



Lesson 140 Independence Day

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Introduction

Today is July 3rd and our nation will be celebrating it's independence from oppression and tyranny on the morrow. The Lord was obviously mindful of this when He gave us the words above. Therefore, as we begin this journey today we will be talking about freedom and independence, choices and affiliations. And in the end, what we will come to learn is that responsibility comes with freedom, therefore, we must keep our focus on the Lord and make the right choices in life.

06/12/13 BT - You can hear Me. I AM God. I speak to everyone. Many do not listen. Don't let this opportunity get past you. Focus on Me and listen to what I say. Put My Ways into practice in your life. Work My covenants. You do your part and I will do My part. I will not fail. Take advantage of what I have offered you. These are matters of life and death. Which do you choose? My way or the world's way, one is life and the other is death, choose wisely.

In this lesson we will also examine free will and the effects of it on our freedom and independence, basically on our choice. But we will also briefly look at deliverance and it's effect upon us as well. And finally we will expose the dark side of self and how it ultimately destroys the true freedom that can be found only in our Lord Jesus.

Luke 4:16-21 *So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,*

To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Yes, the Lord has given us the gift of free will, therefore, we are walking in an independent state of sorts. However, what we have discovered is that true liberty, true independence, this only comes through our Lord Jesus, therefore, let us move forward and discover a closer walk into the freedom we find in Him.

Free Will

You are about to begin celebrating your independence but you must remember that receiving the gift of free will, this does not mean that you are free from responsibility.

Yes, the Lord has blessed man with the gift of free will; however, He wants to remind us in the here and now that responsibility comes right along with this gift. In fact to me, responsibility is like the opposing force that comes against consequences and it's about choices. In other words we have the obligation, the duty, the burden, the care that goes along with the acceptance of the gift of free will itself.

Let me explain, if we are behaving responsibly (making right choices), then the effect we have will ultimately be that of good consequences as opposed to bad consequences. This is important because as we all know some consequences can be life-altering. While this theory can probably be applied to all of our choices; in this instance, we are talking about applying it to the choosing of Christ. And as we all know the consequences of this responsibility, this choice, well they are life-altering indeed.

November 29th God Calling Eventide - What emphasis has been laid down upon the wonder of My walking upon the Sea, and upon My feeding the multitudes. In the eyes of the Heaven those were miracles of small importance. Nature was My servant, the creation of the Father; and the Father and I are one. Over her and over the material world I had complete control. My acts were natural, spontaneous, requiring no premeditation, beyond the selection of a suitable moment for their performance.

But My real Miracle work was in the hearts of men, because there I was limited by the Father's gift of free will to man. I could not command man as I could the waves. I was subject to the limitations the Father had set. No man must be coerced into My Kingdom.

Think of all that My restraint cost Me. I could have forced the world to accept Me, but I should then have broken faith with all mankind.

We have been given the gift of free will. The Father, the son, the Holy Spirit, no angel nor any of the hosts of heaven, none will come against this gift of free will. It is up to you to choose.

06/26/13 RS - My challenge, be quick, sure. Our time has come. Do you understand? It is now. **Accept all of Me.** I mean all, to My very depths. No hesitation, it must be. Must be. My judgement is harsh, no tolerance. All must be. Do it or not. The choice is yours. Choose now.

06/28/13 SN - Choose wisely, Seek Me humbly.

John 8:31-36 *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."*

In His opening words, the Lord explained that He has given us our independence, in that He has given us our free will. However, He encouraged us to act responsibly and make the right choices. What we grew to understand is that Jesus is the right, responsible, choice. He is the smart choice. He, in fact, is the only choice that will bring true freedom and true independence to us. Therefore as we proceed through the remainder of this lesson we will come to understand the freedom, the independence that only comes through Christ our Lord.

Freedom & Independence

In the last section we learned about the responsibilities that come with independence. However, in this section we will discover the definitions and/or the meanings or ideas that come along with this notion of freedom and independence. We will begin with this:

I also have given you your independence, your ability to choose, but you must choose wisely. Freedom, independence, what does this mean?

Freedom:

- the state of being free or at liberty rather than in confinement
- exempt from external control
- the power to determine action without restraint

Independence:

- the state or quality of not being controlled or influenced by others
- not subject to another's authority or jurisdiction

So when we look at the thought behind these definitions then we are beginning to understand that the Lord is our rescuer. He is our deliverer. He and He alone, is the only one, who can redeem and release, liberate and emancipate as noted below.

January 22nd God Calling – Be not afraid. I am your God, your deliverer. From all evil I will deliver you. Trust Me. Fear not.

06/13/13 BT - Seek out My counsel. Seek Me first.

06/14/13 BT - Let go and rest in Me in My ever loving arms. Nothing can harm you in My arms. I AM truly in control of all things. Know this and operate in it.

06/16/13 BT - Peace, My Peace, I want you to have this. My peace is obtained by being in My will. Live your life in accordance to My Plan and you will have perfect peace.

07/01/13 DP - Come unto Me all who are heavy and burdened I will relieve. Change is being made. I am revealing the hidden things of the heart. Let me change what has been done. Bring all your hurts to Me.

07/01/13 SN - I Am the strong tower.

07/02/13 MVA - Keep focus attention on your God Jesus. I will bring you through all.

07/02/13 BN - Cleansing ongoing.

07/02/13 MVA - Look to your God Jesus in all. I AM your strength. I AM your Guide. I AM your hope no other. Continuous walk. Daily walk. Moment by moment. Each step taken reveals the next. Focus. Complete focus required.

The freedom and independence we experience with the Lord, this is a basically a freedom from the oppressive and tyrannical attacks we human beings must endure from the world and the enemy. But the Lord assures us in this:

August 24th God Calling - I am your deliverer. Trust in Me absolutely. Know that I will do the very best for you. Be ready and willing for My Will to be done. Know that with Me all things are possible. Cling joyfully to that truth. Say many times, "All things are possible with My Master, My Lord, My Friend." **This truth, accepted and firmly believed in, is the ladder up which a soul can climb from the lowest of pits to the sublimest of heights.**

The Lord then delivers us. In other words, He brings us true freedom in Him. On the Take His Heart website, Prophet Roy speaks of a time when He was delivered from the spirit of anger. It was a time when the Lord taught him about the correlation between deliverance, forgiveness and self. Ultimately, what he came to understand was revealed in this:

I was then reminded of the Lord's prayer where it says, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." One should really think about that phrase and what it really says! I began pondering the decision I made to forgive, and the freedom that exists there. You see, I realized I had made the decision to forgive "the judging" that had been committed towards me right after I learned of those events. I had done it days before I began speaking to the situation. The forgiveness was already manifested before I said, "**I forgive you!**" In thinking back I was in that total freedom and liberty as I spoke those words,

which returns us to the first paragraph, **“Liberty” exploding out of a white cloud!**

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I awoke to the song phrase *“Boldness, truth, healing and deliverance is gonna reign, reign in this place,”* and with it He saw a vision of the word **“Liberty”** exploding out of a white cloud overhead in our meeting place. The Lord said, **“Freedom was birthed into this place in one evening. Some have not found it because of ‘Self!’”**

Through this experience the Lord taught Prophet Roy about the freedom that is birthed as a result of deliverance. And what is the source of this deliverance?

Psalm 18:2-3 *The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.*

The Lord is our deliverer. He is our rescuer, He and He alone, is the only one, who can redeem and release, liberate and emancipate, basically bring freedom and independence to His people.

Freedom to Choose Affiliations

In the last sections we talked about the responsibilities that come with freedom and independence. But we also talked about the freedom and independence that we receive in and through Christ. What we came to understand is that it is a freedom that comes as He rescues and delivers us not only from the oppressive and tyrannical attacks of the world and the enemy but also from the attacks committed by self. In this section we will talk about the importance of keeping the the Lord’s counsel and guidance at the forefront and how this right choice will produce a positive effect on our walk. The Lord said,

As a country you still make and choose affiliations likewise I give you the freedom to choose affiliations. Choose wisely.

Affiliation is **defined as bringing into close association or connection**. Therefore, in the sentence above the Lord is saying, that as a country we make and choose who we will form a close association, connection or bond to, both individually and nationally.

Likewise the Lord gives us this same freedom. We can choose to whom we want to be connected, associated or bound to, but He cautioned us to **Choose wisely** in this. Our first affiliation should of course be to Christ as He is the only one who can truly set us free.

Galatians 5:1 *Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.*

All other affiliations would result in the opposite of freedom, in other words, they would result in bondage, limitations, and captivity.

Colossians 2:8 *Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.*

True freedom then will come to you only through this affiliation with Christ and no other.

03/27/13 CT – Point of Focus- Freedom from oppression is found in your God Jesus. This freedom comes from faith and obedience. Believe and step out in faith. And then begin to experience the freedom you find in Jesus. Freedom from fear. Freedom from hurt. Freedom from incompleteness as you move towards a more intimate relationship with your God and King. Then and only then will you have a more and more complete freedom. Step out and move forward. That's all for now, go in peace.

04/15/13 KE - I know all the hidden secrets. I know where all the wrong turns are at. That's why you need My daily guidance for your life to overcome these obstacles. I give you truth. It is who I AM and I change not My son. I will lead you to truth, show you truth, and you will feel the effects of knowing the truth. It has an outcome when you obtain it. That outcome is freedom and victory.

04/30/13 MVA - Liberty and freedom purchased by your God Jesus. Each must understand.

05/11/13 DP - For thus says the Lord," Nations shall flock to the truth as a lamb with no shepherd. They shall be blinded no more, for freedom shall ring from the mountain tops of Zion." Thus says the Lord,"

05/17/13 DP - Celebrate, how so? Independence, clap your hands (did it) what about independence? freedom in Me achieved, new growth, trust established. Go forward (did it).

Therefore, in Christ we receive our freedom. Basically, what we have learned is that this belief in Him, this focus on Him this will in no way, infringe upon our free will. It will in no way lessen our freedom or independence. In fact it is quite the contrary as we have discovered above, through our faith and focus we are delivered. Through our faith and our focus, we grow closer to Him. A connection, a bond grows hence we are choosing an affiliation with Christ the true freedom giver.

December 3rd God Calling Eventide - "Whom do men say that I am?" That is the first question I put to each man. My Claim, and the world's interpretation of My Mission and its culmination must be a matter of consideration.

Then comes My second question, and upon the answer to this depends the man's whole future. Here we have left the realm of the mind. Conviction must be of the heart. "Whom do you say that I am?"

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God," was Simon's answer. Then, and not till then, was it possible, without infringement of man's right of Free Will, to add to that profession of faith, the confirmation of My Father, "This is My Beloved Son."

I had lived My Life naturally, as a man among men. But always with the Longing that those I had chosen might have the eyes to see, the faith to penetrate the Mystery of Incarnation, and to see Me, the God revealed.

The faith of a personal conviction is always cemented by the assurance of My Father. It is that which makes the faith of My true followers so unshakable.

Remember the words above from 3/27/13 **Freedom from oppression is found in your God Jesus. This freedom comes from faith and obedience. Believe and step out in faith. And then begin to experience the freedom you find in Jesus.**

Choose Wisely

In the last section we talked about the freedom we find through our association and connection to Christ. Consequently, the Lord encouraged us to **Choose wisely** to which He added:

Much is always at stake in all the choices you make in each and every day.

In this I believe that the Lord is saying that choosing Christ, this is not the end of the choices you are faced with. No, I think He wants us to realize that everything we do is important. Each decision, each choice makes a ripple (has consequences). And since we have been given the gift of free will, well, this makes each decision important because ultimately you can do whatever you choose. Self and the enemy can get in your way.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 *For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

Therefore we must ask, "Will our work stand up to the fire?" "Are we making the right choices?" These questions help us understand the importance of right choices don't they! Yes, **Much is always at stake in all the choices you make in each and every day.** To which the Lord added this:

06/19/13 JC - Spend time away from the world communicating with we. This is how I will impart insight, wisdom, knowledge. We have to grow together over time. This is more important though the world pulls elsewhere. Make up your mind. Choose Me. Re-choose Me over and over, day in- day out, during struggles and good times. **Look for ways to choose Me.**

06/21/13 DP - I am looking for obedient vessels I can use in the earth. Endeavor to prepare daily. Be ready when I call on you. Many things I have in store for My obedient Bride. Keep focused on the task ahead. Never lose sight of the goal in Me. **Attain perfection, practice makes perfect.** Obedient actions add up creating a snowball effect of obedience. The same process takes place with disobedience. Choose which actions you will take.

06/24/13 CT - Haste makes waste. **Put thought and effort into all that you do.** Produce quality. Don't half way it. Therefore, move forward in your God Jesus with your whole self. For example, when listening, listen intently. When speaking, choose your words wisely. Put thought into your actions, words and deeds.

Colossians 3:23,24 *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.*

Do it right, put thought into your actions, look for ways to choose Him. And again, He reinforces this idea through these words:

Choose wisely. Choose a closer walk with Me. In this you will be well pleased.

Psalm 1:1-3 *Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.*

06/02/13 KE - You have the choice. Choose wisely. Seek My truth. It is there and it is precious.

06/21/13 BT - Stay on the narrow path, deviate not.

06/22/13 SN - Be pleasing in My sight. Gently, humbly walk beside Me. Occasions...rise to new occasions. Trust the Spirit. Become what I need in the Earth. Fork...come to it, choose Me. Choose forever. Discover the Spirit inside you.

06/27/13 BT - Listen, listen with your heart. Listen to My voice from within. My voice can come from on high but my daily guidance comes from a small voice within, within My temple. You must calm yourself and filter out all the distraction to hear My voice. I speak in the silence.

06/28/13 BT - Trust Me. I AM in control. Keep following after My Spirit. Be diligent, don't give up. This race is won, one day at a time. Each day building on the next until My return.

07/01/13 MVA - Opportunities today. Priorities your God Jesus first. Fulfill My agenda top priority. Free time given each. Portion rightly divide. Kingdom business priority. Think eternal in all. Lasting Kingdom work top priority.

07/01/13 CT - Ancestors, times past, effect what happens now. Make your today your best as it effects your tomorrow. Move forward acknowledging My Plan, My Ways, My Guidance.

07/01/13 SN - Pay attention, Watch your step.

07/02/13 SN - Use discernment, Trust the Spirit. Trust the Spirit to guide you out. Judgment, Use judgment.

Each decision we make is important. Thought and effort should go into all that we do, and this is why the Lord encourages us to choose wisely. We have freedom, yes, but we don't want to misuse what we have received in and through Him.

Summation

As we near the remembrance of our nations Independence Day the Lord in His wisdom made a correlation between this and the freedoms we have in Christ our Lord. Through His guidance we learned that it is the Lord who has truly given us freedom and the right to choose. It is the Lord who has given us the gift of free will. But He wants us to understand that this is a gift that comes with responsibility. We, therefore, must choose wisely. But choosing wisely does not stop once we have chosen Christ. No, what the Lord has revealed is that each decision is important because each decision represents who you are. And each decision presents a picture of who you are affiliated with as well. Will you be a reflection of Christ and the freedom we find in Him? Or will your decisions lead you to bondage? This week the Lord said,

You are about to begin celebrating your independence but you must remember that receiving the gift of free will, this does not mean that you are free from responsibility. I also have given you your independence, your ability to choose, but you must choose wisely. Freedom, independence, what does this mean? As a country you still make and choose affiliations likewise I give you the freedom to choose affiliations. Choose wisely. Much is always at stake in all the choices you make in each and every day. Choose wisely. Choose a closer walk with Me. In this you will be well pleased. That is all for now, go in peace.

Consequently, according to the Lord, free will and independence, these do not alleviate responsibility but according to the dictionary freedom is the exact opposite of responsibility. This is because in their minds (from the worldly perspective) freedom is about abandon and power and even unrestraint; however, that's not the way the Lord looks at it. He says we have responsibilities. We are accountable. We should care. We do have obligations. Therefore, our choices are important.

The abandon, unrestraint, and power of freedom as seen from the worldly perspective well this is simply the darkness of self, rearing it's ugly head. Yes, in this lesson we have learned that the work of self and the enemy these destroy the true freedom that can be found only in our Lord Jesus. They lead to bondage and they hinders our walk with Him. Therefore choosing wisely has never been more important.

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In this lesson we learned that the Lord is our deliverer. He is our rescuer. He delivers and He emancipates. We receive this as we walk in right choices, as we choose to live and walk in Him.

07/01/13 DP - Come unto Me all who are heavy and burdened I will relieve.

07/01/13 LW – Give your body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Me, this is your act of worship.

07/01/13 MVA - Daily. Each day look and see the agenda of your God Jesus.

07/02/13 CT - Read, love, pray and think of independence and free will. Think on My Plan.

Follow the Lord suggestion here and think of this independence, this gift we have been given through our Lord. Think on it and see the true source of freedom in and through Him. **In this you will be well pleased. That is all for now, go in peace.**

May the Lord Bless you in Your Journey,
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