer to the question concerning how long the character of God will be defamed by the Little Horn; therefore the cleansing of the sanctuary must entail the vindication of God’s character against the claims about God advanced by the Little Horn.

**NOTE:** *Justified in the Spirit* is translated in other versions, “shown to be right” (TEV); “proved right in spirit” (NCV); “vindicated in the Spirit” (NASB); “was proved spotless and pure in His Spirit” (LB). The idea is that God’s character was exonerated in Christ. His coming down in self-sacrificing love resulted in Him being lifted up in glorious vindication.

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**Philippians 1:6, NIV**—...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

### **The Masterpiece**

**Ephesians 2:8-10**—8For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, 9not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**Ezekiel 36:23**—And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I *am* the LORD,” says the Lord GOD, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.

### **Getting Fit**

**Hebrews 12:1-3, NLT**—1Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. 2We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterward. Now he is seated in the place of highest honor beside God’s throne in heaven. 3Think about all he endured when sinful people did such terrible things to him, so that you don’t become weary and give up.

**1 Timothy 4:7-10, Phi.**— 7Take time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit. 8Bodily fitness has a limited value, but spiritual fitness is of unlimited value, for it holds promise both for this present life and for the life to come. 9There is no doubt about this at all; it is a truth that you can accept completely. 10It is because we realize the paramount importance of the spiritual that we labor and struggle.

**1 Corinthians 9:24-26, NIV**—24Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last for ever. 26Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air.

**Luke 2:52, ASV**—Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

**Luke 2:52, Phi.**—Jesus continued to grow in body and mind, he grew also in the love of God and of those who knew him.

### **The 90 Challenge for Habit Formation**

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### **Intellectual Advancement**

**Proverbs 19:8, 27, GN**—Do yourself a favor and learn all you can...and you will prosper.

**Proverbs 19:27, NCV**—If you stop learning, you will forget what you already know.

**2 Timothy 2:15, KJV**—Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

### **Physical Advancement**

**Psalms 119:73, LB**—You made my body, Lord; now give me sense to follow your laws.

**1 Corinthians 10:31**—Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

**1 Corinthians 6:20, NLT**—<sup>19</sup>Or don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, <sup>20</sup>for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

### **Spiritual Advancement**

**2 Peter 1:3-8, NIV**—<sup>3</sup>His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup>Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup>and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. <sup>8</sup>For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Relational Advancement**

**1 Corinthians 13:5, LB**—Love does not demand its own way.

**Proverbs 12:25, NLT**—Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.

**Ephesians 5:25**—Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.

Intellectual Fitness Goal:

Physical Fitness Goal:

Spiritual Fitness Goal:

Relational Fitness Goal:

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**Ephesians 6:4, LB**—Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up in loving discipline.

**Romans 12:13, NLT**—Get into the habit of inviting people home for dinner.

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