

177 – Will we leave the prison?

We have been following a theme over the last several “*Light Up the Scriptures.*” I didn’t know we were following a theme, and maybe you didn’t either, but looked over our studies going clear back into early April, and many of them dealt with freedom, surrender, and obedience; stripping off the old and putting on the new humanity; what it means to be dead, and what it means to be alive in the Messiah. I thought we reached a kind of climax last week, when we looked at the freedom that comes from repentance; not repentance according to any religious understanding I ever had, but according to the literal change of mind that repentance is.

I haven’t been able to let go of the whole repentance issue this past week, and I’ve run into the tentacles of religious teaching in some of our lives that we seem unaware of and which seem to be so deeply entrenched that some have been quite literally disabled when it comes to experiencing the freedom, liberty, joy, peace and rest in their souls that real repentance – that a real change of mind – brings.

Honestly, I’ve been perplexed about why going free has been so hard for some of our family of God. I’ve also felt downright angry that the Father’s character has been so terribly presented – twisted really – and so convincingly, apparently, that other voices than the Father’s have continued to occupy His rightful place. It’s so bad sometimes, that what someone was taught by a man in church, is the voice that is still heard and still can bring such condemnation, even though the condemnation itself – to say nothing of the teaching – goes completely against the Scriptures – the word of YaHoVeH – and sets up a man in His place. Talk about “Antichrist”? Talk about acting as “*messengers of light*” and as “*dispensers of righteousness,*” which the Apostle Paul wrote about in **2 Corinthians 11**. Let’s go ahead and look at it together.

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

for [the sa-tan] himself is being transfigured into a messenger of light.

15 It is no great thing, then, if his servants also are being transfigured as dispensers of righteousness

Paul was compelled to write the text we just read, because of what he wrote back in the beginning of Chapter 10:

2 Corinthians 10:1-7

Now I, Paul, myself am entreating you, through the meekness and leniency of Christ, who, as to personal appearance, indeed, am humble among you, yet, being absent, have courage toward you.

2 Yet I am beseeching, that I may not, being present, have to have courage with the confidence with which I am reckoning to dare any who reckon us as walking according to the flesh,

3 For, walking in flesh, we are not warring according to the flesh.

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but powerful to God toward the pulling down of bulwarks;

5 pulling down reckonings and every height elevating itself against the knowledge of God, and leading into captivity every apprehension into the obedience of Christ,

6 and having all in readiness to avenge every disobedience, whenever your obedience may be completed.

7 Are you looking at that on the surface? If anyone is presuming to have confidence in himself to be Christ's, let him be reckoning this again with himself, that, according as he is Christ's, thus also are we.

Anyone who thinks that some religious teaching of men supersedes the clear word of Almighty God, I am putting you on notice tonight: You have been set free by the shed blood of the Lord Yeshua the Messiah, and you'll either hearken to His voice, walk out of the prison in which He is not holding you, and come into all that the Father has in store for your life, or say, "No thank You, God. Yeshua is a liar; He can't just GIVE me peace, rest, or lasting joy in my soul; I must do all I can to earn it, even though it's impossible, 'cause I'm just a worm. Even if I did earn it, I've got to keep it, because it's so slippery that I could lose it, or you could take it away – I don't know which, really – and I never know when or how. Yeshua's death was ineffective; He didn't get the job done; The grace of God may be for others, but it's not for me. I have to work for *my* freedom. God just isn't big enough or strong enough to save me by grace."

That's how twisted up some in this family are because of religious conditioning. They can say all the right words of agreement and repentance, but there's no real change of mind; you need to go back to the church you have studied, believed, and agreed with more than you have studied, believed, and agreed with God!

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, you and I have been won FOR the Father by the once and for all blood sacrifice of Yeshua's body on the cross! If we died with Him, we also will live with Him, the Scriptures declare; and none of it was because we deserve it or because

we can do anything to earn it – if we could, it wouldn't be salvation by grace; it would be salvation by works!

I feel like Paul – who said he felt like a crazy person as he wrote to the Corinthians for the third time. They weren't believing Him – and they weren't believing the word of God either; they were believing others – “messengers of light” and “dispensers of righteousness,” whom he called, “false apostles, fraudulent workers, being transfigured into apostles of Christ.”

I'm really not addressing a person or persons, although people are involved; I'm calling out the twisted, religious, satanic spirit, and to the degree that you have – that any of us has –any communion with that spirit, I pray that we will disavow allegiance, cancel agreement; renounce, reject, and refuse all intercourse with it in the name of Yeshua the Messiah. These aren't just words we speak; speaking is hugely important, to be sure. More important, however, is the change of mind we have been studying; that is REAL repentance.

Look at what John the Baptist told those who came to him. Let's pick up the story at **Luke 3:3**:

And he came into the entire country about the Jordan, heralding a baptism of repentance for the pardon of sins,
4 as it is written in the scroll of the sayings of Isaiah the prophet, saying, "The voice of one imploring: 'In the wilderness make ready the road of the Lord! Straight...be making the highways'" of Him!
5 "Every ravine shall be filled And every mountain and hill shall be made low, And the crooked shall be straight, And the rough places into smooth roads,...
6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."
7 He said, then, to the throngs going out to be baptized by him, "Progeny of vipers! Who intimates to you to be fleeing from the impending indignation?
8 **Produce, then, fruits worthy of repentance.** And you should not begin to be saying among yourselves, 'For a father we have Abraham,' for I am saying to you that God is able, out of these stones, to rouse children to Abraham.
9 Now already the ax also is lying at the root of the trees. Every tree, then, which is not producing ideal fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire."

Verse 8 reads, “**Produce [actually, DO], then, fruits worthy of repentance.**” “Do – or produce – in Greek is “make, be the authors of, the cause, make ready, prepare, acquire, provide for yourself, make a thing out of something, act rightly, do well, perform (perform

not in the sense of pretending, but in the sense of performing a contract.” The word, “fruits,” means, *“that which originates or comes from something, an effect, [or] result.”* The exhortation from John could boil down to Nike’s signature slogan, *“Just do it.”*

John did NOT say, *“Apologize a lot; say the magic words, ‘I repent,’ hang your head and appear sorrowful.”* NO! The word is, *“Produce ... fruits worthy of repentance.”* John says, *“Show me results.”* When I was in private practice, I told every patient at one time or another, results are all that counts; everything else is smoke and mirrors. Words are hollow until lives back up words with results. When our lives match our words, the Father is pleased, and we have something to show for the Lord’s sacrifice. Until then, we’re just playing “Christian.”

I said earlier that I was putting the twisted, religious spirit on notice, with which some among us have remained in alliance and agreement. I’m now going further into that notice, because, as Barbara has said so often, *“There are 7 billion other people on this Earth, who just might want the God I serve.”* We are standing at a line in the sand tonight, I believe. This is the day of decision, just like Joshua told the children of Israel, in the last chapter of Joshua. We need to read at least part of that account right now:

Joshua 24:1-2

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem; he called for the elders of Israel and for its heads, for its judges and for its clerks. They stationed themselves before the One, Elohim. 2 Then Joshua said to all the people: Thus says Yahweh Elohim of Israel:

Before we go any further, we need to let it sink in WHERE the Israelites were at this time. *“They stationed themselves before the One, Elohim.”* This was what Barbara calls, *“a solemn assembly.”* Joshua then declares, *“Thus says Yahweh Elohim of Israel.”* This is serious business. You and I – those of us who are on this line right now, have gathered together every Tuesday evening to study and often to hear the word of YaHoVeH Elohim – the Elohim of Israel, and our Father. This has been especially grave – in the sense of our accountability for what we hear when we meet like this – since December 27, 2011. In case you don’t have a catalog of our studies right in front of you, look for #86 – *“How to know whether you’re at cross purposes or in lock-step with God.”* That same day, I recorded #87 – *“Out With the Old, In with the New.”* Here are the steps we took from there, from January 3 through February 2, 2012:

- January 3: #88 – *God is calling - You Coming?*
- January 11: #89 – *God Cuts Deep to Get the Cancers Out*
- January 18: #90 – *Are You Not Aware?*

- January 25: #91 - *Only by the Spirit of God do you know what you are dealing with.* On that same night, we shared a prophetic word that was given to me on December 9, 2009. It would be well to look at it again – that’s all I am released now to say about it.
- February 2: #92 – *Learn to read God’s fingerprints, watch for His landmarks, and follow His footprints*

When I look at the ground we’ve covered just in the last 20 months – never mind the 85 studies that preceded the time period I just reviewed – I am freshly aware that we were called then to station ourselves “*before the One, Elohim,*” and I said then what I am saying now: “*Thus says Yahweh Elohim of Israel.*” Thus says your Father and My Father, and the Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah ...

Joshua 24:14-15

Now fear Yahweh and serve Him in sincerity and in truth. Put away the elohim that your fathers had served across the Stream and in Egypt, and serve Yahweh. 15 Yet if it is displeasing in your eyes to serve Yahweh, choose for yourselves today whom you shall serve, whether those elohim that your fathers had served when they dwelt across the Stream, or whether the elohim of the Amorite in whose land you are dwelling; yet I and my house, we shall serve Yahweh.

Before Joshua delivered the ultimatum FROM YaHoVeH TO Israel, he recounted all that the Father had taken the people through, from Abraham forward; He put all of Israel on notice, as I am doing now: Take no other gods with you across the Stream! Put them away, He said, meaning, leave them behind. Don’t wrap them up all nice and snug for the trip; get rid of them!

Get this: If you believe religious dogma – if you trust in what men have said – more than you believe YaHoVeH and trust what He says, stay the heck on this side of the Stream – or what I called the line in the sand earlier. Do NOT send emails or make phone calls, with words that mean nothing to us and less to the Father. Decide tonight, before you close your eyes to sleep, What your god is or Whom your God is and serve IT or serve HIM.

I thank God that tonight, He is releasing me from battling the religious spirit *for* you. Either you will walk away from it, never to look back, or you won’t, but those of us who have already decided Whom we will serve, are moving forward, and I believe that we will never return here. This is way too old, way too low, and, again, as Barbara says so often, “There’s a lost and dying world out there to which she at least is called to introduce the

One Who told her and Who is saying to them, “When are you just going to trust me? Start Walking!” That’s where the realm of the miraculous begins; that’s where people will find and fulfill the purpose for which they were created; and that, I believe, is the invitation that Barbara will declare to the world, beginning in earnest, 11 days from today.

We can no longer afford the time and energy to drag along someone who loves their other gods. It’s too big a drain on resources that the Father is requiring us to invest for Him into those who are so hungry and so ready to receive that they are transformed in minutes, not years. They do not gainsay or second-guess the goodness of God, holding lenses in front of their eyes that are distorted by religion; they’ve long ago jettisoned religion; they’ve seen it for the falsehood that it is. But they are nevertheless hungry for the real Yeshua – the One Who meets needs and heals hurts, and they come as little children, eager to jump in the Father’s lap and be comforted and loved.

Hebrews 6:

*Wherefore, leaving the word dealing with the rudiments of Christ, **we should be brought on to maturity**, (not again disrupting the foundation of repentance from **dead works**, and of faith on God,*

2 of the teaching of baptizings, besides the imposition of hands, and the resurrection of the dead, and of judgment eonian).

3 And this will we be doing, that is, if God may be permitting.

God IS permitting tonight, because we must move forward. We cannot mature if we can’t even get straight the “rudiments of the Messiah.” Did He die? Did the Father raise Him? Are we baptized into His name? Are we filled with His Spirit and do we have what Paul called, “the manifestation” of languages? Yes? Then we have direct access to and contact with YaHoVeH Elohim of Israel! What, then, could possibly be so low as a problem? And if you *have* a problem at this late date, don’t bother us with it – we aren’t your solution; He is.

*4 For it is impossible for those **once enlightened**, besides tasting the celestial gratuity and becoming partakers of holy spirit,*

5 and tasting the ideal declaration of God, besides the powerful deeds of the impending eon,

*6 and falling aside, to be renewing them again to repentance **while crucifying for themselves the Son of God again and holding Him up to infamy**.*

Verse 6 is both terrifying and hopeful at the same time, because it details the condition, which the author writes, “*is impossible ... to be renewing them again to repentance.*” We’d better understand what it means to be “*crucifying for themselves the Son of God again and*

holding Him up to infamy.” The author is not addressing depravity, immorality, or anything so obvious, in my opinion. He is, I believe, the religious ones among us who refuse simply to receive the salvation in grace through faith in Yeshua the Messiah. These people never say they refuse it – in fact, they take pains to confess it; but they do not “*produce fruits worthy of repentance,*” going back to Luke 3 where we began tonight. They strive and work to achieve what the Lord already accomplished. As a result, in their lives, Yeshua still hangs on the cross. These people won’t let Him down from there, and, therefore, they hold Him up to infamy. They cannot be conciliated to YaHoVeH for the Messiah’s sake, as Paul beseeched in 2 Corinthians 5. Even worse, they fulfill what Paul warned against in 2 Corinthians 6: “*not to receive the grace of YaHoVeH for naught.*”

Hebrews 6:7-12

7 For land which is drinking the shower coming often on it, and bringing forth herbage fit for those because of whom it is being farmed also, is partaking of blessing from God;

8 yet, bringing forth thorns and star thistles, it is disqualified and near a curse, whose consummation is burning.

9 Yet we are persuaded of better things concerning you, beloved, and those which have to do with salvation, even if we are speaking thus.

10 For God is not unjust, to be forgetting your work and the love which you display for His name when you serve the saints, and are serving.

“*All is not lost,*” the author is saying here; “*We are persuaded of better things concerning you.*” I think it not too great a stretch to note that “*serving the saints*” here includes supporting the Father’s work on behalf of others whom you may never meet. You’re in His ark of protection as you follow His leading to send tithes and offerings into His house.

I was about to move on just now, when the Father urged me to say to someone: “Look to the matter of offerings – not your tithes, but your offerings, which are above and beyond your tithes. Consider what your blessing may be that is beyond any quote-unquote, obligation. You may tithe out of principle or training or conviction, but offerings are purely from a genuine heart of gratitude. And here’s the thing: Don’t suddenly send an offering out of a religious unction because of our study tonight. There is no demand placed here – My Father knows how reluctant I am even to bring up the issue. This is for you, not me. If you have not offered to the Father beyond your tithe, you would do well to wonder why; you would do well to seek your heart. I don’t care where your offering goes – if indeed, you make one anywhere; I don’t even want to know. You must know, and it must be out of the well of gratitude for all that the Lord is and all that the Father has done in your life, if indeed, you value it truly.

11 Now we are yearning for each one of you to be displaying the same diligence toward the assurance of the expectation until the consummation,

“displaying the same diligence” is the Hebrews author’s approximation, I believe, of John’s instruction in Luke 3 to, “Produce [or do], then – [make, be the authors of, the cause, make ready, prepare, acquire, provide for yourself, make a thing out of something, act rightly, do well, perform], fruits [results] worthy of repentance.” And the section of **Hebrews 6** we’ve been looking at, ends with this:

12 that you may not be becoming dull. Now be imitators of those who through faith and patience are enjoying the allotment of the promises.

May I say that I know what it is to be “becoming dull”? It is the most frightening position to be in when you know it, and I give my Father thanks daily that He provided a way of escape from it, because I could have easily fulfilled all the worst parts to the Scripture we just studied. Let us not continue crucifying the Lord; let us instead lay down all we think we know for what He alone did when He emptied Himself of the glory that was His before the eons, to walk among men, to be loved by so few and hated by so many; giving His life for you and me, so that we may live beyond the reach of the Sin and death, and come before the Father boldly, as sons and daughters.

2 Timothy 3:1-7

Now this know, that in the last days perilous periods will be present,
2 for men will be selfish, fond of money, ostentatious, proud, calumniators, stubborn to parents, ungrateful, malign,
3 without natural affection, implacable, adversaries, uncontrollable, fierce, averse to the good,
4 traitors, rash, conceited, fond of their own gratification rather than fond of God;

As awful as this list sounds that Paul just rattled off, it’s hard to miss people like this and avoid them or disassociate ourselves from them ... except for the next characteristic that, to me, is the most critical landmark left by an allegiance to the religious spirit:

5 having **a form of devoutness, yet denying its power.**
6 These, also, shun. For of these are those who are slipping into homes and are leading into captivity little women, heaped with sins, being led by various lusts and gratifications,

Here comes Paul’s knockout punch:

7 **always learning and yet not at any time able to come into a realization of the truth.**

Now, very quickly, lest we abandon hope, everything in Paul's list is reversible and the person recoverable. How? Go back to **Joshua 24:14-15**

Now **fear Yahweh and serve Him in sincerity and in truth. Put away the elohim** that your fathers had served across the Stream and in Egypt, and serve Yahweh. 15 Yet if it is displeasing in your eyes to serve Yahweh, **choose for yourselves today whom you shall serve**, whether those elohim that your fathers had served when they dwelt across the Stream, or whether the elohim of the Amorite in whose land you are dwelling; yet I and my house, we shall serve Yahweh.

Luke 3:8

Produce, then, fruits worthy of repentance

Barbara always encapsulates Scriptural principles simply, when she says, "Just read the book and do what it says." We have the "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth."

Philippians 2:12-16

with fear and trembling, be carrying your own salvation into effect,
13 for it is God Who is operating in you to will as well as to work for the sake of His delight.
14 All be doing without murmurings and reasonings,
15 that you may become blameless and artless, children of God, flawless, in the midst of a generation crooked and perverse among whom you are appearing as luminaries in the world,
16 having on the word of life, for my glorying in the day of Christ, that I did not run for naught, neither that I toil for naught.

Matthew 16:23-24

"Go away behind Me, sa-tan! A snare are you to Me, for **you are not disposed to that which is of God, but that which is of men.**"
24 Then Jesus said to His disciples: "If anyone is wanting to come after Me, let him **renounce himself [not rely on himself, but renounce, reject, and refuse himself, if I may add to the Lord's words]** and pick up his cross and follow Me.

We will close our time in the Word together tonight with **2 Corinthians 5-6:2**

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

7 (for by faith are we walking, not by perception),

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 Christ, that each should be requited for that which he 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.

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 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 Christ is constraining us, judging this, that, if One died for the sake of all, consequently 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.

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!

18 Yet all is of God, Who conciliates us to Himself through Christ, and is giving us the dispensation of the conciliation,

19 how that God was in Christ, conciliating the world to Himself, not reckoning their offenses to them, and placing in us the word of the conciliation.

20 For Christ, then, are we ambassadors, as of God entreating through us. We are beseeching for Christ's sake, "Be conciliated to God!"

21 For the One not knowing sin, He makes to be a sin offering for our sakes that we may be becoming God's righteousness in Him.

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!

For Barbara and for me too as long as the Lord allows my behind the scenes backup on the home front, it's time to go to the Nations. The religious world may or may not come along; that's the Father's business. The other slightly under 7 billion people are worth our every effort and every breath, as the Lord leads, to herald the love of the Father to a generation who doesn't know Him or the real Yeshua – the One Who meets needs and heals hurts. They don't know it, but they've been looking for Him, and they are soon to learn, He's looking for them too. Our job appears to be to make the introductions, and let the Spirit of the Living Elohim transform their lives as He enfolds them in His presence and transports them into the realm of the miraculous.

Father, I pray for all tonight, for their total healing and deliverance from any and all bondage to other lords. I pray that anyone who desperately needs to hear this not only does so, but that You will give them no rest until they bow the knee and confess to You that Yeshua the Messiah is Lord. You have opened the gates of the prison wide. I pray we have sense enough to walk free. Father, I pray that each of us would seek Your face anew and recommit our hearts, minds, souls, bodies, and spirits to You; for we are NOT our own; we were bought with a price. Therefore, Father I pray that by all means we would glorify you in our bodies, souls and spirits, in the name of the One Who died that we may live in Him for the eons of the eons. AMEN.