# 132 – Let there be many teachers in the ecclesia!

When **James** wrote his epistle, he included this in the **3**<sup>rd</sup> **chapter**:

1 Not many should become teachers, my brethren, being aware that we shall be getting greater judgment.

But when I wrote the email you received after last week's Light Up the Scriptures, I said, why not many teachers? Remember that James who wrote the epistle to the 12 tribes was not the Apostle James, the hand-picked son of Zebedee and the brother of John. The epistle of James was written by the half-brother of Yeshua, who usurped the Apostle Peter's place when Paul reappeared in Jerusalem to share the victory of salvation being preached to the nations and to protest the Judaizing of Gentiles coming to Christ around the middle of the first century. This James seems to struggle with allowing God's grace to outstrip the law.

So, I ask again, why not many teachers? The way I see it, if you receive a revelation of God, and can support it in His word, you can't withhold it; you are **required** to speak it and submit it to testing in the ecclesia, not withholding it from the Body of Christ. So, that's what we're about to do tonight, and I pray in the coming weeks and months as each one seeks the Lord for His word with His heart for His children today.

I believe it would be far better to **have** many teachers who have qualified themselves, not by some kind of formal training, overseen by religious theologians – may it not be coming to that – but rather, qualified by correctly cutting the word of the truth and by the witness of the ecclesia itself to the revelation that each one may share.

We are entering a classroom, built by God, in Whose eyes we are all equal with one another. So long as God appoints, I'll add a comment or bring correction, or shine a light on the plumb line as we study together, but each of you will become the teacher, because, one day, I believe, you'll be called on by the Lord to teach others—I pray many others—whom He is calling to Himself as He called You.

Some will need to unlearn the error of religious dogma, and learn what is the true word of God. Others may never have heard the true word, let alone learned it, and they will be starving for the life that's in the scriptures. Who will teach them if you don't? One person can't do it by himself or herself, but the ecclesia can do it. The Body of Christ can preach and teach and minister with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit that Jesus died to send from the Father to empower all of us, as He appoints and apportions those gifts to each of us.

Tonight, we'll begin with two and possibly three contributors. We'll go in the order that they wrote to let me know that God had given them something to share.

If everyone will please be sure to have your Concordant Literal's out, and any other references at the ready that you may need. I have my study tabs up on my screen, and I've pulled up the PDF of the CLV of the OT, and I'm ready to go.

So, Father, we ask you to anoint us all with Your Holy Spirit to hear Your word from Your mouth tonight through each person to Whom You have shared Your heart. We turn our ears toward **Your** voice, and we trust Your Holy Spirit to do exactly what Yeshua said it would: Guide us into all the truth. WE give you thanks and praise and glory and honor, in Jesus' name. AMEN

**Tamra Jean:** The classroom is all yours. You asked for 25 minutes, but take as much time as you need. This is God's classroom and We're on Holy Spirit Standard Time here. AMEN?

# **OUT OF THE BOX**

Bible Study of/from GOD

**UTTER** (January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012)

God gave me THIS word, U T T E R, for the year 2012.

I asked Him, last year in December, instead of "New Year's Resolutions", for a word, one word, that my life would be in the year 2012... (Last year the word was RADICAL)

I wrote on a yellow piece of paper ALL that I wanted it to mean...And all that I thought it meant...

Today, (Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012), I realized, finally, that IT WOULD BE WISE to ASK GOD what HE meant and wanted for UTTER in 2012, since it was HIM that gave me the word!

**UTTER:** adj - complete, absolute, entire.

**UTTER:** verb - to send forth with the voice; to articulate (words), pronounce or speak; to publish (a book for example); *Law* to put into circulation; *Obsolete* To sell or deliver (merchandise) in trading. \*\*from The Free Dictionary by Farlex (online)\*\*

**UTTER:** adj - carried to the utmost point or highest degree

**UTTER:** verb - to pronounce, speak, to give public expression to; to send forth as a sound; to put forth or out; obsolete: to offer for sale \*\* Merriam-Webster dictionary online\*\*

WOW!!! I was only looking at the adj...Not even the VERB.

My yellow paper said this: **UTTER:** \*always \*absolute \*complete

Areas I wanted God's **Utter** in: commitment, reliance, TRUST, obedience, strength, loyalty; Also: PEACE, CALM, JOY, BLISS; Godly Spiritual Discernment

ALL (Utter) BLESSINGS BEYOND!

\*new convertible \*new GODLY father for Ashley \*debt FREE COMPLETELY

BUT look at my life this year: GOD IS TEACHING ME TO SPEAK, He HAS taught me to SPEAK!!! HE KNEW, I WOULD NOT refuse to SPEAK FOR ASHLEY, NOT FOR THIS ABUSE. GO GOD. HE KNEW, he knew. And has DEFINITELY "carried me to the utmost point or highest degree" of HIMSELF!!! TRUST, FAITH, JOY

But, MOST importantly, Let us look at how/when GOD USES The word UTTER:

In Strongs Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Utter was shown for Psalm 46:6

### In the Complete Jewish Bible it reads...

1 God is our refuge and strength, and EVER-PRESENT help in trouble.

Therefore we ARE (I am) unafraid, even if the earth gives way,

even if the mountains tumble into the depths of the sea,

even if its waters rage and foam, and mountains shake at its turbulence.

There is a river whose streams gladden the city of God,

the holy habitation of Elyon- God IS IN the city. IT WILL NOT BE MOVED-

when daybreak comes, God will help it.

(vs 6) Nations were in turmoil, kingdoms were moved;

His voice THUNDERED forth, and the earth melted away.

# In the **Concordant Literal vs 6** says:

The nations clamor; the kingdoms slip;

He will give forth his voice; the earth shall dissolve.

Look what we JUST spoke about in Jammie church this past Sat. night, And have been talking about for weeks: PROPHECY. SPEAK. UTTER. HIS VOICE THUNDERED. HE WILL GIVE FORTH HIS VOICE.

When God created the earth, He did not look at the unformed (**Gen 1**), and complain and say "look at this! How ugly! What are we going to do with this?"

NO. HE SPOKE and CHANGED (created) THE WORLD!!!

If we are to be LIKE Christ, LIKE GOD, Then let us LEARN (me first or also), as a lovely woman of God has said before, "SPEAK WHAT YOU WANT. DO NOT SPEAK WHAT YOU SEE."

Practically, this means DO NOT COMPLAIN. DO NOT LET WORDS COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH (Tamra Jean) About your (my) circumstances...

INSTEAD, SPEAK WHAT YOU WANT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES TO BE!!! What GOD WANTS YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES TO BE.

Debt? Pray, "THANK YOU LORD for your abundance and blessings in my finances." (Yes, this may seem COMPLETELY FOREIGN in your mind when first doing it, that's ok...new is GOOD! Or, how's that workin' for you?) AND then STOP USING YOUR CREDIT CARDS.

Need a job, say, in Texas??? Pray, "THANK YOU LORD for my AMAZING JOB that I LOVE in Texas!"

When I moved to Lynn, I asked God for a job where I would learn what HE WANTED me to learn...AND HE BLESSED, HE ANSWERED. HE GAVE! PRAISE YOU LORD, THANK YOU.

I receive Daily Grace Inspirations from Joseph Prince. On Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, he wrote:

The word "meditate" in English means to ponder, but in Hebrew it is the word "hagah," which means to utter or mutter under your breath.

## Joshua 1:8, Complete Jewish Bible:

Keep the Book of the Law always on your lips; mediate on it day and night...

### Concordant Literal says,

Let not this scroll of the law ever remove from your mouth, but soliloquize on it by day and by night...

#### **Exodus 22:20**

Utterly destroy

I think of in my life, utterly leaving my past, Utterly destroying the enemy, not some, UTTERLY

# **Complete Jewish Bible**

Anyone who sacrifices to any god other than ADONAI alone Is to be completely destroyed.

Just like story of King Agag (that Tatiana helped me find, Thank you Tatiana) in I Samuel 15

God is SERIOUS, when he says ALL, He means ALL, it is NOT OPEN to MY OPINION OR MY INTERPRETATION.

<sup>\*</sup>soliloquize means to utter to oneself or to say to oneself

#### **Judges 11:11**

And he (Jephthah) repeated all his words before the Lord in Mizpah.

When he repeated he SPOKE, OUT LOUD, UTTER. WOW, what a STORY!!! You can look and read it...Imagine if that is what God has in store in my life.

OH Lord, I give you my life, my path, my family and friends, my relationships every one of them, take my days and make them yours. I GIVE YOU ME. I SURRENDER ALL. THANK YOU FOR PURPOSE and YOUR FAITHFULNESS and GUIDENCE and EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE I learned with.

I am SO EXCITED to see HOW YOU WILL USE ME IN THE AMAZING LIFE I GET TO LIVE WITH, WITH YOU LORD, for ALL THE REST OF MY DAYS!

Utterly destroy...

Joel 2:11 just spoke about on Jammie Church

**Eccl 5:2** 

Luke 13:12, Concordant Literal, vs 10-13

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbaths. And lo! There was a woman having a spirit of infirmity EIGHTEEN YEARS. (you think your problems are "taking a while"...) and she was bending together and UTTERLY unable to unbend. Now perceiving her, JESUS SHOUTS and said to her, "Woman, you have been released from your infirmity!" And He places His hands on her, and INSTANTLY she was made erect again, and she GLORIFIED God.

**Tatiana Marie:** Please share with everyone what God showed You as you sought Him this week. You asked for 20 minutes, but let God speak GHis heart freely, without concern for time.

# Courage, Trust and Faith

Story of Esther how she had courage, trust and faith through everything.

**Esther 4:4-17** read and see how much she had trust and faith in god to save her family (she sets a standard)

Go to verse 16 only part: when this is...... I perish I perish

That is very powerful I perish I perish and how much trust she would have had to have and faith in god that he would spare her life if it was his plain.

CLV: And who is there knowing whether it was for a crisis like this that you have attained to the royal position?

#### Deuteronomy 31:6 - NIV

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

CLV: Be steadfast, and be resolute! Do not fear, and do not be terrified because of their presence, for Yahweh your Elohim, He is the One going with you; He shall neither neglect you nor forsake you.

We have to trust in God like David did with fighting goliath. How much trust in God David had to only pick 5 smooth stones plus gods help throughout the way.

Esther also took a step of faith (to go to the king uninvited) like we ALL have to take almost every day.

#### Proverbs 3: 5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

#### Dave Michael -

#### **PURSUE SUFFERING**

Recently I saw part of the movie "Jesus" by the Genesis project. It is posted on the blueletterbible.org site, chapter by chapter.

The scene when Jesus was in the synagogue in Capernaum was impactful for me. Jesus got up to read from the scroll, the Word of God. He kissed the scroll before reading it, as I believe they customarily did then. What respect for God's Word! What reverence, coming into the presence of God whenever we open His Word. We should have the same respect and awe for his Word.

In the movie, the first chapter of Luke portrays the calling of Zechariah to the temple to burn incense for the people. He was chosen by lot to go in. He realized the seriousness of this choice, to come into the presence of God to offer sacrifices....on the day he goes in he is alone approaching the alter to make the offering he is very somber, reverent when the angel Gabriel arrives.

**Luke 1:18-20** Zechariah questions, doubts that he and Elizabeth could have a son at their advanced age. Gabriel tells him he will be mute until the boy is born "because you do not believe my words which shall be fulfilled in their season."

We learn the holiness and reverence we need to have when coming to God's Word. Zechariah doubted God's proclamation. He had reverence for God, but it stopped short at the point that God challenged him to believe beyond anything he had ever seen before, or experienced in his life.

Isn't that just how God does things? God brings all kinds of new situations, revelations, challenges into our lives, things we have never seen before or perhaps have not overcome before. He wants to take us to the realm of the miraculous. Zachariah was disciplined for several months by being dumb of speech because of his lack of faith. No excuses were acceptable for the lack of faith. His discipline was self-inflicted.

On the other hand, Mary also had an encounter with the angel Gabriel as short time after Zachariah's visitation. He tells her she will bear a son.....she asks a question (Luke 1:34-38) but God must have seen the faith behind the question "How can this be since I know not a man?" Gabriel explains, "'even Elizabeth your relative is pregnant...'seeing that it will not be impossible with God to fulfill His every declaration." Mary responded, "Lo! the slave of the Lord! May it come to be with me according to your declaration!" She surrendered to the newness, God's creativity, she trusted her God, no hesitation or analyzing or excuses, unlike Zachariah. She was a slave of the Lord.

Speaking of newness, recently Laura shared with me a scripture God had brought to her attention:

**1 Timothy 6:11** Context – flee vain discussions and the love of money, Pursue......suffering: the Greek word = "chase, follow, press toward" (like we chased each other playing tag as kids)

The word "suffering" is not found in any other translation I have seen except the Concordant. It is not even found in the Greek lexicons I referenced. I believe God wants the ecclesia to see this even though it has been lost in most versions. It may be a similar situation to Rom. 7:25 where the word "Grace" has been lost in most translations. Perhaps it was just in one of the three major manuscripts that were used for the Concordant translation?

Pursue suffering? Why would anyone pursue suffering? Why would God want us to pursue this?

I am still trying to grasp the answer to this...this is what I have been shown:

Suffer in the Greek "feel bad", "emotion" is the word it is from, .....to be vexed, feel, passion

This smacks in the face of 21<sup>st</sup> Century America, that loves comfort, pleasure, materialism, and avoids pain, turmoil, being uncomfortable, or not being in control. God is calling for 180% turn for his disciples away from that mentality.

God told Ananias who was to go speak to Paul, to lay hands on him so he would regain this sight, regarding Paul (Acts 9:16) "Go for he is a choice instrument of mine....for I shall be intimating to him how much he must be suffering for My name's sake."

I wonder how much glory was given to God each time Paul suffered for the Lord. When in prison singing after having been beaten with rods by many blows, wounded, bruised, bleeding...SINGING hymns to God, praises to God!

Peter addressed the subject of suffering in his first letter:

#### 1 Peter 4:19 - See 3:17 as well.

So then let those also who are **suffering according to the will of God** commit their souls to a faithful creator in the doing of good.

I don't totally understand how all this works, but I believe that suffering is designed to bring us to the end of ourselves, to total reliance and relationship with God.

Laura said the other day "Whenever there is a piece in us where God is not enough, whenever that gets fixed, we won't get blind-sided." And she went on to say something to the effect "We won't have to keep going around the same mountain again" as we have God as enough. When He is enough, we won't be looking to others to fill in our deficiencies.

I have seen that suffering brings me to the throne of God! I realize I can't do it on my own power. Suffering drives us to our knees. Suffering crushes our self reliance, arrogance and pride (if we let it, we can resist it). Suffering shows us God's glory as He helps us through it. Suffering brings glory to Jesus as we see how He handled it compared to us.

Let's look at a couple of Psalms to see how David experienced suffering:

#### Psalm 71:19-22

You who have made me see distresses, many and evil, You shall revive me.

Look for all the "you's" in this passage...David looks to God for his strength.

**Psalm 3** (A psalm of David when he was running from Absolom, after he had stolen the hearts of the people away and had led a rebellion against David, and was hunting David down, possibly to kill him?) This is real suffering unlike some of my small issues:

**Verses 1-2** – David turns to God immediately, even though amongst a bunch of pessimists.

**Verses 3-4** – He knows who will deliver him, God was his ALL in ALL: "**MY Glory**" – God was his glory, not himself.

**Verses 5-6** – He could even sleep, thought myriads of soldiers were hunting him down, because he trusted his God...Deja Vu of when Saul was hunting him down??

What did David not say here?

No blame of God for his suffering; No comparison to others' suffering; no, "Why me?" No, "What about him, Lord?" like Peter did of John after Jesus admonished him in **John 21**. We shouldn't compare ourselves with ourselves, our suffering, our gifts, our call.

David just trusted God though 10's of 1000's were coming against him. Suffering led David to God.

Notice in his Psalms, it is so much YOU YOU God. "You do this, you do that." God was his deliverer, God did this and that for him.

#### Psalm 119:67

Before I was humbled *(other versions say "afflicted")* I was erring, but now I keep your promise close.

As Tom said, this it why we suffer, to keep us from erring) We were erring before.

#### Psalm 119:71

It is good for me to humbled (afflicted) that I may learn your statutes.

That is when we cry out to God – when we are suffering. Thank God for his Holy Spirit that helps us when we are at the end of ourselves, He helps us pray! (Romans 8:26-27)

Tom added Phil. 3:10-12: Paul wanted to...

...know Him, the power of His resurrection, and fellowship of His sufferings, conforming to His death, if somehow I should be attaining to the resurrection that is out from among the dead.

Suffering is a part of knowing Him. In **Phil. 3:12 and 14** he talks about "pursuing", even though he wasn't perfect, pursuing to grasp hold of Jesus....and in **14**, "pursuing" the prize of the calling above in Christ Jesus.

Also, we aren't alone in suffering. Jesus understands how it is to suffer. He can sympathize with it.

#### Hebrews 2:17-18

For in what He has suffered, undergoing trial, He is able to help those who are being tried.

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**: When we are weak, that is when we can be strong. God tabernacles over us.

I want to be like Mary, who had reverence for God, took Him at his word in a totally new situation, to know as she was told that nothing is impossible with God!

Suffering is a good thing to "chase after," to pursue.

David suffered much, but was a man after God's own heart. He held close to God, even though he had seen "distresses, many and evil."

As we suffer, it brings us to our knees to where we can experience the goodness of God. We...

- See his miracles
- See His love
- See His patience
- See His holiness
- See his Kindness and Severity

He is the object of our desire, the reason we are Christians. Suffering brings us to HIM!!

#### John 17:3

And this is eonian life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Him whom thou dost commission, Jesus Christ.

Father, I thank You for showing everyone who seeks Your face Your sovereign revelation in Your word that speaks life, that imparts faith, that meets needs and heals hearts. God, I thank You that we CAN find You when we but look for You, and that You are not far off, but are as close to us as our own breath — indeed, our own thoughts. Come to each one listening, I pray, throughout this next week. Impart everything that You have for this time to those who will take Your word forward to those whom You have given ears to hear, unto the end of this eon. In the name of Jesus, Yeshua HaMashiach, I pray. Amen.