

105 - Redetermination leads to redefinition

This is part of Oswald Chambers' entry for April 9 (read up to last Paragraph)

This started a series of questions that I invite you to ask, but also to use as reminders along the journey 'till He comes.

- When has Jesus appeared to me?
- Where has He appeared to me?

Here's the biggie:

- What has been the real, lasting, on-going impact of His appearance?

Today is the first day of the fifth month since we crossed over, per the word of the Lord, into a new land. Barbara just returned home today from almost 3 weeks of travel as the Lord led her to Washington, D.C., NYC, New Hampshire, PA, and finally home. She may be the only one who has seen clearly what the Lord accomplished through her trip, but what I know is that during that time, the word of the Lord came, declarations were made, lines were drawn, lives and relationships were redetermined and are now being redefined.

I believe that even our conversations with one another are being redefined, along with our lives and our relationships. We are each accountable for every minute of our time; every word we speak, every penny we spend or invest. Our resources, whether mental, spiritual, or material, are not ours but are given to us by God. We are stewards only. We are blessed, certainly, but that blessing carries a high accountability. When Barbara and I speak to someone, it's not to talk about the weather! Every conversation we have between the two of us – so how much more between us and you when we speak – must have purpose (the Lord's) and it must be forward-looking.

There are 2 questions to answer in any conversation in which the Lord invests our time, even between Barbara and me:

- 1) Where are you now – in other words, what's up right now, spiritually?
- 2) What do you need?

Again: Where are you now and what do you need?

We meet tonight, on the first day of the 5th month, and we are each moving on with the Lord, through a cramped gate, and along a narrowed way, whether or not anyone goes with us. Tonight feels like one of those times, as in the OT, when the Lord would call all

of Israel together and remind them of who they were, what He had done, what His instructions to them were, and how important it was for them to hear and heed His word...all because He had put His name on them.

I need to put us all on notice that THAT is the accountability the Lord has put on each of us, and whenever we've been engaged elsewhere, we repent, ask the Lord to forgive us and one another, and walk on ahead, because we had better be about the Father's business in every area of our lives, and especially in every relationship He has appointed. Watch out for relationships that are just out of habit, but on which there is no anointing, and therefore no grace. You'll know it, I believe, by a sense of obligation. You will find in it a degree of struggle, or at least striving – it's a "have to" instead of a "get to," as Barbara says. If you were to inquire of the Lord, you would find him silent about it, and when the Lord is silent in a relationship, it's because He's not in it. His presence is gone and His grace has departed, and we'd better be with *Him*, because staying anywhere He isn't will be more a struggle than it will ever be a joy.

I need to share something I told Barbara when I was editing the last Jammie Church. I said, **"This is so rich – there is so much here – that if anyone thinks they got it all the first time around, they are greatly mistaken."** It takes several hours to edit Jammie Church and when it goes long, it can take days. However, I find that the impartation of hearing what was said, sometimes several times, turns out to be invaluable. I found the same thing to be true when I went through Chiropractic college. I taped every class for which I was responsible for the notes for everyone else – and I made sure I had the hardest courses. I reviewed every tape and wrote out test questions for every class.

Before that, during 14 years of concentrated, sequestered study of the scriptures, we spent at least 7 hours per week in classes, pouring over the scriptures in detail, along with outlined notes. Each class was taped, which we would review throughout the week, between live classes. When did I have the time to review all that material? I had a cassette tape player going almost constantly, in the car, at home, while cutting grass – constantly, with or without head phones. As a result, knowledge was embedded in memory.

I'm saying all this to you to encourage you – not require, mind you; there are no religious rules and regs. Here; no bondage – only encouragement, to keep your minds – your souls – reminded and refreshed, *feeding* them the word of God and its practical

understanding and application that you hear each week in **Jammie Church** and **Light Up the Scriptures**.

If you do nothing else, listen to the recording of last week's **Jammie Church** (April 29, 2012) and look back at what we've studied since mid to late December in **Light Up the Scriptures**, from **class #85** on.

I believe, once more, the Lord is reminding us of where we've come from and where He has brought us, and what our accountability is – not in the Jewish law-bound sense at all – May it not be coming to that! Rather, in the sense of “walking worthily”

[Ephesians 4:1](#)

I am entreating you, then, I, the prisoner in the Lord, to **walk worthily** of the calling with which you were called

Remember that you are already **worthy** – by virtue of Christ's death and resurrection – your worth is established by God, Who, Paul wrote, in [2 Corinthians 5](#), “**was in Christ, conciliating the world to Himself.**” We have nothing to prove, but we do have it incumbent on us, for Christ's sake, to walk **wor-thil-y**. In other words, walk in keeping with the worth that God established through Christ.

Here's how Moses instructed the Israelites to insure that they would walk worthily of all God chose them to be:

[Deuteronomy 6](#)

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you **to observe** in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² **so that** you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live **by keeping all his decrees and commands** that I give you, and **so that** you may **enjoy** long life. ³ **Hear**, Israel, [“Hear, Body of Christ”] and be careful to **obey so that** it may **go well** with you and that you may **increase greatly** in a land flowing with milk and honey, just **as the LORD**, the God of your ancestors, **promised** you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ **Impress** them on your children. **Talk about them** when you sit at home and **when you walk** along the road, **when you lie down** and **when you get up.** ⁸ **Tie them** as symbols

on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

¹⁰ When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, ¹¹ houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, ¹² **be careful that you do not forget the LORD**, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

¹³ **Fear** the LORD your God, **serve him only** and take your oaths in his name. ¹⁴ Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; ¹⁵ for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land. ¹⁶ Do not put the LORD your God to the test as you did at Massah. ¹⁷ Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you. ¹⁸ Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight, so that it may go well with you and you may go in and **take over the good land the LORD promised** on oath to your ancestors, ¹⁹ thrusting out all your enemies before you, as the LORD said.

²⁰ In the future, when your son **[or daughter]** asks you, “What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the LORD our God has commanded you?” ²¹ tell him: “We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²² Before our eyes the LORD sent signs and wonders—great and terrible—on Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. ²³ But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land he promised on oath to our ancestors. ²⁴ The LORD commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the LORD our God, **so that** we might always **prosper** and **be kept alive**, as is the case today. ²⁵ And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness.”

Last week, we re-visited Paul's encounter with the Risen Christ Jesus on the road to Damascus. It was dramatic, instantly transformative, and it redetermined Paul's life entirely. Some of you who are listening to this right now have also had a transformative, experience of the Lord Jesus Christ that redetermined and is now redefining the course of your life. You have not only been saved, you have not only been called; you have been singled out – sovereignly chosen to bear His Name. Some of you are showing

others the way to Him. Some of you are yet in training for how God will use you. Sometimes we're involved, possibly, in both at the same time.

Four more questions to ponder:

- How do I see myself?
- How do I see Him in my life?
- How much does it matter to me how others see me, much less what they say about me to others?
- Do I trust the Lord completely? Do I REALLY?

Let's refresh ourselves with the definition of faith, which is "TRUST" in the *Complete Jewish Bible*:

Hebrews 11:1

1 Now faith is an assumption of what is being expected, a conviction concerning matters which are not being observed

We have looked at this many times before, I know, but I find myself wondering sometimes, because of conversations or emails from time to time, whether we really grasp what living by faith means – what it means practically, daily; what it requires of us; whether we are really knowing Him; and whether we are really trusting Him in Whom we are confessing faith. I went back through previous studies to find the explanation of the definition of faith in **Hebrews 11:1**, and I found myself marveling at the ground we have covered in this two year-long journey we call "*Light Up The Scriptures*."

Hebrews 11:6- into chapter 12

6 Now apart from faith it is impossible to be well pleasing, for he who is coming to God must believe that He is, and is becoming a Rewarder of those who are seeking Him out.

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8 By faith Abraham, being called, obeys, coming out into the place which he was about to obtain to enjoy as an allotment, and came out, **not versed in where he is coming.**

Don't think God's going give you a detailed map of what He's doing, let alone where He's leading. On February 29, our 96th was titled, ***God always reveals WHAT He's going to do; sometimes WHY; and rarely HOW.***

So, just GO. When there's something important for you to know, God will show you. Do you trust Him enough to put your life and its course in His hands and keep it there?

God revealed to Abram only that he was to leave his land and go where God would show Him. That was IT! Abram believed God, obeyed the word, and God confirmed it – **AFTER** he separated from Lot! That's a huge principle – God chooses individuals to whom He reveals Himself intimately. The glory of the Lord was seen by Israel only as a great pillar of cloud or fire, but He spoke with Moses face to face. Jesus spoke to throngs of people in parables, but shared the details only with the 12, and took only 3 up the mount of transfiguration and furthest into the Garden of Gethsemane. The Holy Spirit showered down on thousands at once, but the Risen Lord appeared to one man on the road to Damascus.

9 By faith he sojourns in the land of promise as in an alien land, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the joint enjoyers of the allotment of the same promise.

10 For he waited for the city having foundations, whose Artificer and Architect is God.

AFTER Abram separated from Lot, the Lord showed Abram the inheritance for his seed. God's revelation was followed by Abram's obedience; then confirmation was given, and blessing followed, and the whole things took **decades** to unfold! Abraham never had a permanent home. He, his family, his servants, everyone stayed in tents. Read verse 10 again, then...

13 In faith died all these, not being requited with the promises, but perceiving them ahead and saluting them, and avowing that they are strangers and expatriates on the earth.

God's promise to Abraham wasn't fulfilled in his lifetime. Abraham did not *expect* it to be! He perceived it ahead, the scripture says, and he saluted it – "**salute**" is also "**greet**," in Greek. In other words, Abraham saw that the fulfillment of what God had shown him was a long ways off and belonged to his seed, but he greeted the future as if it were present, because God had promised it. God had spoken, and Abraham continued believing God, as if paying no attention to the immediate circumstances, which looked nothing like the promise.

So, here's another question: Are you impatient for God to act according to some timetable you have in your mind? Watch out for God's timing, which is His business. Yours is to believe...to trust.

Abram believed God; it was counted to him for righteousness and The Lord called Him his friend. How much more important is your faith and trust in Him whom He calls son or daughter?

22 By faith Joseph, at his decease, remembers concerning the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gives directions concerning his bones.

Joseph looked 400 years ahead – now, he didn't *know* it was that far off until God would take His people back to the land of the promise, but He believed God's promise to do so, and so gave instructions as to his bones...and those instructions passed down through at least 10 generations before his bones actually left Egypt.

...24 By faith Moses, becoming great, disowns the term "son of Pharaoh's daughter,"

25 preferring rather to be maltreated with the people of God than to have a temporary enjoyment of sin,

26 deeming **the reproach of Christ** greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked away to the reward.

Until I saw this today, this passage never made any sense to me, and I'm going to go out on what may seem a very thin limb: look at the words, "**the reproach of Christ.**" In the printed text, we see the definite article, meaning it should read "**The reproach of THE Christ.**"

1. Moses did not know about Jesus Christ. He only knew that God would raise up a prophet for Israel to whom they must listen (**Deuteronomy 18:15**). Jesus never considered anything of or in this Earth as "**treasures,**" no matter whether you interpret it literally or figuratively. Therefore, I believe that the author of Hebrews could not have been referring here to Jesus Christ in [Hebrews 11:26](#).

So, who is he referring to?

2. The word, "**the Christ,**" in [Hebrews 11:26](#), I believe, should be taken it is meant literally, "**the Anointed One.**" I believe that the author of Hebrews was saying that Moses "**deemed the reproach of the Anointed One**"; that is, as THE Anointed One at that time, Moses determined to suffer its reproach, rather than the treasures of

Egypt! He DID suffer that reproach, as Israel's then-Anointed, and he did, as the scripture says, "[**look**] **away to the reward**," which was the Promised Land.

27 By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the fury of the king, for he is staunch as seeing the Invisible.

We're back to where we began tonight, in O.C. on April 9: "*Have you seen Jesus?*" If you have, you have seen the Invisible – capital "I" – as Moses did. In fact, we have even more than that: we have Him living in us and we have His Spirit operating in us, Hallelujah! If Moses was staunch, having seen the Invisible, how much more ought we to be staunch having the Invisible living and operating in us?!

Here's where faith takes you:

28 By faith he [Moses] has the passover made and the pouring of blood against the door jambs, lest the exterminator of the first-born may come into contact with them.

29 By faith they crossed the Red Sea as through dry land, attempting which, the Egyptians were swallowed up.

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fall, being surrounded on seven days.

How were any of these actions by faith? They were all performed because the Invisible One said to do them – there was no evidence that they would – they were all "**[assumptions] of what was being expected; convictions of things that had not been [– nor had ever been –] observed**," going back to the definition of faith in [Hebrews 11:1](#).

31 By faith Rahab, the prostitute, perished not with the stubborn, receiving the spies with peace.

Rahab had to believe God through the vow of the spies whom Joshua sent ahead of Israel.

32 And what still may I be saying? For the time will be lacking for me to relate concerning Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, besides Samuel also, and the prophets,

33 who, through faith, subdue kingdoms, work righteousness, happened on promises, bar the mouths of lions,

34 quench the power of fire, fled from the edge of the sword, were

invigorated from infirmity, became strong in battle, rout the camps of aliens,

35 women obtained their dead by resurrection. Now others are flogged, not anticipating deliverance, that they may be happening upon a better resurrection.

These guys had no expectation that God would save them out of their affliction and yet they believed His word about the resurrection.

36 Yet others got a trial of scuffings and scourgings, yet still more of bonds and jail.

37 They are stoned, they are sawn, they are tried, they died, murdered by the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins, in goatskins, in want, afflicted, maltreated

38 (of whom the world was not worthy), straying in wildernesses and mountains and caves and the holes of the earth.

39 And these all, being testified to through faith, are not requited with the promise of God concerning us

40 (the looking forward is to something better), that, apart from us, they may not be perfected.

They saw what was ahead and knew they weren't partakers because what they saw concerned others in the future – US; nevertheless, through their hardships and persecutions, they believe God's promise, and waited for it even when they breathed their last. And so they sleep until the Day of the Lord, when their faith will be rewarded.

Chapter 12

1 Surely, in consequence, then, we also, having so vast a cloud of witnesses encompassing us, putting off every impediment and the popular sin, may be racing with endurance the contest lying before us,

This is all an active process, not a passive one. Putting off...racing. We do this, and the cloud of witnesses is the entire celestial host, whose **own** destiny awaits the fulfillment of ours!

2 looking off to the Inaugurator and Perfecter of **[THE]** faith, Jesus, Who, **for the joy lying before Him**, endures a cross, despising the shame, besides is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For take into account the One Who has endured such contradiction by sinners while among them, lest you should be faltering, fainting in your souls.

4 Not as yet unto blood did you repulse, when contending against sin.

5 And you have been oblivious of the entreaty which is arguing with you as with sons: My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord, Nor yet faint when being exposed by Him.

6 For whom the Lord is loving He is disciplining, Yet He is scourging every son to whom He is assenting.

Don't even think about whining, complaining, or thinking your life has somehow gone awry, when Jesus Christ, the Sinless Anointed One, the only begotten Son of the Father, endured a cross for the joy that was before Him. Do you realize that the only way to obtain the joy is through enduring the cross?

Mark 8:34-35

34 And, calling the throng to Him, together with His disciples, He said to them, "If anyone is wanting to come after Me, let him renounce himself and pick up his cross and follow Me.

35 For whosoever may be wanting to save his soul will be destroying it, yet whoever shall be destroying his soul on account of Me and of the evangel will be saving it.

We also are walking by faith today!

2 Corinthians 5:7

by faith are we walking, not by perception

Now look at the context in which that principle fits:

2 Corinthians 5:1-6

For we are aware that, if our terrestrial tabernacle house should be demolished, we have a building of God, a house not made by hands, eonian,

in the heavens.

2 For in this also we are groaning, longing to be dressed in our habitation which is out of heaven,

3 if so be that, being dressed also, we shall not be found naked.

4 For we also, who are in the tabernacle, are groaning, being burdened, on which we are not wanting to be stripped, but to be dressed, that the mortal may be swallowed up by life.

5 Now He Who produces us for this same longing is God, Who is also giving us the earnest of the spirit.

6 Being, then, courageous always, and aware that, being at home in the body, we are away from home from the Lord

Two more questions:

1. What do I expect my faith to produce?
2. What am I expecting from the Lord while I'm waiting for His return and my deliverance from this body of death?

Let's conclude with Oswald Chambers for today, May 1st:

Read it.

So Father, we lay down every expectation that comes from within any old place in us and hold only to the expectation of the prize of the calling above in Christ Jesus. We expect no recognition or acknowledgment by man, but only by You in That Day, to which we look by faith, as have all those who have believed you before us. You are the Lord and there is no other. You are the One with Life. Where else would we go? You bought this great expectation for us, Lord Jesus, and we are certain that the Father is faithful to carry out His purpose of the eons which He made in You.

Father, we repent for when we have whined, complained and thought that our lives you designed just haven't been that. How foolish and arrogant we have been to think we would design things differently, just because we can't see ahead of time all that you have prepared for us – even in this life, never mind that to come in the Presence of the Lord. We turn away from our past desires of ours and grasp Your will for us today and for the eons to come and beyond.

God, be all in us. Get everything you're after in our lives. Expose and expunge everything in us that doesn't look like Jesus. "Lord, bless us and keep us; make Your face shine upon us and be gracious to us: Lord turn Your face toward us and give us peace. We take Your name upon us, realizing all that that means and we do all this in the Name of Jesus, Yeshua, the Christ, The Anointed One. AMEN.