

Lesson 95 Self-sufficient

07/10/12 CT – Self-sufficient, get rid of all the extra distractions and focus on Me and our relationship. Sing a song of praise, raise it high in the morning. Healing power is taking place. Concussion – shock waves going forth. Stay in My secret place, in the shadow of My love. Remain there close to Me and you will see as never before.

Thank you Lord for your secret place protections. Thank you Lord for your healing powers. Thank you Lord for allowing us to see!

As I was meeting with the Lord this Tuesday morning He spoke of Self-sufficiency. At first I thought He was going to say prepare for what's to come, bring stores in, but I soon realized that He was speaking of self-sufficiency in a new light. **He was speaking of self-sufficiency from the standpoint of being "completely" one with him.** Then and only then are we truly self-sufficient!

The Lord is in All

Let's begin this journey by understanding that the Lord, our God, is the creator of the universe (Genesis 1:1). He made all things (Genesis 1:29-2:1). It is important to understand this because it helps us to understand that nothing is impossible for Him (Luke 1:37). He can take care of us like no one else can.

From the prophet Isaiah:

Isaiah 40:3-8 *The voice of one crying in the wilderness; "Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?"*

"All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

The Lord's power is immeasurable, the very breath of the Lord creates. And then a little further on Isaiah says:

Isaiah 40:11-14 *He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young. Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as His counselor has taught Him? With Whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?"*

Just as spoken of earlier, the Lord is the creator of the universe. He does not need counsel from humans. He does not need our instruction. Nothing is impossible for Him. He feeds His flock and gently leads them. He created the heavens and the earth. He even measured the waters. He is in all. And the Lord said this,

Isaiah 40:25-26 *To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal? Says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing.*

It has now been established through the prophet, the Lord knows all, because He created all.

Abide with Him

And now the Lord is leading us to this passage in the Bible.

1 John 4:15-17 *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.*

This passage we read talks about how God abides in us and we in Him. It was through this passage that the Lord truly helped me to understand how we are self-sufficient in Him. He used this passage to help me see how we are secure in Him. And He used this passage to help me see how we can have boldness in Him in this day of judgment. This self-sufficiency, which the Lord was speaking of, revolves around our abiding with Him.

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

The Lord gave the prophet a vision in the night concerning the Secret Place. You can find it on the THH website at <http://www.takehisheart.com/secretplaceofthemosthigh.htm>

In the night I saw a fine vertical line come down from above. Immediately on the left side the words, "Lord, here I am" came down. The words were vertical. Before they reached the bottom, on the right side the vertical words, "Lord, here I am. What do you want me to do?" came down, also entering the picture. All the words reached the bottom and were there for an instant, almost like bouncing, and then they lifted back up out of sight vertically as they had come in. I knew in the vision the left side was the Secret Place and that God was giving a fine line difference of being there and not being there.

The person on the left simply stated, "Lord, here I am"; while the person on the right asked a question which thereby demands a response, "Lord, here I am. What do you want me to do?" Self got into it. This person is not being reverent. At first glance it seems like this person is merely seeking out the Lord. However, once we look closer we can see the subtle difference.

Emerging from the scene, it was easy for me to see "self" in the words that were on the right. God has been dealing with us about "the Secret Place" & "self" (pride).

(Psalms 91:1)

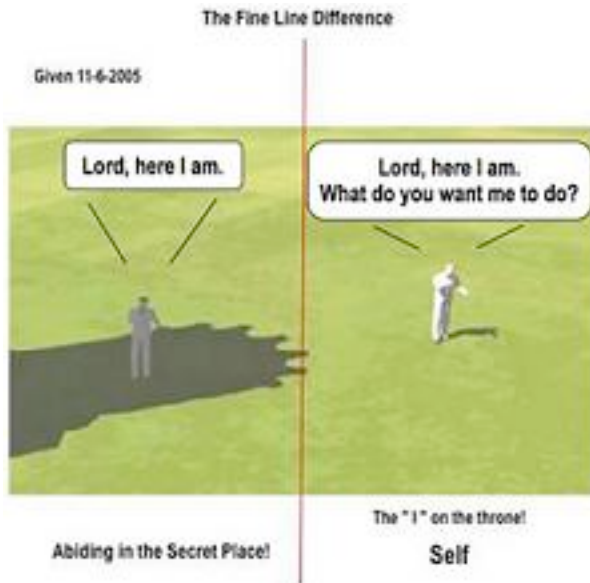
He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High (posessor of heaven and earth) shall abide (sit) under the shadow of the Almighty.

This person does not have self, just as the person on the left side did not have self. This person is submitting to the Almighty. This person is “under” Him.

October 13, 2004

The Lord said, “You cannot walk hand in hand with me as My bride and have "Self."

This has everything to do with what the Lord told us years ago when He brought us together, "I'm looking for obedience, not accomplishment."



You can see from this demonstration that abiding in the Secret Place involves first, giving up self and secondly, relying upon the Lord.

Sustenance

As we proceed on this journey of understanding this message the Lord is giving us I think it would help if we knew the definitions of a couple of words.

The first is **Self-sufficient** which means **able to provide for oneself without the help of others, independent.** At first glance this very definition seems to contradict the message here doesn't it? But I believe what the Lord is saying, is that we will not be dependent on the world for our needs. We will be independent from the world if we are walking hand in hand with Him.

And the second word we want to look up is **Sustenance** the definition of which is **means of sustaining life, nourishment; the state of being sustained (support, hold or bear up).**

Therefore, let's see what the bible teaches us about our lives being sustained through a relationship with the Lord (walking hand in hand with Him).

As the Israelites were wandering through the desert the Lord God Almighty sustained them for 40 years. They were His chosen people. There was a relationship there.

Nehemiah 9:18-21 *“Even when they made a molded calf for themselves, and said, ‘This is your god that brought you up out of Egypt,’ and worked great provocations, yet in Your manifold mercies you did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day, to lead them on the road; nor the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way they should go.*

You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, and did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst. Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing; their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

I think this passage says quite a lot about how the Lord sustains us. It speaks of their being guided by the Lord, their food and drink was provided, the Spirit instructed them, their clothing did not wear out and on top of all that He took care of health issues (remember their feet did not swell). You can see how thoroughly the Lord was taking care of them. They did not have to depend upon “the world” to provide their needs. Are we beginning to see the picture that the Lord is painting here?

In another story, when Elijah had to flee from Ahab, per the Lord’s instruction, the Lord told him to go and hide by the Brook Cherith. It happened like this:

1 Kings 17:2-6 *Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.*

Here again you can see how the Lord provided for Elijah just as He provided for the Israelites who were fleeing the Egyptians. But eventually the brook he was sent to, dried up, and then the Lord told Elijah to go to Zarephath and a widow there would help him.

1 Kings 17:8-16 *Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.”*

So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” So she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar, and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”

And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.’”

So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

I think both these stories demonstrate an important point and it is this: *So he went and did according to the word of the LORD.* Elijah was obedient unto the Lord. The widow was obedient as well and they were provided for.

In these stories we see that the Lord gave instructions, offered guidance, and they took it. They had faith in the Lord. They did not look to the world for solutions. The Lord provided the needed oil and flour. Wow, that story always amazes me. The Lord can do amazing things. In fact, the exact how, of how this can happen, is explained on the Take His Heart website at: <http://www.takehisheart.com/inthebeginningwastheword.htm>

"In the fourth dimension (spirit realm), the bulk or weight of a mass, by the separation of the particles, can gain magnitude (multiply itself) without diminishing the weight or bulk of the original mass."

Let me paint a picture here of this formula as related to church growth (for example). The body of Christ is a spiritual body that exists in the earth. As people are converted, that spiritual body increases without depleting the spirit that is on/in the original body.

Let's look in the Bible for evidence of this principle working.

The first thing I remembered as this precept was brought back to my memory was in the story of Moses, where the spirit of prophecy was being given to the seventy elders.

Numbers 11:25 *Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again.*

It says the Lord ...*took of the spirit that was upon him...* and gave it to the elders. God didn't bring more of the spirit of prophecy with Him when He came down. He took *of the spirit* that was on Moses.

Let's look at this again. Going back further in scripture to where God tells Moses what He is going to do, the Lord had just instructed Moses to gather the elders in the tabernacle.

Numbers 11:17

And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and I will put it upon them...

The Lord said, "*I will take of the spirit* (the separation of the particles) and I will put it upon them." The spirit that was upon Moses was not diminished. This all happened in the spirit realm.

Now let's move to this formula working in the spirit realm and manifesting in the three-dimensional realm in a real physical way. This formula was working when Jesus fed the multitude with the loaves and the fishes. They were reproduced without the depletion of the original loaves and fishes.

Matthew 15:33-38

*And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? And Jesus saith unto them, **How many loaves have ye?** And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to*

the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full. And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.

Understand here that the people all took various quantities of bread and fish and in different portions, but there was always enough for the next person to take the portion that he wanted of each item. Why? Because the original portions were not, could not be, depleted. It was more than enough!

This principle happened earlier when Elisha the prophet told the woman to gather jugs and instructed her to fill all the other jugs from the one jug containing the oil. By the separation of the particles, the other jugs were filled and the original jug **was not depleted**. It is obvious that this principle that exists in the fourth dimension (spiritual realm) is triggered by faith.

You can see from these stories that the Lord has many “means” at His disposal that He can use to sustain you; whether it be a raven or the separation and multiplication of the particles. Nothing is impossible for the Lord. He will be there.

Isaiah made this declaration :

Isaiah 40:28-31 *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

It sounds like *those who wait on the LORD* will be self-sufficient because they will be one with Him. He will renew them. They will not be weary. Yes, the Lord can do all things. He can give all things because He created all things. But remember, we must be abiding with Him, as well. This involves giving up self (obedience), having faith, and relying on the Lord. These are the keys to the Secret Place.

Focus on Me

I think the main point we can learn from the statement, *those who wait on the LORD*, is that we must keep our focus on the Lord. We must be waiting on Him. Just like the person pictured on the left who simply said, “Lord, here I am”. This person was simply waiting on the Lord as well.

And we cannot forget the next words the Lord gave us on the 10th:

...**get rid of all the extra distractions and focus on Me and our relationship.**

With these words the Lord is teaching us that this self-sufficiency does, however, come at a cost. And the cost is this we have to get rid of all that takes our focus away from Him. We have to **get rid of all the extra distractions.**

1 John 2:15-17 *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

In recent weeks He has said,

07/02/12 MVA - You are Loved always and forever. Your God Jesus Loves you. When the world presses in look to your God Jesus. I AM your hope. I AM your comfort. I Am your help. Look to your God Jesus for all guidance. Not only for the big things but the small minute by minute choices and decisions of the day. I AM always available looking to give guidance in all. The more you seek Me Jesus and My will the closer you walk with your God Jesus.

The Lord has given us so many promises and He keeps them all. These words are demonstrating the Lord's deep desire for us to have a closer walk with Him.

Conclusion

The Lord closed out the words He gave us this day by stating, Stay in My secret place, in the shadow of My love. Remain there close to Me and you will see as never before. He explained, Sing a song of praise, raise it high in the morning. Healing power is taking place. Concussion – shock waves going forth. We are living in an awesome time. It is easy to see the Lord at work. Our faith in Him is important. It spurs us on.

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

Set your love upon the Lord and He will deliver you. He will be with you in times of trouble.

This week the Lord said,

07/05/12 BT – Be of one accord with Me. My people are in accord with Me. Together we will rule. My Father has declared it. You must come with Me. You must yield yourselves to My ways. You must focus on Me. You must be devoted to Me. It is not a hard thing. It is a learned thing. You can learn it. Follow My directions. Think about Me always.

07/05/12 MVA - Beautiful. How beautiful is obedience in My sight. Obedience not only effects the obedient but those around the obedient. How much more corporate obedience. Many have avoided calamity by the obedience of few. Direction is given and followed. Many are the benefits. Unseen and unknown benefits go with obedience. Stay focused on My agenda. I

AM guiding and directing My Beloved through and around unseen obstacles, protecting My Beloved. Corporate unity is important. One obedient affects many, corporate obedience many more. Developing unity in Me Jesus; all walking as one in Me Jesus, each obedience, building and strengthening the entire body. Stay focused. Stay blessed. I Love you.

07/07/12 BN – Come inside of Me to experience Me fully. Enter into Me. I AM in all places. Be one with Me wherever you are. If you do not think that I would want to be there then perhaps you should not be either! Make sure all things are pleasing to Me. Be one with Me for I AM your Lord. Give thanks and praise always for it is a sweet sound in the heavens. Continue to seek Me...for seek and you shall find. Become pure and holy...to become one with Me. Do not let yourself be swayed, stay in truth. That is all for now.

07/09/12 BT – Hear Me. I say unto My people, “Come, Come unto Me. For now is the time to gather into the barns. The harvest is upon us. There is much work to be done. My chosen ones will follow after My ways. Learn My ways. Live in My ways so all will be well with you. I AM in control. I love you.

07/09/12 DP - You have done well. Thank you My King. Continue to seek instruction. Be led of My Spirit in all things. Look to Me I make the way known, I have direction for you. Thank you King Jesus. Your welcome My child. Guiding you into uncharted territory be sure to wait for Me. Collective bargaining. What about? Corporate logic. Can you explain? You will reason together for understanding. Yes Lord Thank you. Beginning to understand you are. Thank you I'm excited. Gifts unknown to man prepared for My people. Meeting in Me take peace. Should I literally take peace? No be at ease. That is all for now. You may go.

07/10/12 CT - Self-sufficient, get rid of all the extra distractions and focus on Me and our relationship. Sing a song of praise, raise it high in the morning. Healing power is taking place. Concussion – shock waves going forth. Stay in My secret place, in the shadow of My love. Remain there close to Me and you will see as never before.

07/11/12 DP - Honor and obedience, great effort make, time of unwinding, be secure anchored in Me, take this not lightly. I deal with each individual differently. My way for My purpose. Revelations unfolding all being brought to pass. Time of the end coming soon. Be prepared My child I come when you think not. Great diligence taken in preparation see to it obedience is established. My ways lead unto life and that life is in Me.

You can see the Lord's guiding in all these words. This week we have learned that *those who wait on the LORD* will be self-sufficient because they will be one with Him. He will renew them. They will not be weary. Yes, the Lord can do all things. He can give all things because He created all things. But remember, we must be abiding with Him, as well. This involves giving up self (obedience), having faith, and relying on the Lord. These are the keys to the Secret Place. These are the keys to being self-sufficient in the Lord.

May the Lord Bless and Keep You,
Cindy

<http://www.takehisheart.com>