

Lesson 146 Let your light shine.

Holy Place – Opacity

Holy of Holies – Transparent, make it clear. Your walk with Me should be visibly different. People should be able to see and feel Me in you. Can they feel My love in you? Can they feel My grace in you. Walk the walk. Move forward in this and go in peace. That is all for now.

Introduction

In last week's lesson we learned about perspectives. In that lesson we learned that the perspective of some people has become dark because they are living a life that is void of God and all His goodness. But what we discovered is that the opposite should be true of us. Our lives, our perspectives should be filled with light because they should be filled with Him. This is the positive perspective that we should be walking in as His.

Basically, we learned that our perspectives as children of the Most High, they should be positive because there is nothing dark in the Lord. Yes, there is a lot of darkness in the world out there that grabs our attention but because He is in our life, well, we have His assurances to help us maintain a positive perspective. Like for example,

Genesis 18:14 "Is anything too hard for the LORD?"

2 Chronicles 5:13 ... *"For He is good, for His mercy endures forever."* **Psalm 91:11** *For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.*

Consequently we should, as stated above, be more positive simply because we know the Lord and we have His assurances. We are His. Hence we could say that since we are His, then there should be nothing dark in us either just as there is nothing dark in Him. This is because there is nothing negative about His ways, nor should there be anything negative about our ways. This was gist of last week's message.

And it is at this point that I want to begin talking about today's message. The Lord commenced His message today with the word Opacity. I believe the meaning of this word will help us discover how today's message may go along with last week's. So let's begin by looking up the definition of the word opacity.

Opacity:

- The state or quality of being opaque (not being transparent, translucent, not allowing light to pass through)

- Obscurity of meaning, dull
- Not shining or bright, dark and dull

Therefore after reviewing this definition, then the conclusion that I have come to, is that the Lord must want to expound upon last week's lesson through today's word. Yes, I believe He wants to embellish the picture He started painting last week. So let's move forward and see what we discover.

Opacity Versus the Light of Life

Let's begin this section by looking at the definition of opaque once more. And as we read it, we should think about what it would mean if this word was applied or used to describe a life.

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- The state or quality of being opaque (not being transparent, translucent, not allowing light to pass through)

- Obscurity of meaning, dull
- Not shining or bright, dark and dull

I think you can see that if the word opaque was used to describe a life, then we would be saying (after all we've learned) that this was a life that was dark and dull. It would be a life without meaning. Basically we're talking about a life that does not have the Lord in it. We are talking about a life without His light. Essentially, we are talking about a life devoid of Him.

However on the other end of the spectrum there would have a life filled with Jesus, and of this type of life, Jesus said:

John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. <u>He who</u> follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

The *light of life* that sounds positive doesn't it? It sounds alive and full of heart and soul. It doesn't sound negative or devoid of the Lord, in fact, it sounds quite the opposite. It sounds like a life that has been filled with our Lord and Savior. It reminds me of what we just received from the Lord today when He said: Transparent, make it clear. Your walk

with Me should be visibly different. I think our walk will be visibly different because it will be filled with the *light of His life*. Therefore one could say that our walk should be alive, bright and positive. It should have no opaque qualities within it. No darkness, no dullness, and no obscurity of meaning.

It should essentially be filled with all the qualities that were listed above. (I'm speaking of the qualities that we noted as being associated with Jesus' phrase *light of life*.) Hence, when our walk is filled with these qualities (alive, bright, positive, full of heart and soul) then that is when we become visibly different.

So let's continue exploring this *light of life*, that Jesus spoke of and let's see what else He has revealed about this:

08/08/13 BT - <u>Be examples to all that cross your path</u>. <u>Let your light shine</u>, <u>reflect Me</u>. Cleanse yourselves, take your positions, and stand up in Me. The time is fast approaching, things are changing, be prepared. <u>Step into Me</u>. <u>Life is in Me</u>.

08/08/13 DP - Much to be done, My agenda center stage, <u>darkness quivers</u> **much light to be brought forth**. March boldly enlightened. <u>Let your lamps burn</u> <u>brightly with the truth of your God Jesus</u>.

08/13/13 KE - Be a light today to My people. Be a burning lamp as I have taught and shown you. This is what I would have you do today My son.

Yes, the Lord has indeed confirmed it. <u>It is important that His light shines through us</u>. This is important because <u>there is life in it</u> and it is for all men.

John 1:4 In Him was <u>life</u>, <u>and the life was the light of men</u>. John 9:5 "As long as I am in the world, <u>I am the light of the world</u>."

But the Lord has also confirmed that there is an Opacity present out there. There is an obscurity of meaning, (a darkness), a dullness within man that has caused him to ignore the Lord and elevate himself instead.

08/14/13 BT MEETING – Why does man not pay more attention to Me? It is because He thinks he knows everything. He thinks He understands the world he lives in. Man understands very little. There is much more to the world man lives in than he can see and test. I see everything, the seen and the unseen. Put your trust in Me. IAM the one who can truly guide you through this life. I can see all. Don't be foolish, come to Me and let Me help you. I love you and I want to help.

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And <u>He shall direct your paths</u>.*

The Lord wants His light, the *light of life* to be present in all the world, in all its peoples. And that is why He said, Transparent, make it clear. Your walk with Me should be visibly different. Our walk is visibly different because we are His. And since we are His, then there should be no opacity within us. In other words nothing dark should be in us just as there is nothing dark in Him. There is nothing negative about His ways and there should be nothing negative about our ways, because we are to be like Him:

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore <u>be imitators of God as dear children</u>, <u>and walk in love</u>, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sarifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

They Should Feel

In the last section we discovered that we are to be like Christ. We are to imitate Him and walk in love to which He added,

People should be able to see and feel Me in you. Can they feel My love in you? Can they feel My grace in you.

Consequently, the darkness is to be gone, and the light should resides in its place. They should be able to feel love. They should be able to feel grace. We should be transformed.

Ephesians 5:8-17 For you used to be darkness; but now, united with the Lord, you are light. <u>Live like children of light</u>, for the fruit of the light is in every kind of goodness, rightness and truth - try to determine what will please the Lord. Have nothing to do with the deeds produced by darkness, but instead expose them, for it is shameful even to speak of the things these people do in secret. But everything exposed to the light is revealed clearly for what it is, since anything revealed is a light. This is why it says, "Get up, sleeper! Arise from the dead, and the Messiah will shine on you!" <u>Therefore, pay careful attention to how you conduct your life - live wisely</u>, not unwisely. Use your time well, for these are evil days. So don't be foolish, but try to understand what the will of the Lord is.

We are careful to seek the Lord's will for our lives and we are careful of how we conduct our lives because the People should be able to see and feel Me in you. We are careful to use our time wisely because time is short and it's never been more important for people to be able to:

Can they feel My love in you?

Can they feel My grace in you.

Therefore we imitate Him so that people can see and feel Him through each one of us as illustrated through words like these:

08/09/13 CT - Comfort, comfort, comfort.

08/09/13 WATCHMAN - <u>Help the helpless; change them; charge them; bring</u> them to Me; truly; hold the hounds at bay.

08/10/13 KE - Encourage one another.

08/10/13 SN - Comfort those I send to you, <u>Reach out to one another</u>, Comfort those I send. Complete in Me, Look up from above, Gentle, Trust, Commitment, Hope, Pleasing.

08/10/13 CN - Love with Me.

08/10/13 WATCHMAN - Bless; give hope; judge not; predispose; contradict not; simple truth; careful conjoining; heal across the lands; reconstitute faith; cherish My ways; even the priests; teach; teach gentle teacher; My power throughout; <u>My grace I give</u>; <u>use it</u>; that it may grow; they are as polliwogs; teach basics; assume nothing; even the most learned.

08/11/13 MVA - Encourage the discouraged lift up the fallen give hope to the hopeless your God Jesus longs to fulfill all.

08/11/13 SN - Magnify, Confusion is rampant, <u>Sow a seed of hope...love</u>, Be patient with others, Look to the Holy Spirit as your source.

When we started this lesson we talked about the *light of life*, bascially, that is what the Lord is asking here, if it can be seen and felt in and through you. Can people feel comfort through you? Do they receive help, encouragement and grace? Are you sowing hope and love?

Matthew 5:16 *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

1 Corinthians 13:13*And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

The greatest is love. This is light of His life and it is alive, bright and positive. There are no opaque qualities within it. No darkness, no dullness, and no obscurity of meaning. And we are to shepherd others along in this:

08/11/13 WATCHMAN - Field; man's questions; My truth; simple, to the point; discernment in tact; no force feeding; <u>be My gentle shepherds; many are true babes;</u> baby steps; discern needs; save them; take off the scales; <u>heal their souls, their hearts</u>; this is My supplication; vindicate them; there are masses; be not overwhelmed; serves no point; I am with you; you can do all things through Me; remember these words.

We were once babes too, yet we desired Him and we became bondservants, thirsty for the pure milk, the pure light of Jesus, a people set apart for God, who are to honor all people.

1 Peter 2:1-17 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice, of all deceit, hypocrisy and envy, and of all the ways there are of speaking against people; and <u>be like newborn babies</u>, <u>thirsty for the pure milk of the Word</u>; so that by it, you may grow up into deliverance. For you have tasted that ADONAI is good. As you come to him, the living stone, rejected by people but chosen by God and precious to him, you yourselves, as living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be cohanim (a holy priesthood) set apart for God to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to him through Yeshua the Messiah. This is why the Tanakh says, "Look! I am laying in Tziyon a stone, a chosen and precious cornerstone; and whoever rests his trust on it will certainly not be humiliated."

Now to you who keep trusting, he is precious. But to those who are not trusting, "The very stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"; also he is a stone that will make people stumble, a rock over which they will trip. They are stumbling at the Word, disobeying it - as had been planned. But you are a chosen people, the King's cohanim (royal priesthood), a holy nation, a people for God to possess! Why? In order for you to declare the praises of the One who <u>called you out of darkness into his</u> <u>wonderful light</u>.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; before, you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you as aliens and temporary residents not to give in to the desires of your old nature, which keep warring against you; but to live such good lives among the pagans that even though they now speak against you as evildoers, they will, as a result of seeing your good actions, give glory to God on the Day of his coming.

For the sake of the Lord, submit yourselves to every human authority - whether to the emperor as being supreme, or to governors as being sent by him to punish wrongdoers and praise those who do what is good. For it is God's will that your doing good should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Submit as people who are free, but not letting your freedom serve as an excuse for evil; rather, submit as God's slaves. Be respectful to all - keep loving the brotherhood, fearing God and honoring the emperor.

It is God's will for His people to do good. It is His will for His people (for you) to be the type of person that others can see and feel Him through you. And that is why He asked these questions, Can they feel My love in you? Can they feel My grace in you.

Proverbs 4:18 *The path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.*

08/08/13 BT - Be examples to all that cross your path. Let your light shine, reflect Me.

Walk the Walk

In the last sections we talked about the light of life versus opacity or you could say light versus darkness; a life with meaning versus a life without, a life of light that is alive, bright and positive versus one that is dark and dull. Basically we learned about a life with the Lord and how it is important for His light to shine through us. Comfort, hope, love and grace these were some of the qualities that we were to give off and share with others. The Lord said that it is to be clear. We are to walk these out and make them visible to others. And that is where this sections comes for the Lord added this,

Walk the walk. Move forward in this and go in peace.

Therefore, we want to walk or move forward in these qualities that He spoke of earlier. We want to move forward offering comfort, hope, love and grace. Remember the words we have studied before from the:

January 2nd God Calling - You are to help to save others. Never let one day pass when you have not reached out an arm of Love to someone outside your home - a note, a letter, a visit, help in some way.

Be full of Joy. Joy saves. Joy cures. Joy in Me. In every ray of sunlight, every smile, every act of kindness, or love, every trifling service - joy.

Each day do something to lift another soul out of the sea of sin, or disease or doubt into which man has fallen. I still walk today by the lakeside and call My Disciples to follow Me and to become fishers of men.

The helping hand is needed that raises the helpless to courage, to struggle, to faith, to health. Love. Laugh. Love and laughter are the beckoners to faith and courage. Trust on, love on, joy on.

Refuse to be downcast. Refuse to be checked in your upward climb. Love and laugh. I am with you. I bear your burdens. Cast your burden upon Me and I will sustain thee. And then in very lightheartedness you turn and help another with the burden that is pressing too heavily upon him or her.

In this I think I am seeing a pattern and it is a pattern of light over darkness (i.e. refuse to be downcast, lift another, help save others...in every ray of sunlight). It is the pattern of the Lord that we are to walk in. Basically, it is the walk of truth. In other words what I am saying is that it is His truth lived out through you.

08/08/13 DP - Speak truth. Live truth My truth. There is no other truth but Me and what I bring forth, all else are lies, figments of man's imagination. <u>Walk</u> <u>humbly in My likeness</u> knowing I treasure the humble and despise the proud. Listen closely to all instruction I give. All must be carried out as I say exactly. Do not let the enemy in because of disobedience. Be on guard. Time of fellowship pleasing. You may leave.

08/09/13 RS - Filled with grandeur / <u>filled with love</u> / in times of trouble / so steadfast and true.

08/09/13 BT - Relax in Me. <u>I will help you do what needs to be done</u>. Have faith My Son. From your faith much is accomplished. Worry not, worrying accomplishes nothing. It only has negative outcomes. <u>Remember perspectives</u>,

have the right perspective. All is in My control. Fear Not. Happy days are here again.

08/11/13 MVA - Walk in unity walk in purpose.

08/12/13 DP - Make My name known, <u>share truth for all to see</u>. Be not ashamed, those who come to Me find life. I want them to have life as you do. Be gentle in your goings forth. Share simple truths, easy to accept. Fight not, smooth the rough lines. Can you explain? <u>Fix incorrect beliefs about foundational beliefs</u> <u>such as salvation</u>. Do not argue, just share My truth, led by Me. I want to save the souls of mankind. They need to know Me, I love them.

08/12/13 BN - <u>Store up My knowledge and truth so it may be distributed to the</u> world, Be a leader in this, I will guide you.

08/13/13 BN - Always be ready to receive, For I AM pouring out My gifts...My spirit, <u>Reach out</u> to your family...fellowship with them (had specific thought of my sister), <u>Show your love</u>...<u>which is truly My love</u>.

08/13/13 DP - Examples being set forth <u>lead by example show others the way</u>. <u>Teach in truth</u> go forth unafraid of what others may think. Be bold knowing you are led by Me. Nothing will change that. See the effects of spiritual darkness. <u>See the need for My light to shine forth</u>. <u>See the need</u>. <u>Meet the need</u>. Speak the truth in love. Truth must coincide with love or else it is nothing. Always remember Me, think of Me throughout the day, desire our fellowship time together knowing this is pleasing to Me. Know I have loved you in spite of wrong choices you've made and will continue to love you.

08/13/13 DP - <u>Reach those in the world</u>, <u>have a heart for them</u>. See the need to draw confessions and do so. Let none be lost. Reach out to many. This need is real. My people are dying without Me do something about it. 08/14/13 BN - <u>Lift each other up in praver often</u>.

And as we walk the walk, we will come to find that

March 6th God Calling - As the circle of your life widens you will feel ever more and more the need of Me. The need indeed to draw from My unfailing resources to gain the help and wisdom required to deal with these new contacts. Do not refuse them, only let nothing idle or of little worth engross your attention. As your circle is enlarged, your means to deal with it adequately must grow too. This is My desire. <u>Ever walk with Me</u>. <u>Learn of Me</u>. <u>Witness for Me</u>, <u>Glorify Me</u>.

08/13/13 DP - Let this mind be in you, have a Christlike mind. <u>Walk in pure love</u>. <u>Walk in true forgiveness</u>. <u>Walk in true holiness</u>. This you can do with My help. You must be focused and disciplined. These things won't just happen by coincidence. They must be worked at to achieve. Work hard to achieve these qualities in Me with refinement it is possible.

We can only succeed in our walk with His help, through His light in our life, through discipline and commitment. This, however, is His desire for us to **Ever walk with** Him.

Summation

We began today's lesson by actually reviewing the main points of last week's lessons. We looked at perspectives and how some people has become dark in this life because they are living a life that is void of God and all His goodness. We discovered, however, that the opposite should be true of us. Our lives, our perspectives, should be filled with light because they should be filled with Him. This is the positive perspective that we should be walking in as His.

We learned that a lot of our positivity comes from the assurances that God gives us in verses like these for example,

Mark 9:23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

John 10:10 *"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*

Romans 4:21 ...being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

Therefore, we are more positive simply because we know the Lord and we have His assurances. We are His and since we are His then there should be nothing dark in us because there is nothing dark in Him. This is because there is nothing negative about His ways. Likewise, there should not be anything negative about our ways either.

We came to see that the connection between last weeks lesson and today's came through the use of the word opaque. We examined it from the standpoint of life. What we came to realize is that if we applied that concept of opacity (darkness) to life then what we would be saying is that we would be looking at a life that was dark and dull. It would be a life without meaning. Basically we learned that it would be a life that does not have the Lord in it, a life without His light, a life devoid of Him. And it is at this point that I think we should really examine His words once again, when He said:

Opacity, Transparent, make it clear. Your walk with Me should be visibly different. People should be able to see and feel Me in you. Can they feel My love in you? Can they feel My grace in you. Walk the walk. Move forward in this and go in peace. Through this lesson we learned about a life with the Lord and how it is important for His light to shine through us. Comfort, hope, love and grace these were some of the qualities that we discussed and learned that we were to give off and share with others. This week the Lord said that it is to be clear. We are to walk these out and make them visible to others. And He reinforced this message through this:

08/10/13 RS - Bridges of mercy / <u>tunnels of love</u> / it's through our hands Lord / so all can see / thy bountiful pleasure / life giving indeed / plenty for everyone / your mercy and grace / make us sure Lord / your vessels of love / it's in Your Name Lord / tunnels of love / it is your Kingdom / so manifest / love everlasting / spreads like the wind.

08/11/13 DP - Discipline your mind be aware of your surroundings influence for good those around you positive light be shine brightly. Take on My nature leave the old behind trust Me to transform you in My timing. Purpose for each walk in led by Me never be discouraged walk in supreme peace and joy have love for one another always willing to help each other out when needed never forsake your brothers or sisters lend a helping hand this is pleasing to Me. Encourage all build up and restore never tear down, power located in tongue use words wisely. **08/13/13 CT** - Come unto Me all ye that hunger and thirst, for I can meet your needs. <u>Come to Me and be filled</u>. Come to Me and find that which you are searching for. <u>I have the answers</u>. Others may teach and effectively relay My messages but do not rely on others, <u>you must develop a relationship with Me yourself</u>. Repeat after Me's don't work. It's a narrow gate. Therefore, come and meet with Me. Explore this new way. Walk in it and see if it is not a way that brings about a closer walk for thee and me (together). That is all for now, deliver this.

08/13/13 BT - Love is most important. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind, and all your soul and <u>love your neighbor as yourself</u>. As I said, all the laws hang on this. If this is truly how you are, everything else will fall into place. Put others before yourself. Remember, I washed my disciples feet. Read and study.

1 John 4:19-21 We ourselves love now because he loved us first. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar. For if a person does not love his brother, whom he has seen, then he cannot love God, who he has not seen. Yes, this is the command we have from him: whoever loves God must love his brother too.

Our walk is to be visibly different from others walk. People should be able to see and feel His love and grace through each one of us. And this is why our walk is important. This is why discipline is important. This is why we have to go to Him for the answers, for direction, for relationship; so that we can walk the walk, so that we can love our neighbor as ourselves, and in this He will be well pleased.

May the Lord Bless Each One of Us as we learn to Walk this Out in Him.

Blessings, Cindy

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