

141 – Our Father is into sprouts

I invite you to pray with me now:

Father, we come before you for the 141st time since we began these studies. 141 is the number 6, the number of man. Father, I subject every cell of me that is man to your Spirit, to Your Will, and to Your purpose. Be all – be everything – in me tonight and from this night forward, I pray, for I am not my own. I was bought with a price – I was bought with THE price of Yeshua, the Messiah's blood; and by His resurrection and glorification as the firstborn of many brethren and sisteren, You removed any cause for enmity toward You or estrangement from You. You were in the Messiah, conciliating the world to Yourself, inviting me to be Your friend and removing the barrier between me and You. Holy Father, forgive me, I pray, for at any time despising Your hand of friendship – Your one-sided offer of conciliation to You, for Yeshua, the Messiah's sake. Forgive me, Father for thinking, for judging, for taking my life into my own hands as if it were mine. Forgive me where and when I rebelled against You and against those whom You sent as Your ambassadors to me at any time throughout my life. I repent tonight – I change my mind from considering my life, my desires, and my will over Yours; and I hereby surrender and subject my life, my desires, and my will to Yours alone. Yeshua, I ask You to be master over my life. Live through me, I pray, as I live IN You.

Teach us tonight, Father. For the sake of Your Name, I ask You to bring us once again into Your counsel. I lift my voice in praise to You, Oh Father, My Father. I bless You. I bless You. I bless You, in the name of the Son of Your love, Yeshua the Messiah, AMEN.

Yesterday, Bible Gateway's "*Scripture of the Day*" was **Isaiah 43:16, 18-19**

This is what the LORD says — He who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (NIV)

Does anyone recognize this scripture from EXACTLY 1 year ago yesterday, December 31, 2011, which I read during **Light Up The Scriptures** on January 3, 2012? The study that night was #88 – “*God is Calling...You Coming?*”

Who has reviewed, throughout this past year, the prophetic words that were spoken that night? What words are you walking on or walking in today?

Here’s a small piece of the study before “*God is Calling...You Coming?*” It was #87 – “*Out with the old, in with the new*”:

We talked last time about how quickly God moves when His kids are hearing and heeding Him, when we’re listening for His instructions, receiving them, and then acting on them immediately. Confirmation follows, sometimes within minutes, and the blessing of the Lord flows steadily, so long as we **maintain ears to hear — to listen — and hearts to heed — to obey**. This relationship of ours to the Father, as sons and daughters, is the opposite of slavish mindlessness. It is **deliberate, dedicated mindfulness** that **springs** out of love for Him and in awe of His goodness, faithfulness, kindness, and His fondness for us that shows up in our lives, where we can live in what Barbara calls the Realm of the Miraculous.”

I invite you now to ask yourself, “What words did I receive last year? What revelations did the Father bring to me...that I heard and heeded (i.e. obeyed), and what has been the result that followed? What were the confirmations and what have been the blessings that flowed from that cycle of revelation, followed by my obedience that led to confirmation and blessing?”

I also invite you, and I believe the Father Himself is inviting you to do a year-end inventory of the revelations He brought to you that you did NOT heed, and look at what the consequences have been?

We cannot look for confirmation of the revelations that we do NOT meet with our obedience! Instead, a different cycle is activated, which I’m only just now seeing:

Revelation that we do NOT meet with obedience, we meet with disobedience, obviously. Disobedience IS rebellion, pure and simple. Disobedience is met with confirmation, just as O-bedience is, but we more properly call it consequences. Rather than blessing pouring out, there is cursing (consequences is just a more palatable word than cursing). It is one or the other: blessing or cursing, consequences we like or those we don't like and would have rather avoided! However, even in the midst of our consequences, the Father extends His hand through the cross of Yeshua the Messiah, offering a way back through the door of conciliation.

Conciliation ends any reason for OUR estrangement from Him, and the way we do that is through repentance – that is, literally, a change of mind – and I would add, also a change of heart; a surrender to the sovereign work of Almighty YaHoVeH, Who alone is capable of remaking us – our characters and natures into His own.

2 Corinthians 4:15-6:2 – listen to this and imagine the Father speaking it into your spirit, heart and mind. Imagine His word infusing your cells with His life!

15 **For THE all is because of you,**

We could stop right there and spend our lives until the Messiah returns just contemplating the magnitude of those seven words! As these scriptures opened up to me as never before, I was weeping while I was typing!

Listen to it again, as I emphasize a different word each time, and let it permeate throughout you.

For THE all is because of you
For the ALL is because of you,
For the all IS because of you,
For the all is BECAUSE of you,
For the all is because of YOU,

Can you grasp the truth that *THE ALL* is *BECAUSE* of YOU? Can you wrap around the meaning of it? The Father has **created**, has **spoken** and **revealed** Himself and His **purpose**; and He IS now **operating** The *ALL BECAUSE* of *YOU*? Where do you think your opinions or judgment would fit into that picture? What other choices

would you think to make other than abject, utter, unquestioning obedience and service to His purpose, which He determined *BECAUSE* of you?

Now the rest of **2 Corinthians 4:15-18**

that the grace, increasing through the majority, should be superabounding in thanksgiving into the glory of The Elohim.

16 Wherefore we are not despondent, **[my God, how could we be, given what we just discovered?!!]** but even if our outward man is decaying, nevertheless that within us is being renewed day by day.

17 For the momentary lightness of our affliction is producing for us a transcendently transcendent eonian burden of glory,

18 at our not noting what is being observed, but what is not being observed, for what is being observed is temporary, yet what is not being observed is eonian.

If we seriously and earnestly desire “*a transcendently transcendent eonian burden of glory*,” we **MUST not** be “*noting what is being observed, but what is not being observed, for what is being observed is temporary, yet what is not being observed is eonian*.”

2 Corinthians 5:1-7

1 For we are aware that, if our **terrestrial** tabernacle house should be **demolished**, we have a building out 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 THE **life**.

5 Now He [the One] Who produces us into this same longing is YaHoVeH, Who is also giving us the earnest **[the down payment]** of the spirit. **[Thank You, Father, for the gift of Your Holy Spirit living in us and invigorating OUR spirits]**

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

7 (for **through** faith are we walking, not through perception),

The Apostle JUST established, back in **4:18** that “**what is being observed**” – what we perceive – is what we must not be noting, because it “**is temporary**.” That’s why perception, in this context, is virtually useless and keeps us bound to the terrestrial, to that which is **temporary**; and why walking by faith is not just critically important; we’re doomed to failure **without** it! By definition, then, we are assured success **ONLY** through faith; which is, perhaps, why the scripture says, “**Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing.**” It’s not just **difficult** “**to be well-pleasing**,” it’s “**IMPOSSIBLE**”! This means that being well pleasing is **ONLY** possible through faith!

2 Corinthians 5:8-11

8 yet we are **encouraged**, and are **delighting** rather to be away from home out of the body and to be at home with the Lord.

9 Wherefore we are **ambitious** also, whether **at** home or **away** from home, to be well pleasing to Him.

10 For all of us must be manifested in front of the dais of the Messiah, that each should be requited for that which he [or she] puts into practice through the body, whether good or bad.

11 Being aware, then, of **the fear of the Lord**, we are persuading men, yet we are manifest to God. Now I am expecting to be manifest in your consciences also.

Circle that phrase, “**Being aware...of the fear of the Lord,**” because it is at the heart of what The Father would impart to His sons and daughters in the Body of the Messiah.

2 Corinthians 5:12-15

12 Not again are we commending ourselves to you, but are giving an incentive to you by boasting over you, that you may have it [that is, the incentive of our boasting over you] for those who are boasting in personal appearance and not in heart.

13 For, whether we were **beside** ourselves, it is to God, whether we are **sane**, it is to you. [;-)]

14 For the love of the Messiah is **constraining** us, judging this, that, if One died for the **sake** of all, consequently **the all** died.

15 And He died for the sake of all that those who are living should **by**

no means still be living to themselves, but **to** the One dying and being roused for their sakes.

To Whom should we be living, does it say here? And does it appear to be a temporary posture or a permanent one, to whom should we be living?

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

16 So that we, **from now on**, are acquainted with **no one** according to flesh. Yet **even** if we have known Christ according to flesh, nevertheless **now** we know Him so no longer.

17 So that, **if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: the primitive passed by. Lo! there has come new!**

Let me ask you: does it seem to you on a daily basis, in the midst of your comings and goings in the world around you, that you live in an awareness of being a new creation? Does it feel to you that “**the primitive passed by**”? When you look objectively at your life, can you look the Lord in the eye and say, “**there has come new**”? Is it only in the spirit that this is true, or can it be equally true for you in the natural?

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

18 Yet the all is out of God, Who conciliates us to Himself [Who ends the cause of our estrangement from Him] through Christ, and is giving us the **dispensation** of the conciliation, [listen to this now...THIS is the dispensation: the service or ministry: if you want to see Paul's calling, and I would suggest, ours to whom it has been declared...here it is:]

19 how that God was in the Messiah, conciliating the world to Himself [ending the cause of its estrangement, which was the sentence of death, and the living in sin that followed, visited on all humanity because of Adam's disobedience, his rebellion against YaHoVeH's direct instruction], not reckoning their offenses to them [It does not say that the Father is not aware of offenses, but that they do not count], and placing in us the word of the conciliation.

Has God placed “**the word of the conciliation**” in you? Do you grasp it in such a way that you can carry on its dispensation? Can you see how utterly essential it is for human beings who are dying in their sin and ignorance and rebellion and enmity to receive the Father's hand of friendship offered through Yeshua the

Messiah in His death and in His resurrection? Notice that Paul says, “***the Father was in the Messiah, conciliating the world to Himself.***” Does he mention the cross anywhere in there? Why not? While respecting Yeshua’s unprecedented sacrifice on the hill of Golgotha, Could we move into what the Father did BEYOND the cross when He did what Yeshua could not do for Himself: when He raised the Son – the Beloved – and seated Him in the celestials at the Father’s right hand; thereby nullifying the sting of death, because the life in Him may be experienced as a down payment now, because of the earnest of the allotment of the spirit, and later in its fullness when “***this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal put on immortality***” (1 Corinthians 15:53)? To me, THIS is the ***full*** picture of what Paul calls, “***the word of the conciliation.***” My prayer before my Father is that you all catch fire with THAT word as the fullness of its realization blasts through the veil of your human mind and transforms it into “***the mind of the Messiah,***” which Paul says we already have! Here’s why I hold my prayer for you before the Father:

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

20 For the Messiah, then, are we ambassadors, as of [the Father] entreating through us. We are beseeching for the Messiah's sake, "Be ***conciliated*** to [the Father]!"

21 For the One not knowing sin, [the Father] makes to ***be*** a sin ***offering*** for ***our*** sakes [remember 2 Corinthians 4:15: “***For the ALL is because of YOU***”? Now ***here*** is the ***WHY*** of that:] that we may be becoming [The Father]'s righteousness ***in*** Him [that is ***IN*** the Messiah].

Chapter 6

1 ***Now***, working together, we are also entreating you not to receive the grace of God for ***naught***.

2 For He is saying, "In a season acceptable I reply to you, And in a day of salvation I help you." Lo! ***Now*** is a most acceptable era! Lo! ***Now*** is a day of salvation!

I’m heralding a day of salvation tonight, on the first day of a new year! I’m calling you, entreating you, inviting you to go beyond your perception into the Father’s grand vision of making the old pass away into All becoming new.

The mechanism is faith, which established a correct relationship of obedience to His revelation, the first of which is a revelation of Yeshua the Messiah, like Paul wrote of in **Galatians 1:11-12**:

For I am making known to you, brethren, as to the evangel which is being brought by me, that it is not in accord with man.

12 For neither did I accept it from a man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Yeshua, the Messiah.

I'm sharing with you tonight a revelation of Yeshua the Messiah. For the sake of His Name, I pray you receive it and wear it as your clothing until He returns.

2012 was a year of unprecedented revelation, but here's how it was introduced on December 27th, 2011, in the study, titled "*Out with the old, in with the new*":

This is a time which can be characterized by massive change for massive breakthrough, for total Victory. And all this is occurring because the Father delights to shower His children with His blessings, and those are made up of miracles, large and small, and they're happening everywhere we look. ***If we aren't seeing them, we're either in a time of breaking or we're looking too low.***

As an aside here, I believe we've seen both of those conditions happening this past year: breaking **AND** looking too low. "***There is now no condemnation to those in the Messiah, Yeshua,***" but right now, we are taking a year-end inventory, I believe, so that, if by any means, we may have a better report at the end of 2013.

I concluded the remarks I just read to you, by reading **Psalm 121** from the CLV:

¹ **I am lifting my eyes to the mountains— from where shall my help come?**

² **My help comes from YaHoVeH, Maker of the heavens and earth.**

³ **He shall certainly not allow your foot slip; your Guardian shall certainly not slumber;**

⁴ **Behold, He is neither slumbering nor sleeping, the Guardian of Israel.**

⁵ **YaHoVeH is your Guardian; YaHoVeH is your Protecting Shade at your right hand.**

⁶ **By day the sun shall not smite you, nor the moon by night.**

⁷ **YaHoVeH Himself shall guard you from all peril; He shall guard your soul.**

⁸ **YaHoVeH Himself shall guard your going forth and your coming in, henceforth and unto the eon.**

Now, back to where we began tonight, in **Isaiah 43**, this time from the CLV, including **verse 17**, which Bible Gateway excluded, and taking it through **verse 21**:

Thus says Yahweh, Who is making a way in the sea, And in the strong waters, a track,¹⁷ Who is bringing forth chariot and horse, And army and the strong: Together they shall lie down; They shall rise no more; They are extinguished; Like a flaxen wick they are quenched.¹⁸ Do not be mindful of the former things, And do not consider those preceding.¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; Now it is **sprouting; Do you not know it? Indeed, I am placing a way in the wilderness, Tracks in the desolation.²⁰ The animals of the field shall glorify Me, Wild jackals and ostriches; For I provide water in the wilderness, Streams in the desolation; To give drink to My people, My chosen.²¹ This people I have formed for Myself, And they shall recount My praise.**

The imagery here recalls the Israelites flight out of Egypt and Pharaoh with his army, who chased them, many of whom drowned in the Red Sea. But reach forward to today and see where, when you walked in the footsteps of the Father's counsel, **your** enemies were extinguished! Likewise, recognize that when you walked in the footsteps of your own counsel, your enemies overtook and overwhelmed you. Now, obviously you made it out from under their grasp, because you are listening to my voice tonight. My urgent warning is that you do NOT again rebel against the Father's counsel, because the truth is, you never know it's too late until it is. If you wonder what that means, I invite you to listen again to **Jammie Church** on November 17, 2012, titled, "*The train keeps moving.*"

Back to Isaiah 43:18

¹⁸ **Do not be mindful of the former things, And do not consider those preceding.**

The point of this scripture is not to *ignore* the past as if there is nothing to learn from it. The exhortation or instruction here is not be *stuck* there in such a way as to carry “*former things*,” “*those preceding*,” into what’s coming – this is *exactly* what the Israelites did: they never left Egypt in their hearts and minds, and we know what happened to them all, save Joshua and Caleb, who alone saw the Promised Land as good, out of the twelve spies sent into it. Two is all it takes to establish a witness; add Moses, who didn’t see it, but who bore witness to it simply because God had declared it to Him.

Isaiah 43:19

¹⁹ **Behold, I am doing a new thing; Now it is *sprouting*; Do you not know it? Indeed, I am placing a way in the wilderness, Tracks in the desolation.**

Notice four things here:

1. “*I am doing a new thing.*” If we are mindful of former things or considering what has preceded, we will miss what our Father is doing TODAY, and we will surely be unprepared for what He will do tomorrow!
2. “*Now it is sprouting*” – Have you ever seen a crocus sprout in the Spring? If you think of it, you have not – Why? Where does a sprout begin? Sprouting happens *below* the surface, in the soil, where we *cannot* see with our flesh eyes!
3. “*Do you not know it?*” No we don’t, *IF* we are looking stupidly through fleshly eyes; but the invitation here is implicit to perceive even the sprout of the Father’s “*new thing*” through the eyes of our spirits...to see what others do not, and to know what others cannot.
4. “*Way in the wilderness, tracks in the desolation*” – Our Father has made ways and tracks, but *WE* have to walk in them...*AND*, implicit in this declaration is the knowledge that we *can* walk in our *own* ways and tracks

– or someone else’s, if we choose, at least in this eon, while we live in the administration of grace.

Isaiah 43:20-21

²⁰ The **animals of the field shall glorify Me, wild jackals and ostriches;**

Even the dumbest animals (those in the field) are smart enough to glorify the Father; the predators on the weakest of other animals (jackals), and those which seem to serve no obvious purpose except to provide meat, enormous eggs, and skins for vests, belts, purses, and boots (ostriches). All these glorify the Father who provides for them all, as He goes on to declare in **verse 20**:

For I provide water in the wilderness, Streams in the desolation; To give drink to My people, My chosen. ²¹**This people I have formed for Myself, And they shall recount My praise.**

Along with or alongside the “**way in the wilderness**,” the Father provides water; along with the “**tracks in the desolation**,” He provides streams. This is a picture of the Father Who is aware of all that we need – of what we **MUST** have to survive. It occurs to me that if we would follow the streams and drink of the “**living water**,” as Yeshua said, we would discover that they run parallel to the “**way in the wilderness**,” and the “**tracks in the desolation**,” which the “Father Himself has made.

When you read this again on your own, it might occur to you that it **ought** to be virtually impossible to miss the Father or His purpose for your life! For nearly 40 years, since first grasping the sovereignty of God, I have both believed and declared that it is impossible to miss God. As I read this text in Isaiah again, I saw that I was wrong. In this eon, when we can choose the way we will go, and God will allow it, we **can** miss God entirely!

Get this: if we don’t perceive the sprout, because it begins **below** the surface, where we cannot perceive it, except through the eyes of the Spirit, we’ll not only miss the new thing that God is doing, we will also fail to perceive His “**way in the wilderness**” and the “**tracks in the desolation**.”

Where, how and why did we miss God this past year, never mind all the years before 2012? I'd bet that everyone listening can identify times and places, relationships and circumstances in which we found ourselves to our utter horror later on. And why? Because we weren't walking in the way our Father had made in our wilderness and the tracks He laid in our desolation. We walked in ways **WE** chose, so we missed the sweet waters and streams He provided, and drank from bitter waters.

The question tonight is, will we know the new thing which the Father is doing **today**, which is sprouting **again**, just as the new thing was sprouting a year ago? It does so **below** the surface where **only** the eyes of our **spirits** can perceive. Are we aware – will we **BE** aware – of **His** way and **His** tracks, or are we yet making our own, in any area of our lives?

Yeshua said, "**You will know them by their fruits.**" What are the fruits of your harvest in every area of life tonight, as you look back at 2012?

Yesterday morning, December 31, in an official meeting of the ecclesia here at the Father's house, this thought dawned in my mind:

2012 is the number of grace: $2+1+2=5$, the number of grace. We were given an entire **year** of unprecedented grace to receive revelation **never** given before; an entire **year** of grace to possess a new land, which the Father had given us to conquer; in which giants lived who perceived us as grasshoppers, but whom we were equipped to fell or to subdue. But, did you notice how it all worked **only** when we were **obedient** – faithful to **heed** – the revelation we received; and that when we were **unfaithful, disobedient** to – when we were **rebellious** against – the revelation, that **we** were felled or we were subdued?

We have already moved into 2013, a year of the number of man ($2+1+3=6$).

This is what the Father said as I prepared for our time together tonight:

YOU, beloved, **are** the sprouts, planted in the soil which I have plowed and into which I seeded you. How you will grow and what fruit you will **yield** will be seen by men and women, some of whom you know and some you have not yet met. Your **rate** of growth; the **direction** your young plant

points as its head emerges from the soil, will be determined by the **purity** of your own heart and the steadfastness of your mind. These will also determine the size and shape of your trunk, whether strong or slight; the type of bark that covers your insides where life courses, whether smooth or rough, thick or thin; and your leaves that soak up more or less sunlight from the Father's face according to their breadth.

Specific words that were spoken to you multiplied times over the past year have come to pass. Some you were ready for and some you **still** are not ready for, but the Father's word moves forward, because it is carried by His Name. We told you several times that the Father was calling Barbara to Himself. The grace He bestowed on you who have had access to her since those words were spoken has amazed me and kept me before the throne in awe. I have watched pieces of Barbara's life look to me as if they were being stolen, literally, when you chose to seek her counsel before His; or worse, when you sought the counsel of, or aligned with foreigners, rather than seek God yourself.

This is not being said to scourge you, or open old wounds, but to put you in Holy fear of the one Who holds your next breath, because it is His will – indeed, it is His pleasure – to save you; His desire to deliver you; and His delight to heal you and set you free from any and all who would oppress you for their own pleasure.

The scripture declares, “***the fear of YaHoVeH is the beginning of wisdom***”; the beginning, not the end. The fear of the Lord is the **first** order of business, if we are seeking wisdom. I looked up the phrase, “***the fear of the Lord***,” in Bible Gateway, in the ESV, and got 18 references (interestingly, the number, 18, is 9, which is 3x3: the number of sufficiency times itself. These are some of the things I pray you will have learned to pay attention to before I rest with my ancestors). Listen to these scriptures, and as I read them, ask where you see yourself?

1. **Job 28:28**

And he said to man, ‘Behold, the **fear of the Lord**, that **is** wisdom, and **to turn away from evil is understanding**.’”

2. **Psalms 19:9**

The **fear of the LORD** is **clean**, enduring for the eons; the **rules** of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

3. **Psalm 34:11**

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the **fear of the LORD**

4. **Psalm 111:10**

The **fear of the LORD** is the *beginning* of wisdom; all those who *practice* it have a *good understanding*. His praise endures for the eons.

5. **Proverbs 1:7**

The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of *knowledge*; fools *despise* wisdom *and* instruction.

6. **Proverbs 1:29**

Because they *hated* knowledge and did *not* choose the **fear of the LORD**.

That one is scary, when you read it in context (from the CLV):

Proverbs 1

25 Because I called, and you refused, I stretched out my hand, and no one attended, 25 And you renounced all my counsel, And my reproof you would not heed, 26 Indeed, I myself shall ridicule in your calamity; I shall deride when alarm comes upon you, 27 When alarm comes upon you like a thunderstorm, And calamity, it arrives upon you like a sweeping whirlwind, When distress and constraint come up on you.

28 Then they shall call me, yet I shall not answer; They shall seek me early, yet they shall not find me. 29 Because they hated knowledge, And the fear of Yahweh they would not choose, 30 They would not heed my counsel, They spurned all my reproof, 31 Thus they shall eat of the fruit of their way, And with their counsels they shall be surfeited.

32 For the instability of the simple, it shall kill them, And the carelessness of the stupid, it shall destroy them. 33 Yet whoever is hearkening to me, he shall tabernacle in serenity, And he will be tranquil, away from alarm of evil.

7. **Proverbs 2:5**

then you will understand the **fear of the LORD** and find the knowledge of God.

WE can't pass by this one without discovering what leads to the word, "**THEN**." Here is **Proverbs 2**, from the CLV:

My son, **if** you take my sayings, And my instructions you store up within you, 2 **Attending** with your ear to wisdom, And you stretch out your heart to comprehension, 3 **Indeed if** you call out for understanding, And you raise your voice for comprehension, 4 **If** you seek it like silver And search for it like buried treasures, 5 **Then** you shall understand the fear of Yahweh, And the knowledge of Elohim you shall find.

6 **For Yahweh Himself gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and comprehension; 7 He stores up sagacity for the upright, A shield for those walking with integrity, 8 So as to preserve the paths of right judgment, And so He may guard the way of His benign ones.**

9 **Then you shall understand righteousness and right judgment, And you shall be upright in every good route; 10 For wisdom shall come in to your heart, And knowledge, it shall be pleasant to your soul. 11 Foresight, it shall guard over you; Comprehension, it shall preserve you, 12 So as to rescue you from the way of evil, From the man who is speaking duplicity, 13 From those who forsake the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness, 14 Who rejoice in doing evil, Who exult in the duplicity of evil, 15 Whose paths Are perverse, And who are devious in their routes.**

16 **This will also rescue you from the alien woman, From the foreign woman who makes her sayings slick, 17 Who forsakes the mentor of her youth, And the covenant of her Elohim she forgets. 18 For her house slips down to death And her routes to the Rephaim; 19 All who enter it shall not return, Nor shall they overtake the paths of life. 20 Heed this that you may walk in the way of good men And keep to the paths of the righteous; 21 For the upright, they shall tabernacle in the land, And those of integrity, they shall be left in it, 22 Yet the wicked, they shall be cut off from the land, And the treacherous, they shall be torn out from it.**

8. **Proverbs 8:13**

The **fear of the LORD** is *hatred* of evil. *Pride* and *arrogance* and the *way of evil* and *perverted speech* I *hate*.

9. **Proverbs 9:10**

The **fear of the LORD** is the *beginning* of wisdom, and the *knowledge* of the Holy One is *insight*.

10. **Proverbs 10:27**

The **fear of the LORD** *prolongs life*, *but* the years of the *wicked* will be *short*.

11. **Proverbs 14:26**

In the **fear of the LORD** one has *strong confidence*, and his *children* will have a *refuge*.

12. **Proverbs 14:27**

The **fear of the LORD** is a *fountain* of life, that one may turn *away* from the *snares* of death.

13. **Proverbs 15:16**

Better is a *little* with the **fear of the LORD** than *great* treasure and *trouble* with it.

14. **Proverbs 15:33**

The **fear of the LORD** is *instruction* in wisdom, and *humility* comes *before honor*.

15. **Proverbs 16:6**

By *steadfast* love and *faithfulness* iniquity is atoned for, and *by* the **fear of the LORD** one *turns away* from evil. *[All active, notice – nothing is done for us...we DO IT...or not!]*

16. **Proverbs 19:23**

The **fear of the LORD** leads to *life*, and whoever has it *rests satisfied*; he will *not* be visited by *harm*.

17. **Proverbs 22:4**

The *reward* for *humility* *and* **fear of the LORD** is riches and honor and life.

18. **Proverbs 23:17**

Let not your heart **envy** sinners, but **continue** in the **fear of the LORD all** the day. *[How much of the day ought we to rest satisfied in the fear of the Lord?]*

We just looked at 18 scriptures: $1+8=9$, the number of sufficiency times itself. A thing is established, the scriptures says, by two or three witnesses. Two is enough to establish a thing and for God to bring it about soon – we saw that principle with Joseph and two dreams in prison, plus the two dreams out of prison. Three is a number of sufficiency, but the fulfillment may be some time off in the future:

For example, Yeshua always took three with Him when it was appropriate to witness the most significant events (the mount of transfiguration and His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane). Yeshua was in the grave 3 days and three nights, just as Jonah was in the whale three days and three nights. Twelve – the number of tribes and the number of the disciples, a number of completion and divine government – is a multiple of the number three.

Back to 2013: the digits total 6, the number of man, but also **2 x three**; a number that contains what God is **establishing** and bringing about soon. In fact, the shift occurred here yesterday: Barbara is now, as I speak it to you, moving into her place of intimacy with the Father, in His presence where **no** one gets to her because of His jealousy for His time with her, and for the call He has upon her life. We told everyone this was going to happen and we are here today. The Father established it AND has brought it about soon. It may have been sooner than you thought it would be. But WHY? Because, even though it was prophesied, it sprouted **below** the surface where **almost** no one was looking.

The number 6 is 2×3 , indicating that this witness was not only established and brought about soon, but the number of sufficiency has multiplied it, and no one can claim surprise or cry foul. Also, no one can overturn it or circumvent it. Barbara has moved into a realm that not even I can go uninvited; and soon, I will be put to repose for many reasons, some known only to the Father, but one of

which, I believe, is because my presence can hinder ultimately. It's not that I'm a bad person or even a bad influence, but Barbara is called far above and beyond **all** fleshly relationships including ours as husband and wife.

2013, which adds up to the number of man, is also an indication that the Father is testing your human heart, as He tests all mankind, to see what you are made of – not because He doesn't know, but because **YOU** don't know...and you **MUST** know if you are to fulfill the purpose for which **YOU** were created. And you **CANNOT** do that looking to Barbara for life or wisdom or understanding. These things come from, "***the fear of the Lord,***" which we just read in 18 scriptures.

Now this same year of the number of man will require your deliberate, consistent and continual attention to the Father's voice in your own spirit. Although the pastorate has been delegated by the Father to Laura, SHE will **NOT** be a substitute or a surrogate for the Father, anymore than Barbara could be. She **WILL**, however, hold up the standard of the Father's words and the plumb line of Yeshua's life, like Moses erected the standard in the desert, and all who looked upon it were healed. Moses could not heal them...the children of Israel were required to look at the standard – a pole on which a serpent was represented. Laura will only hold **up** the standard, she will not **BE** the standard nor substitute **FOR** the standard. She has **earned** the position by virtue of having undergone the **dying**, the **surrender**, the **chastening**, and the scourging required of **any** daughter or son.

You are free to look to her **example**, but – **hear me now**: SEEK the will of the Father yourself for every detail of your life. **DO NOT** pick up a phone or send an email asking for help or counsel **BEFORE** seeking wisdom directly from the Father. The Father will burn Laura **out** of your life if you ever try putting **her** in **His** place. He is calling her on in the land He has given her, and she can't stop to hold everyone's hand along the way, especially if the need for handholding is because you are depending on **her** instead of **Him**!

You have the Holy Spirit, for the Messiah's sake, which was sent to **guide us into all the truth**. You have the scriptures, both Old and New Testament, plus **Light Up the Scriptures** and **Jammie Church** every week. You have far more than the

followers of Yeshua had in the 1st century. 2013 is the year of man, when men and women will decide to grow up – or not – into mature sons and daughters to whom the Father can relate, **just** as He relates to Yeshua Himself.

Listen to me carefully: no one should go away tonight, thinking, *“Tom said we couldn’t call or email. He said we’re on our own.”* No, Tom did **NOT** say that. He **DID** say, Seek the Lord **first**, because that will be the **first** question Laura asks when you **DO** call or email. And, just like God shows Barbara stuff in the spirit about each of you; He’s been showing Laura too...He’s been doing it for about 16 months by my count (and in case you’re interested, 16 = 7, the number of perfection).

We said that 2012 was a year of divine government, because of the 12 at the end. What I saw at 12:29 am on December 31st, as I was writing, is that it was the year in which divine government was **established**, because of the number 2 **ahead** of the number 12 – the number of **completion**. The Father, during a year of unprecedented, multiplied grace, in a new land of unparalleled opportunity, and intimacy with His counsel, tested everyone’s heart who entered or who were carried into the new land. He completed the establishing of the divine government required for whatever move He intends to bring about before the return of His Son in Glory and power. Don’t forget that the new thing He’s doing is sprouting – it begins **BELOW** the surface. Look for it with the eyes of your spirit, because you’ll miss it otherwise, and the Father would love for you to **know** it!

Now, if anyone thinks that **WE** did something to make happen what is happening, he or she is greatly mistaken and is probably not even part of our family tonight. None of us have time or life to waste, let alone waste it selling someone on what they obviously don’t want. The ones whom The Father will reach are hungrier than they even know tonight. They are hungry for His life, His water, His way and His tracks, because they’re sick of the ones they’ve travelled in up to now.

Yeshua said, ***“Hither to Me, all who are toiling and laden, and I will be giving you rest”*** (Matthew 11:28). And they did, and they will again, by the throngs. The rest of what Yeshua said was this:

Matthew 11:29-30

Lift My yoke upon you and ***be learning from Me***, for meek am I and humble in heart, and you shall be finding rest in your souls,
30 for My yoke is kindly and My load is light."

Well, how much have you learned from Yeshua, especially in this past year? Are you resting in Him? You are about to find out, I believe. But how can you help anyone else to walk unless you are first walking strong and sure-footed before the Father, without being carried anyone besides His power residing in you and manifesting through you?

The year of unprecedented grace has brought us into a year of man, where, I believe, you will undergo testing – indeed, I believe it began already – to determine how strong you are and to strengthen you further where you need it; to determine how sure you are, how stable, how wise, how knowledgeable, how obedient, how certain, how focused, how determined, how humble, how surrendered, how willing, and how committed; and to strengthen all of these finest qualities of a son or daughter of the Most High.

Let's not be ones of whom Yeshua says, ***“Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.”*** Rather, let's be zealous for Him in every area, being willing to give up all to follow Him, as Peter said of the disciples.

Let's not be among those of whom it was written: ***“In hearing, you will be hearing, and may by no means be understanding, And observing, you will be observing, and may by no means be perceiving.”*** But let it be written: ***“Yet happy are your eyes, for they are observing, and your ears, for they are hearing.”***

I pray that before 2013 concludes, Yeshua could say to all of you, ***“You are My friends, if you should be doing whatever I am directing you. No longer am I***

terming you slaves, for the slave is not aware what his lord is doing. Yet I have declared you friends, for all that I hear from My Father I make known to you.”

A revelation of Yeshua the Messiah requires no one between you and Him. Put no one in His place, and do not occupy His place in any other person's life. Fix your gaze on Him, follow His footprints in the way the Father has made and the tracks He has laid. Drink ONLY from His waters and streams. The One Who Suffices – El Shaddai, says this:

Isaiah 42:6

⁶ I, Yahweh, I call You in righteousness, And I shall hold fast to Your hand; I shall preserve You And give You for a covenant of the people, For a light of the nations, ⁷ To unclothe the eyes that are blind, To bring forth the prisoner from the enclosure, And those dwelling in darkness from the house of detention. ⁸ I am Yahweh; that is My Name, And My glory I shall not give to another, Or My praise to carvings. ⁹ The former things, behold, they came; Now I will tell the new; Ere they are sprouting I shall announce them to you.

Father, your announcement is in our hearing tonight. You are operating Your purpose of the eons, which You make in the Messiah, Yeshua, according to the counsel of Your will. I pray we each find ourselves in the center of Your operations. I pray, Father that we each find ourselves walking certainly in the middle of your way and your tracks. We will know by the taste in our mouths of the waters from which we have drunk, and I pray we find them sweet.