

Preparing the Overcomers: The Measure You Hear – The Measure You Receive

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Matthew 10:7 The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Every meeting the Lord has come to meet with us, wanting to prepare you for your Wedding Day – today is no exception!

Last Month: We looked at the parable of the seeds in Luke 8, and the different soils they fall upon. How God wants His family back, restored back to intimate fellowship. For that to take place our minds have to be renewed to uproot the bad seeds sown into us. We focused on stage 2 of our salvation: The purification stage – how God exposes the weeds through our trials. We looked intimately at the battle all believers face - how our spirit and flesh war with one another, and what it means to have our minds constantly renewed, the inter-relations between our spirit, mind and body and how to overcome this battle. That unless our minds our being renewed daily, we will never know the will of God for our life (Rom 12:1-3). We will have very little lasting transformation in our lives. **A key to this process is to embrace truth and the power of the cross.** That unless we are like a grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies, we will never produce good fruit, instead we will be an enemy against God. Understanding the conflict within and how to overcome is vital if we are to grow and mature - if we are to be the Bride/Overcomer who is prepared for our Wedding Day. **Audio on website/YouTube channel.**

Today, I want to share just how important it is we embrace truth. Often hear me say, we need to love it more than life!

TODAY'S MESSAGE: The Measure You Hear – The Measure You Receive

READ: Mark 4:20-25

1 Peter 1:22 By your **obedience to the Truth** through the [Holy] Spirit **you have purified your souls** for the sincere affection of the brethren...love one another from a pure heart. **Can see obeying truth is what enables us to love purely.**

John 14:23-24 Jesus answered, **If a person loves Me, he will keep My word** and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make Our abode** with him. Anyone who **does not love Me does not obey** My teaching...

Our disobedience and/or rejection of Truth cause a blindness to come over us. Making it even harder for us to hear/receive Truth. If we continue down that road, what little Truth we did have will be taken away from us. **SERIOUS!**

We're in the last days: Share MOB/Pastor. Wisconsin Co chips. Beware the Lord will not repent of His Word (Rev. 14:10-11).

Mark 4:25 For to him who has will more be given; and from him who has nothing, **even what he has will be taken away.**

Verse 24: And He said to them, **Be careful** what you are **hearing**. The measure you give [hear/obey truth] will be the measure [knowledge] that comes back to **you and more will be given to you who hear.**

This is a spiritual law: WHY the Lord Yeshua warns us in verse 24 **"be careful what you are hearing"** which means what we are obeying, as to hear means both (James 1:22-25). **100/60/30 times who hear/obey truth = bear much fruit.**

Our disobedience to the Word = Rejecting Truth – rejecting Yeshua.

Rejecting Truth = Spiritual blindness, less revelation of the Lord Yeshua.

Spiritual Blindness = Hard heart, we become prideful and un-teachable, and worthless to His kingdom (Jer. 2:5, Is. 59:4).

To the degree we receive Truth is to the degree the Lord can reveal Himself to us (John 14:21).

The more He reveals Himself and we obey what He shows us by surrendering our will for is to the degree our hearts will be purified, our souls saved and transformed, because when we see Yeshua, we will become like Him (1 John 3:2-3).

His eternal purpose is that we can be One with Him, union/bride [sanctification/consecration]. **But it is not automatic!**

John 17:17 Sanctify them [purify] **by the Truth**; Your Word is Truth. **Truth is what purifies us – it's what sets us free!**

John 17:21 That **they all may be one**, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so **that the world may believe that You have sent Me.**

What is God's purpose for us to be One? Verse 21 so the world may believe in the Lord Yeshua [a Bride w/out spot].

This is God's chosen way to reveal Himself to a lost dying world – co-partnering through us! The lost MUST see Yeshua in us. The Lord is coming in us, before He will come for us! We see an example of this in Acts with His disciples.

Acts 4:13 Now when **they saw the boldness of Peter and John**, and perceived *that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled.* And **they realized that they had been with Yeshua.**

How did they know they had been with Yeshua? Was it their walk or how they talked? Not necessarily. **They sensed the glory and anointing** that was on Jesus, was upon them. This was a taste of the powers of the age to come (Heb. 6:5).

What does this mean? Refers to a maturing into full Sonship, the Bride of Messiah (Ephesians 4:13). That we have been

so transformed by the sanctification process (trials/surrendering) that when we walk into a room – people will sense the fear of the Lord upon us. Those in sin, whether a Christian or not, will feel convicted and their need for a Savior. Often some will become angry and rise up against those who have the fear of the Lord and live in righteousness.

We see this in **Mark 9:20, when the spirit saw Him**, it convulsed and fell down.

Why does Yeshua forewarn us in Mark 4:24: BE CAREFUL TO WHAT YOU HEAR!

2 Thessalonians 2:10 ...because **they did not receive the love of the truth**, that they might be saved.

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 for this reason **God will send them strong delusion**, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth...

The Lord's saying, if you don't want truth I'll let you have what you want, a lie, and hands us over to the **idols of our hearts (Ezekiel 14)**. God allows because of our choices - desires, we can't blame Satan. **We decide to serve good or evil.**

2 Timothy 2:11-12 **If we died with Him**, We will also live with Him, **If we endure** [suffer], we will also reign with Him. **If we deny Him, He also will deny us.**

1) **If we died with Him** = we have died to self; our ambitions, agendas, pride, selfishness – we surrender our will for His.

2) **If we endure** = reign with Him, will be His Bride, rule with Him in the millennium (Rev. 2:26-27).

3) **If we deny and reject Him** = make no mistake He will deny and reject us – you can lose salvation (Heb. 10:26, Rev. 3:5).

Why so important we have a disciplined Word and prayer life – everyday – relationship! Learn to be humble and meek.

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, rightly dividing the word of truth. **Washing of the Word.**

We see something else that takes place when we are hearers and doers of the Word/Truth:

He forgives and heal us.

READ: Mark 4:12 [forgives us] and Matthew 13:15 [heal us]. This is God's heart – to forgive and restore us (2 Chron. 7:14).

CLOSING: I think we could all agree we need a lot of forgiveness and healing: Personally, in our families, in our nation.

Our wounds/offenses, if we continue to hold onto them become "idols in our hearts." We put them above God and do not allow Him to do what He wants in our lives. Most people "think" they have been healed of their wounds. Reality is they have not, and have become "stuck" and their actions prove it. Often, they will use their wounds to "justify" why they cannot do what God is asking of them. If one has truly been healed in an area of severe trauma/offense, with great compassion and grace, you will be able to comfort those who are suffering similar to what you have endured. Equally, you will be able to reach out to whoever may have been your "worst offender" and truly show them the love of God and not say – "oh God would never ask me to do that, or it is just too painful to bare, I can just love them from afar." That is not what the Bible teaches. He says to LOVE your enemies. By not doing so allows these wounds to become "idols" in our heart and will prevent a person from maturing in the deeper things of God. They may make some progress, until they face another situation where the wound is brought to the surface again. Most times they will keep stumbling over it convincing themselves they're ok, that the other person is the problem, NOT THEM! They stay "stuck," not reaching God's potential for them. They will not fulfill their destiny, unless willing to surrender this "wound" in their heart and lay it on the altar of burnt sacrifice for the Lord to consume. That means making tangible choices in our lives, and in our "offenders" lives proving to God, not man, we are sincere wanting to follow Him - His way, not ours, no matter how painful it may be and not "justify" holding onto our offense anymore. Most do not realize they are doing this – it is on a subconscious level, some do know. **But God is always asking more of us.** More surrender, and allows the situations to help us let go, so our soul/mind can be purified/renewed in that area of our life that has been wounded. **Don't think for a moment God is not asking this of us. Why?** He knows how much damage these wounds do to our relationships, first with Him and others in our lives. He knows what is best for us and it is a process that we have to choose to go through with Him. He will not automatically remove these wounds from within us. He allowed them so we could walk through the sanctification process with Him, for us to be One. We will decide if we want to become His Bride. He has given us everything we need – it will be up to us by the choices we make when facing adversity, the hard painful times we have all suffered through (Isaiah 48:10).

If we are to be dressed in the right wedding garment and ready for our Wedding Day, we need to seek His forgiveness for our wrongs, and seek forgiveness from those we have hurt. We need to learn how to walk in our "priestly" role, the place of intercession, forgiving those who have offended us, and by standing in the gap for others and confess their sins before the Father's throne of grace seeking mercy and forgiveness on their behalf. **Why? So healing can come. Amen!**