

Lesson 137 Come Unto Me

Come unto Me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest even in the midst of the storm. Come to Me and listen to the message I deliver. And then follow through with obedience. This is a must. I gave My laws to protect and guide. Follow this path as it will lead you to My joy complete. That is all for now, go in peace.

Introduction

In the message we received this week the Lord calls us to come unto Him for rest, for rest even in the midst of the storm, and then He proceeded to lay out the details of His plan for obtaining this rest. The plan as He laid it out, goes something like this:

First, we come to Him. Second, we listen to Him. Third, we obey Him.

That sounds pretty direct and simple doesn't it! And I must add that the Lord has assured us, that if we follow this plan, then He will lead us to His joy complete.

As I was thinking and studying on what the Lord had just said, I came across this from the:

January 10th God Calling – When you come to Me, and I give you that Eternal Life I give it to all who believe in Me. It alters your whole existence, the words you speak, the influences you have.

And I then realized that our whole existence is altered. So it's not just the altering of our speech or of our influences as mentioned above but it's also the altering of our personal contentment, for in Him, we most definitely find our joy complete.

Therefore, as we proceed, through this lesson we will look at each one of these steps and we will come to discover the path to follow for obtaining His joy complete which is in actuality the ultimate conclusion or the end product of finding rest in Him.

Come Unto Me

This week the Lord has offered us rest and what we have discovered thus far is that He laid out three main steps for achieving this. We will now explore the first step as it was described in these words:

Come unto Me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest even in the midst of the storm.

Therefore, the first step involves coming to Him. Remember Jesus' words on this:

Matthew 11:28-30 "<u>Come to me</u>, all of you who are struggling and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and <u>you will find rest for your souls</u>. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." **John 6:35-40** And Jesus said to them, "<u>I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never</u>

hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

In other words we come to Him and He gives us rest. Therefore, we come to Him and we rest....

05/29/13 FJ - Seek me face to face. Seek me. <u>Rest in My presence</u>. I will move, given time. Don't delay...Don't delay. Come away with Me. <u>Come with me</u>.

05/30/13 DP - I am here for you. <u>Enter My presence</u> often as a friend would. I am always available.

05/30/13 BN - Remember to come to Me today for your guidance.

05/31/13 CT - Trumpets sound. Trumpets call. <u>Come</u> to the sound of your God Jesus, to the call of your God Jesus. <u>Come</u>.

06/01/13 FJ - Come ride with me on the wind! See what I see. Meet me in a whisper. <u>Come find me</u>.

06/03/13 LW - Come and stand before Me.

Consequently, what the Lord is teaching us here is that the first step in finding rest is to go to Him, to be with Him, to have a relationship with Him.

March 17th God Calling - Withdraw into the calm of communion with Me. <u>Rest</u> - <u>rest, rest in</u> <u>that calm and Peace</u>. Life knows no greater joy than you will find in converse and companionship with Me.

You are Mine. When the soul finds its home of rest in Me, then it is that its real Life begins. Our true rest can only be found through our Lord. Whereupon, once our journey with Him has begun, then that is when our real life begins.

Exodus 33:14 And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Listen

In the first section we learned that our true, real life begins once we find our home of rest with the Lord and that is why it is so important to <u>go to Him</u>. Step two begins once we have established our life with Him. Consequently, it is in this second step where we will learn the value of listening to Him. The Lord emphasized this thusly:

06/01/13 FJ - Listen to me now.

06/02/13 SN - Listen to all I say. It takes two.

06/02/13 FJ - Hear and <u>listen well</u>, vigorously.

06/02/13 VC - <u>Hear me</u>, I come.

06/04/13 SN - Listen...come.

06/04/13 CT - Come to Me and <u>listen</u> to the message I deliver.

Isaiah 55:3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live. **Proverbs 7:24** Now therefore, <u>listen to me</u>, my children; <u>Pay attention to the words of my</u> <u>mouth</u>. Therefore, over time the Lord has taught us the value of listening to Him. But first, <u>we must</u> <u>enter into silence</u>, eliminating chatter, and this will enable us to hear Him more clearly. This is because ...

Silence has to do with the Holiness of the Lord and it is necessary to be in Him!

This is because Chatter ... will ruin the atmosphere necessary for being in the Lord.

Found on THH at this web address: http://www.takehisheart.com/twobecomeoneprotocol.htm This idea was explained in a little more detail through this:

05/16/13 CT - Silence brings so much. It is the quietening of your voice, but it is also the quietening of self, that unblocks the channels that the river of life runs through.

What this says then is that if our minds and self are not quiet, then it will be difficult, to hear the Lord.

05/29/13 BT - Now is the time to get serious. You know how to do what needs to be done. <u>Silence</u>, obedience, <u>listening</u>.

05/29/13 FJ - Blessings in store, wait for me, <u>listen</u>. <u>Listen all will be revealed</u>. Follow Me, <u>listen actively</u>.

05/30/13 SN - I AM Waiting for you to come to Me. (How Lord?) <u>By listening to what I say</u>. 05/31/13 DP - Be open to receive of My Spirit at all times not just in meetings. <u>Be listening for</u> <u>My voice</u>. <u>The listening ear hears</u>. Believe Me.

05/31/13 SN - Listening...watching...waiting.

05/31/13 BN - No expectations (in meeting), <u>simply listen and be obedient</u>... (no self) 06/05/13 CT - Listen, hear and obey.

Proverbs 8:32 Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways.

And what we discover as we are listening is that the Lord is guiding.

05/30/13 MVA - I will guide you into all understanding.

05/30/13 BN - Turn to Me for your guidance.

05/31/13 DP - You will hear Me guide you through all situations.

06/02/13 DP - Listen for guidance, instruction being poured out.

06/04/13 CT - Get your focus right. <u>Hear Me in the silence</u>. I provide and I guide. <u>You listen</u> and then obey. Focus, focus, focus.

As we close this second section what we have learned then is the importance of getting into silence so that we can properly hear, properly listen, to the guidance of the Lord.

January 28th God Calling – Look around you. Do the aims and ambitions that man strives for bring peace, or the world's awards bring heart-rest and happiness? No! indeed, man is at war with man. Those whom the world has most rewarded, with name, fame, honour, wealth, are weary and disappointed.

And yet, <u>to the listening ear</u>, above the jangle of the world's discordant cries, there echoes down the 1900 years My message, "Come unto Me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

And the weary and disappointed who listen and turn to Me find indeed that rest. Joy of the Weary I am, Music to the Heart I am, Health to the Sick, Wealth to the Poor, Food to the Hungry, Home to the Wanderer, Rapture to the Jaded, Love to the Lonely. There is not one want of the soul that I do not supply for the asking, and to you too, I long to be all.

We become silent, we listen, we turn to Him and we find rest.

Obey

In the first and second sections of this lesson we learned to be silent before the Lord. We learned to listen to Him. And we learned to block the "chatter" of both the world and self. And it is at this point that we will begin talking about the third element that leads to rest. The Lord said,

And then follow through with obedience. This is a must.

Consequently, the Lord revealed the third element to be that of obedience. We will discover, as the Lord put it, that this is a must. We will discover this through the words below. Thus what we will find through the Lord's guidance is that obedience helps us attain perfection, it brings us hope, it builds our faith, it changes the world and it brings victory. The Lord said it like this:

05/31/13 DP - <u>G</u>o forth in obedience carrying out the tasks I give you. Perfection is attainable <u>through obedience</u>. Instant obedience is the key. You do not have to know why, just obey. 06/04/13 MVA - Full obedience to all, will be hope, delivered in your God Jesus. Each a step of faith. I AM building faith strength in My Beloved.

06/04/13 KE - Maintain your faith and obedience to Me. This type of <u>obedience</u> is what would change the world.

06/05/13 MVA - Obedience bringing forth victory.

And the Lord confirmed those last words on the THH website where it is written like this,

Total obedience brings total victory.

What I want you to remember at this point is that the Lord is teaching us about rest. In the book of Job Elihu brings these thoughts together in this,

Job 36:11 *If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.*

Hence the Lord is teaching us to be silent, to get rid of self, to listen, and to obey in service to him; and then in this, we will be victorious. But before I closed this section on obedience I wanted to include a few more of the messages the Lord delivered this week on obedience. I wanted to include them because I wanted you to see how He has re-emphasized the importance of obedience on multiple occasions through words like this:

05/29/13 MVA - Follow closely your God Jesus instruction and guidance.

05/29/13 FJ - Hurry in all that I say and DO. Move on all I say and DO.

05/31/13 DP - Keep self out, <u>no room for self</u> in My Bride, just instant obedience and a willing vessel is necessary.

06/01/13 MVA - Continue to follow all guidance and instruction of your God Jesus.

06/02/13 DP - This is the time to be faithful, focused, <u>obedient</u> much is on the cusp. 06/02/13 FJ - Correctly move in my instruction. Align. 06/03/13 DP - Follow in complete obedience.

My Laws

In the last section we learned the importance of obedience and we, of course, cannot discuss obedience and not talk to one degree or another about the law. The Lord added, this statement just after He spoke of obedience. He said,

I gave <u>My laws</u> to protect and guide.

The law then should be looked upon as an aid. It points us in the right direction. Jesus said,

John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

Jesus taught us to be obedient to the commandments. He taught us to be obedient through our heart.

06/05/13 CT - Laying out the ground work for many plans. All in due season. Preparation a must. Knowledge a must. Obedience to My laws a must. <u>Obey from your heart</u>. <u>Respond to the Trinity in affirmations</u>. <u>Listen, hear and obey</u>. This is good. That is all for now <u>but remember the walk with Me</u>, it is a daily walk, an hour by hour, minute by minute, walk with your God Jesus.

Some would say that we are no longer under the law but under grace. But what we have learned from THH is this: http://www.takehisheart.com/fundamentalistopposite.htm *Jeremiah 31: 33*

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, <u>I will put my law in their inward parts</u>, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

For the most part a lot of believers and church leaders have been coming against, or opposing, the idea of God writing His laws and statutes in our hearts. As an example, I recently heard a fundamentalist preacher say, "Don't get into legalism; it will bring pressure!" This is somewhat true but look at an ordinary street intersection with traffic lights. <u>The invisible laws at that intersection protect people from accidents and even death</u>. When you approach that intersection and the light turns red, how much pressure are you under to stop at that light? If you are a seasoned driver there is little or no pressure at all because you know the driving laws are what keep you safe. You don't feel pressure just because it is the thing to do. You are used to it and it becomes a habit. The same is true of God's invisible laws and statutes. They protect you and the Bible says they give you life, if you will obey them.

In the COMPLETE JEWISH BIBLE, by David Sterns pg. 686, statutes of life is actually translated "laws that give life." So by replacing "statutes of life" in the following scripture it reads:

Ezekiel 33:15 ILB

if the wicked returns the pledge; he repays the thing stolen, he walks in the laws that give life, not doing iniquity; <u>he shall surely live;</u> he shall not die....

In comparison to God's laws, the laws at any street intersection actually protect you <u>and give</u> <u>you life.</u> *The same is true about "pressure to obey." <u>Once you understand God's invisible laws</u>, why they are there, and function in them, the pressure of obeying goes away and they hopefully become a habit. Years ago the Lord revealed to me that the preaching of grace, love, and judgement are totally out of balance. Judgment has to do with God's laws, His statutes, His Word. So we can visualize the preacher who preached this, "Don't get into legalism, it will bring pressure!" going through street intersections disregarding the laws saying, "Grace, grace, grace, I don't want any pressure!" You know what will happen!*

I have heard many Christians say, "Don't get under the law!" What they don't understand is that you get <u>under the law by breaking the law</u>, not by fulfilling it. Ask anyone in jail when they got under the law! If these men obey their own words, or ideas of what the Bible says concerning the law, they are in trouble because of the law of faith.

Romans 3: 27

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

So if they work the law of faith, according to them, they would be under the law rather than fulfilling it.

The Lord is now writing His laws and statutes in the hearts of those who will let Him. He is preparing a church, spotless and holy for Himself.

Ephesians 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

The church must <u>focus on becoming spotless</u>. She cannot be holy and without blemish while breaking God's laws and statutes any more than Jesus could be. Jesus said the way is narrow that leads to life. <u>It's time we embrace God's laws and statutes through love as Jesus did</u>!

And here are a few more scriptures that I think go right along with what we just read especially when we are comparing spiritual to spiritual.

Romans 6:15-16 *What then?* Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death or obedience leading to righteousness?

James 1:21-25 So rid yourselves of all vulgarity and obvious evil, and receive meekly the Word implanted in you that can save your lives. Don't deceive yourselves by only hearing what the Word says, but do it! For whoever hears the Word but doesn't do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror, who looks at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But if a person looks closely into the perfect Torah, which gives freedom, and continues, becoming not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work it requires, then he will be blessed in what he does.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

And the Lord gave further confirmation this week in this:

05/29/13 DP - Rebellion will be crushed. Those who come <u>against the covenant</u> will be destroyed.

06/05/13 CT - Obedience to My laws a must. Obey from your heart.

The Lord established His laws and we should obey them from our hearts just as Jesus did. The Lord said,

Deuteronomy 4:1 "Now, O Israel, <u>listen</u> to the statutes and the judgments which <u>I teach you to</u> <u>observe</u>, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you."

Deuteronomy 7:12 "Then it shall come to pass, <u>because you</u> listen to these judgments, and <u>keep and do them</u>, that the Lord your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers."

Psalm 81:13 "Oh, that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!"

Therefore, when it comes to obedience we cannot ignor God's laws, His commandments and His judgments, we must separate ourselves out and follow them.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty."

Joy

In the previous sections of this lesson the Lord taught us the value of being with Him. He even laid out a path to rest that can be accomplished through this relationship. We learned that this will come to us once we listen and obey. And finally He taught us the importance of His laws. He helped us to understand that He uses them to protect and guide us down His narrow path. The Lord said,

Follow this path as it will lead you to My joy complete.

Wow, how awesome is that. The Lord is leading us to joy. His joy complete.

April 19th God Calling - Health -- Peace -- Joy -- Patience -- Endurance, they all come from contact with Me.

And again as we compare spiritual to spiritual we find that the Lord is leading us down this path to joy, to an abundant life, dwelling in His presence.

05/29/13 DP - I have the plan that leads to an abundant life. You must follow Me. It is the only way you will find it. Be trusting, receive what I say, knowing, I will not lie. <u>I desire the best in life for you</u>. Allow Me to make decisions for you, be amazed at how smooth things can go, when I am in complete control.

05/29/13 BN - <u>I will guide you through the mine fields of life</u>. Focus on Me. Watch and follow My footsteps. They will never lead you astray.

05/30/13 BT - Focus on Me and follow after My Spirit and you will find yourself. The individual I intended you to be. This will bring great rewards and much joy.

06/01/13 MVA – Joy, peace, hope, happiness are all located in your God Jesus.

06/02/13 MVA - Hope and opportunity working together bringing joy and happiness.

06/03/13 DP - Dwell in My presence, prominent blessings flow down. There is much to be joyous about.

Nehemiah 8:8-12 They read clearly from the scroll, in the Torah of God, translated it, and enabled them to understand the sense of what was being read. Nechemyah the Tirshata (Nehemiah the governor), 'Ezra the cohen (the priest) and Torah-teacher and the L'vi'im (Levites) who taught the people said to all the people, "Today is consecrated to ADONAI your God; don't be mournful, don't weep." For all the people had been weeping when they heard the words of the Torah. Then he said to them, "Go, eat rich food, drink sweet drinks, and send portions to those who can't provide for themselves; for today is consecrated to our Lord. <u>Don't be sad, because the joy of ADONAI is your strength</u>." In this way the L'vi'im quieted the people, as they said, "Be quiet, for today is holy; don't be sad." Then the people went off to eat, drink, send portions and celebrate; <u>because they had understood the words that had been proclaimed to them</u>.

We should likewise have joy in our hearts because the Lord is bringing understanding to us as He is teaching us His ways.

Summation

Today's message from the Lord has been about rest. He laid out a plan a path for us to follow to obtain His rest. It involves relationship, listening, and obedience. He started us on this journey through these words:

Come unto Me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest even in the midst of the storm. Come to Me and listen to the message I deliver. And then follow through with obedience. This is a must. I gave My laws to protect and guide. Follow this path as it will lead you to My joy complete.

And He once again confirmed this message through words like these:

06/02/13 KE - Follow the Spirit My son. <u>This is the key to life's journey</u>. Without the leading of My Spirit, all is lost on rabbit trails. Always remember this.

06/03/13 MVA - I AM revealing My will to each. The will of your God Jesus.

06/04/13 BN - I can make amazing things happen through discipline and obedience.

06/05/13 BT - Today is a new day, each new day is a new beginning. Leave your sins and mistakes behind and move forward in Me. Seek after My will and My ways today and leave your past to Me. I AM sufficient. I AM able. I Am Willing. <u>Do your part, let go of your past, focus on Me and My ways, and move forward in Me</u>.

06/05/13 KE - I will take care of all things that My servants need. Those who serve Me faithfully know Me in this way. They walk with Me and know I AM truly their provider. Never fear My son. All is well. Just stick to My plan and you will find victory.

And finally I would like to close with this:

February 13th God Calling - Life is really consciousness of Me.

Have no fear. A very beautiful future lies before you. Let it be a new life, a new existence, in which in every single happening, event, plan, you are conscious of Me.

"And this is Life Eternal, that we might know Thee, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." Get this ever-consciousness and you have Eternal Life -- the Life of the Ages. Be in all things led by the Spirit of God and trust Me in all. And the consciousness of Me must bring Joy. Give Me not only trust but gladness.

May the Lord Bless You as you Journey down His Path. Cindy

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