

Lesson 155 Control

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Introduction

Today's lesson is about control. It's about being in charge of what's happening. The Lord is in charge. He's in control. But the word control, in and of itself, it seems kind of threatening doesn't it? If you look up the definition of control it means:

Control:

-to exercise restraint or direction over, dominate, command

-to hold in check

-the act or power of controlling, regulating; domination or command

Synonyms: authority, discipline, manage, oversight, regulation, force, rule

I guess the reason why control seems threatening is because of the domination element of its meaning. No one wants to lose control because no one wants to have someone else dictate their actions for them. We believe that we are self-reliant. We believe that no one will treat us as good as we would treat ourselves.

Who wants someone else to lay down the plan for their life. Who wants someone else to tell them what to do. Most of us don't. But the Lord, He does have a plan. He, in fact, has a plan for each one of us. In the bible we are told:

Jeremiah 29:11 *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

And of His Plans He has said,

10/16/13 - Be conscious of your actions. Be mindful of how you move forward. Remember your new gained power and authority. Remember the gifts you have been given. These all come from your Father God. He has a purpose in each, therefore as you move through your day know that the Lord's plan is in it. Consequently, actions should not be taken lightly but instead move forward in the ways of the Lord, in all His power, in all His might, in all His grace, and all will then be right for you.

10/17/13 - Follow the path laid before you it leads to victory/ Worry not I am God of your supply/ Every detail of the course I have worked out/ Trust Me to trust you/ The plan I have appointed you for, you will succeed/ Know this/ Every matter already worked out/ You just follow My leading/ Walking in My footsteps you are/ I have blessed your path/ You tread not alone/ I am ever with you.

10/23/13 - Know Me. Study Me. Meditate on Me. My Plan is coming forth. It is so.

10/26/13 - Follow My plan, no one excluded who desires Me...who seeks My face...who does My will.

10/27/13 - My plans for you are coming forth.

10/31/13 - All things are working and coming together for My plan.

Now we know that the Lord does indeed have a plan for each one of us. We may not understand the entirety of it but we do know that we can trust Him. We believe this with our whole hearts. We believe that His Plan is perfect. However, when we think of control and plan in conjunction with one another, then this of course, leads us to reflect upon His commandments and judgments, essentially His legalities as well. The confirmation of this sentiment was reflected in the words below:

The time will come. In it's appointed time. Everything will come to pass as it is written. I AM God, the Beginning and the End. I AM in control of all things, always have been, and always will be. You must be in control of yourself.

The fact that His control, His plan leads us to reflect upon His commandments, judgments and legalities, this was confirmed through His words, **be in control of yourself**. This was confirmed because fundamentally the essence of controlling yourself, the essence of this, is about being obedient unto His commandments, judgments and legalities.

11/06/13 - **Plan coming together little by little/ Follow each instruction step by step.**

Hence, the Lord our God, He is the master controller of the universe. Yes, He is in control of all things. He always has been and He always will be. He has the plan which He guides us through by utilizing His commandments, judgments and legalities. Why it is His laws that move the planets through the heavens.

Isaiah 45:6-7 *That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting, that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity, I, the LORD, do all these things.*

Yes, He is in control. He has a plan.

10/30/13 - I AM bringing all things together My son / never fear nor doubt / I AM is in control of all / I know all things / nothing escapes your God.

11/04/13 - I make changes / I control all things / it is so.

But now that we have established that He is in control and that He does have a plan. Let's go back for a moment and reflect upon the fact that we are to **be in control of ourselves**. The bible has taught us this through words like these:

Galatians 5:23 ...*gentleness and self-control. Against such there is no law.*

1 Thessalonians 4:1-4 *Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor.*

2 Timothy 1:7 *God gave us a spirit, not of fear, but of power and love and self-control.*

And of being self-controlled, or in other words, of obedience unto His plan, the Lord has said this:

January 16th God Calling - Nothing in the day is too small to be a part of My scheme. It is the daily strivings that count, not the momentary heights. The obeying of My Will, day in, day out, in the wilderness plains, rather than the occasional Mount of Transfiguration. Perseverance is nowhere needed so much as in the religious life. The drudgery of the Kingdom it is that secures My intimate Friendship. I am the Lord of little things, the Divine Control of little happenings. Nothing in the day is too small to be a part of My scheme. The little stones in a mosaic play a big part. Joy in Me. Joy is the God-given cement that secures the harmony and beauty of My mosaic.

The Lord's plan has been made for each one of us. We are apart of a bigger picture. It is the daily strivings, our little daily stones of obedience, that are added to the bigger picture, the bigger plan the Lord has prepared. Therefore, it is up to us to stay within the framework of His mosaic **and focus on the spiritual matters and heavenly concerns** that we might be prepared for the **appointed time** when **everything will come to pass as it is written**.

The Spirit

In the introduction section of our lesson we spoke of the correlation between obedience and control. We spoke of the Lord's plan and of our adherence to it as well. But what the Lord so eloquently goes on to point out here is that:

The Spirit must control the flesh. I have ordained it to be so. When you allow the flesh to rule, you walk outside of My plan. The flesh is subject to the Spirit not the other way around.

Even though we as man live in this physical realm, our spirits are still housed within us.

Romans 8:16 *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

1 Corinthians 2:11 *For what man knows the things of a man, except, the spirit of the man which is in him?*

1 Thessalonians 5:23 *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, and soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Consequently, what we have learned here is that we have a body, soul and a spirit that are to be kept blameless. When speaking to us today the Lord said it like this, **the Spirit must control the flesh**, or in other words we don't want to let our old nature dominate the spirit within us. We don't want to let our flesh take control.

Galatians 5:13-25 *For, brothers, you were called to be free. Only do not let that freedom become an excuse for allowing your old nature to have its way. Instead, serve one another in love. For the whole of the Torah is summed up in this one sentence: "Love your neighbor as yourself"; but if you go on snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, watch out, or you will be destroyed by each other!*

What I am saying is this: run your lives by the Spirit. Then you will not do what your old nature wants. For the old nature wants what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit wants what is contrary to the old nature. These oppose each other, so that you find yourselves unable to carry out your good intentions.

But If, you are led by the Spirit, then you are not in subjection to the system that results from perverting the Torah into legalism. And it is perfectly evident what the old nature does. It expresses itself in sexual immorality, impurity and indecency; involvement with the occult and with drugs; in feuding, fighting, becoming jealous and getting angry; in selfish ambition, factionalism, intrigue and envy; in drunkenness, orgies and things like these. I warn you now as I have warned you before: those who do such things will have no share in the Kingdom of God!

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, self control. Nothing in the Torah stands against such things. Moreover, those who belong to the Messiah Yeshua have put their old nature to death on the stake, along with its passions and desires. Since it is through the Spirit that we have Life, let it also be through the Spirit that we order our lives day by day.

Our old natures expressed themselves through earthly passions and desires. When we walk in them, **we walk outside of His plan**. However, our new selves have been born again to Christ, the old ways were nailed to the cross, and when this happened we must understand that, **the flesh became subject to the Spirit not the other way around**. Therefore we must **not** allow the flesh to dominate our spirit once again.

January 24th God Calling - You are in uncharted waters. But the Lord of all Seas is with you, the Controller of all Storms is with you. Sing with Joy. You follow the Lord of Limitations, as well as the God in whose service is perfect freedom.

He, the God of the Universe, confined Himself within the narrow limits of a Baby-form and, in growing Boyhood, and young Manhood, submitted to your human limitations,

and you have to learn that your vision and power, boundless as far as spiritual things are concerned, must in temporal affairs submit to limitations, too.

The Lord's commandments, judgments, His legalities, His Spirit they all guide and teach us. They were given to us to help keep us away from fleshly domination. Yes, we have a body, a soul and a spirit, these three should be receptive to the pouring out of the Lord's spirit upon us so that we might become physically and spiritually fit for what lies ahead.

10/31/13 - I am pouring out on My Beloved/ Take it, receive it, bathe in it/ Let it engulf you, your being as a whole.

11/04/13 - Know the truth...but once you know the truth you must also walk in it, It does not matter what man thinks if you are walking in truth, Go and sin no more.

11/06/13 - Physically and spiritually fit...both require discipline, Practice both.

The Flesh

In the last section we learned that we are to be led by the spirit that is within us. We are not to allow fleshly domination to occur within ourselves. But why is this important. Why do we need to steer clear of fleshly domination? Well, the Lord explained it like this:

If the flesh is left unchecked it will lead to a debased mind and destruction of the Spirit. The flesh can be brought under control. You must exercise your authority over it.

The Lord explained that leaving the flesh unchecked, well this is equivalent to, adopting an anything goes type of mindset. It's an opening of the door to a debased or corrupt, wicked style of living. In the bible it is said like this:

Romans 8:1-8 *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

2 Timothy 3:1-7 *But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. For among them are those who creep into*

households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

The Lord said that in the last days people would be without self-control. **They would not take heed to His laws and commandments.** They would be lovers of all types of pleasures that go against God's plan. They would become carnally minded and the **destruction of the Spirit** would occur if the flesh is **left unchecked**. However, what the Lord is teaching us here is that **the flesh can be brought under control**. We **must exercise our authority over it**. We do this by being obedient unto the Lord. We do this by making a conscious decision to put our flesh down each day because we know that that is not a part of the Lord's plan, it is not His way. Yes, it will take self-discipline but it is possible with the Lord's help.

10/26/13 - **Many things coming into play / MY doing / remember all that I have told you / do your part / ask questions / every day a new day in ME / you signed up / don't forget that / don't let the flesh get in the way / put it down every day / I have much for MY Bride to do / individually / corporately / I have the master plan.**

11/05/13 - **Admitting sin and shortcomings is a key to overcoming them, To let the light in...you must rid yourself of the darkness, Turning to Me is the right thing, Asking Me for help is the right way, Open your life to Me...all of it...and let Me in completely.**

April 9th God Calling Eventide - *If by the Spirit you mortify the flesh, you shall live.*

This is a further progress-step in My Kingdom. The flesh must hold no pleasure for you that is not held in leash, always under subjection to the Spirit.

It was the utter subjection of the flesh that was manifested in My Silence at the pillar, and in the face of the jibes and insults and blows. It was this complete subjection which meant a Risen Body.

Resurrection-faith is not a matter of belief in Me, and in My Power working a miracle, it is a faith in Me and My Power leading to entire subjection of the body.

The body completely under control of the Spirit is a Risen Body. **See now the importance of self-discipline.**

There is nothing more that the enemy would like to do than come against this resurrection faith we have within ourselves. He would enjoy nothing better than His successfully swaying us to live according to the flesh separate from the Lord's plan. But of this the Lord has said,

11/01/13 - **My place in you, your place in Me. The enemy wants to tear you out of your place in Me but he can't. It's a jealousy factor.**

Rise Above

In the last section we learned that our flesh can be brought under control by being obedient unto the Lord. We do this by making a conscious decision to put our flesh down each day because we know that this is not a part of the Lord's plan for our lives. Yes, we came to see that it will take self-discipline but it is possible with the Lord's help. His commandments, judgments and

legalities are there to guide and teach us. They are there to help us put the flesh down. To which the Lord went on to say:

Your spirit must rise above your flesh and the carnal things of this world and focus on the spirit matter and heavenly concerns.

Psalm 1:1-6 *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

Matthew 6:19-21 *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Colossians 3:2 *Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

Therefore our spirit rises above the flesh and the carnal things of the world by focusing on the things of the Lord. We set our minds on the things above rather than on the things of earth. We meditate on his law and we:

11/01/13 - My soldiers shall be prepared. They shall place the whole armor of God upon themselves. They will be prepared for battle. This is preparation time. Therefore, read and be prepared. (Ephesians 6:10-18 – the whole armor of God is truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation and the word)

11/04/13 - Get on with your day, move forward in it, move forward in your work for Me. Email, reading, studying, housework. You are My servant in every sense. In other words, you are My servant when you work on THH emails. You are My servant when you write your lessons. You are My servant when you are reading and studying (basically when you are preparing yourself). But know this, know that you are also My servant when you are managing your household, when you wash dishes or when you take out the trash. You are My servant in all you do. Therefore, always do your best whether answering emails or cleaning the toilet, always do your best.

11/04/13 - I speak you listen/ I am calling for complete conformity to My will/ No second guessing/ Move when I say move/ Instant obedience must have/ Much to be done/ I have gifted vessels for a great work to be completed in the earth/ No laughing matter/ This is serious/ This takes focus and dedication/ I will not tolerate half doers/ I need all of you, every last bit.

11/05/13 - Honor is due Me at all times/ I am your King of Kings and must be treated as such/ Always make time for Me/ Never forsake this/ The Bride has intimacy the guest does not/ This is not forced you do not have to meet with Me/ No meeting No Bride/ This is simple easy to understand/ Government comes down the river/ The river must be contained in a flow chart/ How can you do this without meetings?/ Foundational is meeting with Me.

11/06/13 - Legalities are important. They are not to be ignored. You can't just do whatever you want in the physical realm, neither can you in the spiritual realm. There is a connection there between the two (realms). Therefore, you must be obedient unto the laws I established in the physical to accomplish good in the spiritual. Man does not understand nor comprehend all the reasons why it is so important to be obedient but let me tell you, let me explain it to you. You are obedient unto the physical because failure to do so has negative consequences not only in your physical realm but in the spiritual realm as well. Therefore always strive to be your best as the consequences of your actions are long reaching. That is all for now, go in peace.

These words teach us that we put the flesh down by putting on the whole armor of God, by reading and studying, by doing our best, by conforming to His will, by making time for the Lord, by having meetings, by keeping up with our flow chart, by being obedient unto His laws. And as I was working on this lesson I remembered that one of the Spotless Bride songs that the Lord led me to sing this morning was this:

AN OVER COMER

An over comer is what we are.
An over comer is what we are.
Because Your power, o' God,
Is the greatest of all,
And You live within us.

And then His words from my morning meeting went right along with what the song was teaching us.

11/04/13 - Songs help you feel My power and My Spirit. Beginning with song is good. It invigorates you. It helps you get on with what needs to be done. It moves in the spirit realm. There is power and victory in My Bride Music. This is good.

Hence we can also add singing bride music to our list of things we can do to put our flesh down. And there is one last element that I wanted to add to what we have learned thus far in regards to rising above and it can be found in this:

June 27th God Calling - The Eternal Arms shelter you. "Underneath are the Everlasting Arms." This promise is to those who rise above the earth-life and seek to soar higher, to the Kingdom of Heaven.

You must not feel the burden of your failure. Go on in faith, the clouds will clear, and the way will lighten - **the path becomes less stony with every step you take.** So run that you may *obtain*. **A rigid doing of the simple duties, and success will crown your efforts.**

I had no words of reproach for any I healed. The man was whole and free who had wrecked his physical being by sin - whose palsy I healed. The woman at the well was not overwhelmed by My "Thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband." The woman taken in adultery was told "Neither do I condemn thee:

go and sin no more." She was not told to bear the burden of the consciousness of her sin ...

Remember now abideth these three, Faith, Hope, and Charity. Faith is your attitude towards Me. Charity your attitude towards your fellow man, but as necessary, is Hope, which is confidence in yourself to succeed.

In order to rise above our fleshly self, we have to put away our old nature and we must remember as well that the Lord does not want us to be burdened by past failures. Nor does He want us to have a condemning spirit of others as well.

04/10/13 - Do not try to compare yourself to others but instead seek Me, follow My example. Be humble, be the unique person I created. Each is special. Each has traveled a different path to come to where they are now. Embrace this thing called life. Embrace and celebrate. Be all that I created you to be, not another. Do not try to emulate others but instead emulate Christ. This isn't a competition.

06/23/13 - compare not.

08/16/13 - compare not; truth is truth.

08/30/13 - Compare not; adage; I Am that I Am; lose self.

Comparing ourselves is not good because it causes us to take our focus off of the Lord. It is not good because it insights the spirits of jealousy, contempt, hatred etc. Each one of us is special. We each have a path that has been lined out for us by the Lord. But the main thing to remember is that the more time we focus on others the less time we will be working on getting ourselves right with Him, the Lord said we should instead focus on the spirit matter and heavenly concerns as opposed to the flesh and/or worldly matters.

Summation

Today's lesson was about control. It was about being in charge of what's happening in our lives. We also learned that it is the Lord who is ultimately in charge. He's in control. The word control, in and of itself, we thought it seems kind of threatening because of the domination element of its meaning. But what we learned is that the Lord does indeed have a plan for each one of us and it is a plan that should not cause us alarm. He does not want to dominate us. He wants to guide us. Therefore we do not need to fear His plan or try to get into the flesh and take matters into our own hands. What we came to understand is that we may not understand His plan in its entirety but we do know that we can trust Him. We believe this with our whole hearts. We believe that His Plan is perfect.

We came to understand that when you think of control and plan in conjunction with one another, that leads us to reflect upon His commandments and judgments, essentially His legalities as well. And as stated above, what we came to learn is that these were given to guide and teach not as a means of domination.

Through this lesson the Lord taught us that we put the flesh down by putting on the whole armor of God, by reading and studying, by doing our best, by conforming to His will, by making time for the Lord, by having meetings, by keeping up with our flow chart,

by being obedient unto His laws. He taught us the importance of bride music, forgiving ourselves, and the importance of not comparing to one another. He taught us this lesson through these words:

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And here are a few more words that go along with this message:

10/25/13 - Be not dismayed / see I am working out what needs to be / MY Bride is spread out, but I can use them as needed / all things legal / what the Bride does on earth is accomplished in heaven, according to MY plan / trifle not / speculate not / be MY empty vessels ready to do MY directed actions / I am able to maneuver all things according to MY purposes / legal, legal, legal.

10/31/13 - You have made you choice to follow Me/ Wise decision.

10/31/13 - Surrender all to Me. I come to you. You are My child.

11/01/13 - Time to achieve. Victory awaits all who will. Your God Jesus agenda on stage.

11/01/13 - The times are coming when I will act as slow lightening / It is for the good of mankind / how be it unless I move / can man survive on his own? / at what cost does a good man tread? / pressing towards ME, his creator / am I not all things? / in all things? (yes Lord) / this is not a history lesson / it is just facts / who will hear MY cry? / who will hear MY tears? / tears of joy for one man who sees / tears of sorrow for those who choose not to see / walk brightly / walk brightly / walk brightly / be MY Bride in the earth for MY sake.

11/03/13 – Do not be moved by what you see in the physical my son. These things compare not to what I can do in the spiritual. I own both realms. I can adjust as I see fit. You should know these things.

11/05/13 - Covenant/ See the severity and importance of being in covenant/ Secret place in covenant.

May the Lord Bless Us as we apply all that He is teaching us today.

Blessings,
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