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FORGE AND SET

The Strength and the Mind of God in the Man

The Original Intent of God Recovered in the Finished Work of Christ

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Truth Before Tenderness

This book is about the original intent of God in the forming of man — the shape, the weight, the purpose, the ethos of the man as God set him in the beginning. That intent has not been cancelled by the fall. It has not been revised by the centuries. It has not been negotiated by the culture. It still stands. And in the finished work of Christ — the second Adam, the perfect Form — that intent has been recovered and made accessible again to every son of God who will come.

This is the floor of everything that follows: **the order God set is good, the order God set is whole, and the order God set is still the standard.**

We will hold that standard plainly. We will not lower it to accommodate our experience, because a standard bent to fit our shortcomings eventually loses the shape it was meant to call us back to. The standard remains. The standard is Christ.

But the standard is not a hammer: **grace is the way home to the standard, not the renegotiation of it.** The blood of Christ purchased our return to it. For the man who has been divorced, for the man who has been betrayed, for the leader who has fallen short — the door is open. The grace of God has never erased a calling because of a fracture. David remained king. Peter remained an apostle. Hosea remained a prophet.

So the sequence is this: **the original truth, preached without apology; repentance, walked without shame; grace, received without bargaining; restoration, accepted without flinching.**

This is a call to the warrior sons of God to rise. The forge is the same forge. The fire is the same fire. The Maker is the same Maker. And the order He set in the beginning is the order He is restoring in the earth through His sons.

So we begin where God begins — at the forming.

FORMED

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." — Genesis 2:7

Before God spoke man, God *formed* man.

The Hebrew word is *yatsar*. It is the word used of a potter at his wheel — hands in the clay, attention fixed, intent deliberate, the shape rising under the pressure of a craftsman who already sees the finished vessel before the spinning begins.

Man is not self-made. Man is *formed*. The Potter chose the clay; the clay did not choose itself. Adam woke into a shape and a purpose already determined for him by the One whose breath was still warm in his lungs.

If man is formed, then man is *accountable to the Form*. The vessel does not say to the potter, "Why hast thou made me thus?" (Romans 9:20). The vessel receives its dignity in the forming.

The world teaches that dignity comes from self-authorship. The Scripture teaches the opposite: dignity comes from being *known* by the One who formed you, and from walking in agreement with the form He gave.

The Form Was Christ Before It Was Adam

Here is the deeper word: *the form God had in mind when He shaped Adam was already the form of Christ.*

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren" (Romans 8:29). The pattern was Christ first — and Adam was shaped as the earthly anticipation of Him.

This is why the fall did not destroy the design. The design was resting on Christ — "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8).

So when we speak of the man who is *forged and set* — we are describing **the form of Christ being reproduced in the sons of God in the earth**. The man who comes through the fire is not a strange

exception — he is the original man, returning.

FIRED

"He is like a refiner's fire... And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." — Malachi 3:2–3

The vessel that is only shaped is not yet finished.

Every potter knows this. The wet clay can take the form, but the form will not hold. The vessel must go into the kiln.

The fire is not the interruption of your forming; the fire IS your forming.

We have inherited a doctrine that treats suffering as the *deviation* from the calling. The Scripture teaches the opposite: the fire is the means by which the form God placed in you becomes the form you can carry into the work He prepared.

The Refiner Sits

Malachi says God will *sit* as a refiner. He pulls up a chair. He stays beside it. The fire is not abandonment. The fire is the most concentrated form of His attention.

"When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). The trying produces the gold.

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7). The trial is *precious*.

Christ Himself Was Perfected Through Suffering

"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation" (Hebrews 5:8–9).

Christ was perfected through suffering — not morally, but *as the captain* of the sons He was bringing into glory. If the Son was forged in fire, the sons should not be surprised when fire comes.

Two Fires, Not One

Not every fire is the refiner's fire. The forging fire is the fire of *sons*. A man can be burned by suffering and emerge bitter. The difference is the *yielding*. Trauma surrendered to the Maker becomes forging. Trauma resisted becomes bitterness.

The Fire Is the Mercy

The fire is the mercy. It is mercy that God did not leave you unfired. The man who runs from the fire runs from the form. The man who endures the fire receives the form. And the Refiner is sitting.

The fire is not against you.

The fire is for you.

FED

"Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live." — Deuteronomy 8:3

The forge has a hidden mercy that must be uncovered.

God does not send His sons into the fire empty-handed. He feeds them every morning, in the very middle of the burning.

The Bread Falls Daily

When Israel came out of Egypt, the Lord gave them bread for one day. Each morning the manna fell. The relationship with the Provider was to be a *daily* one.

"Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). The forged son is the man who learned to gather it every morning.

The Bread Is the Word

"Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD" (Deuteronomy 8:3). **The bread of God is the word of God.**

Jeremiah said, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart" (Jeremiah 15:16). The forged son lives on what he eats today.

The Mystery of the Inner Building

While the fire is shaping the outer man, the bread is shaping the inner man. "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you" (Ezekiel 36:26).

This is why a man can be in the fire and not be consumed. The substance of God is being deposited daily. The law of God does not crack.

The Bread Inside the Fire

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the furnace, a fourth Man walked with them in the flames (Daniel 3:25). They survived by the Presence inside it. The bread was *Him*.

There is no fire so hot that the bread does not still fall in it.

The Forge Has a Rhythm

The forging is not an event. The forging is a rhythm. Bread by bread. Word by word. Fire by fire. Day by day.

SET

"For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land..." — Jeremiah 1:18

The vessel that has come through the fire is *set*.

There is a moment when the clay crosses a threshold. The temperature reaches the point at which the silica fuses, the shape becomes a structure. Before that moment, the vessel could be reshaped with a thumb. After that moment, it cannot.

God said to Jeremiah: "I have *made* thee" — *I have set you*. An iron pillar. Brasen walls. A defenced city.

The Set Face

"For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed" (Isaiah 50:7).

A flint is set rock. The man whose face is set like a flint is a man whose form has gone past the point where his enemies' pressure can reshape him. He is not unmoved because he is unfeeling. He is unmoved because he is *set*.

Set Form, Not Hard Heart

Set form is not the same as a hard heart. The hard heart refuses feeling. The set form is fully feeling, fully open — and immovable on the things God has fixed.

Christ wept at the tomb of Lazarus and went immediately and called the dead man out. That is set form.

What the Set Man Carries

When the man is set, he can carry weight he could not carry before — the secrets of others, the burdens of the household, the silence of God in a dark season, the praise of men without inflating, the rejection of men without collapsing.

*The set man is the form of Christ becoming visible in the earth.
He was set by a fire he did not run from.*

STATIONED

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." — 1 Corinthians 16:13

The set man is now ready to be *stationed*.

The forming was for a purpose. The fire was for a destination. And the destination has a name: **the post**.

The post is the place where the man stands and holds. For some it is the marriage. For some it is the lineage. For some it is the city, the ministry, the calling.

Witness One — The Kinsman: The Brother's Keeper

"If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her... that his name be not put out of Israel."
(Deuteronomy 25:5–6)

The first witness is the man who returns from battle to take up the household of the fallen brother. He returned as a kinsman taking up a mantle. This is the spirit of Boaz toward Ruth.

The genealogy of Christ runs straight through this principle. Boaz the kinsman, Obed, Jesse, David, and at length the Christ.

Witness Two — The Husband: The Faithful Covenant Keeper

The second witness is the man whose wife has betrayed him, and who does not break.

Hosea was *commanded* to take Gomer back. **Every faithful husband in a wounded marriage is a living parable of Christ and the unfaithful bride.**

This witness does not condemn the man whose marriage ended in spite of his standing. The grace of God covers that man.

The Common Principle

The stationed man absorbs dysfunction without propagating it. Both men become the place where the chain of dysfunction is broken — because a son stood at the post and did not move.

SURRENDERED

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus... he made himself of no reputation... and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." — Philippians 2:5–8

Now the deeper word must be set, because everything we have built so far can be counterfeited by the flesh.

The thing that separates the true forged son from the counterfeit is one word: **surrender**.

Heroism Has an Audience; Surrender Has a Father

Heroism is for an audience. Surrender has only a Father. The surrendered man holds the post because he has come into agreement with the One who set the post.

The same fire that produces silver in the surrendered soul produces only slag in the soul that resists.

Christ in the Garden

"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). He was honest about the cost. And then, having asked, He yielded. *Nevertheless*.

The forged son says *nevertheless*. He brings the honest weight of his cup to the Father — and then yields.

The Cross Is Inside the Forge

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20). The forged son is a son in whom the *I* has been put to death and the *Christ* is alive.

The man becomes most fully himself when he has surrendered his self.

The Test of the Surrender

By what happens in the dark. The surrendered man holds in the dark the same way he holds in the light, because the One he is yielded to is the same in both.

*The warrior son holds the post by opening his hands.
The Father is holding the post through him.*

SPENT

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." — 2 Timothy 4:6–7

The final word of the forge is the word the world will never understand.

A vessel that has been formed, fired, set, stationed, and surrendered is not made to be admired. A vessel is made to be *poured*.

The forge teaches that the fullness of the form is the *emptying* of the vessel.

Poured Out as a Drink Offering

Paul wrote: "I am now ready to be offered." The Greek word *spendomai* is the language of a drink offering — wine poured out upon an altar until the cup is empty.

"Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all" (Philippians 2:17). The man who has been forged is *joyful* at the pouring.

The Corn of Wheat

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24). The seed that hoards its life dies alone. The seed that gives its life multiplies into a harvest.

The Spent Man and the Household

The kinsman is spent for the brother's name to live on. The husband is spent for the covenant to remain unbroken. The whole sequence converges here — in the poured-out son.

Christ the First Spent Son

He was formed, fired, set, stationed, surrendered, and spent. The forged son walks the path the Captain walked first.

The Closing Charge

Warrior son of God — you were formed, fired, set, stationed, called to surrender, and asked to be *spent* — poured out for the order of God in the earth.

*This is the original intent of God in the forming of man,
recovered in the finished work of Christ.*

Rise.

BEHOLD THE SERVANT

A Closing Meditation on Isaiah 53 and the Forged Son

Before any son of God was ever forged, the Son of God was forged first.

Isaiah saw Him seven hundred years in advance. Everything in this book stands or falls with the recognition that the form we are being conformed to is the form Isaiah saw.

The Form the World Did Not Recognize

"He hath no form nor comeliness... He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief..." — Isaiah 53:2–3

You will not be recognized. The form God has set in you is for an audience higher than the world's eyes.

He Absorbed What Was Not His

"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities" — Isaiah 53:4–5

Christ became the place where the chain of human dysfunction broke. Every warrior son who absorbs offense without returning it walks in the form of the Servant.

He Saw the Travail of His Soul and Was Satisfied

"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied..." — Isaiah 53:11

The forging of the Son produced the forming of the sons.

The Servant sees them and is satisfied.

So rise, son of God. Rise — and bear the form.

A Decree of Commissioning

For the Warrior Sons of God

By the authority of the finished work of Jesus Christ, by the breath of the Spirit who hovered over the deep and now hovers over you, by the eternal counsel of the Father who formed you before the foundation of the world — I release this word over every warrior son of God who reads these pages.



You are formed.

You did not assemble yourself. The Potter chose the clay. Your identity is not your project — it is your inheritance.

You are fired.

The heat you walked through was not the absence of God. It was the most concentrated form of His attention. Yield in it.

You are set.

The form in you is no longer negotiable. Your face is flint. You weep without breaking. You hold without hardening.

You are stationed.

The Spirit has placed you at a post prepared from before time. Stand. Quit you like men. Be strong. Do not move when others move.

You are surrendered.

You say nevertheless not my will but thine — and the Father holds the post through you.

You are spent.

Your life is not for yourself. You are the corn of wheat that falls into the ground and multiplies.



The chains of dysfunction passed down through your fathers — broken at your post.

The wounds your wife or your enemies inflicted — absorbed and not propagated.

The mantle your fallen brothers laid down — picked up and carried forward.

The order God set in the beginning — being restored in the earth through you.



The form of Christ is in you.

The order of the Father is upon you.

The Spirit of the Son is breathing through you.

**Rise — and let the household, the lineage, the city, and the generation see what a
forged man looks like in the earth.**

Amen. So be it. It is done.



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