



Lesson 68 Intimacy with the Lord

12/11/11 MEETING: PRESENT – I AM, Bob and Cindy

BT – Eat what I have placed on the table before you. It is for your nourishment and growth. You must grow up into Me. Honor Me and My ways; walk in them. This is a perverse generation and you must separate yourselves out. Don't be like them, be like Me. Show yourselves approved. What I ask is possible. Know this. I AM with you and you can succeed.

CT – The church is separating people from God. Keeping individuals from personal, intimate relationship with Me. Demonstrate this (intimate) relationship; explain it to those I bring to you. Don't do it on your own direction. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. This is your singular purpose; bringing peace to My children. You can do this. Don't be forceful or pushy. Speak from your heart but don't over talk it. Remember to keep it simple and brief.

The fruit is ripe for the picking. Hearts have been prepared. I will lead them to you. The pavement has been laid.

Solid foundation. Your feet have been planted on a solid foundation. Keep building upon this foundation.

Focus, focus, focus; keep the right focus. Love your neighbors as yourself. Want the best for them.

Forgive that which needs to be forgiven and trust fully in the Lord, as power channels through trust. Amen.

In the words we received this week the Lord spoke of the church. He stated that the church is keeping people from having an intimate relationship with Him. I believe He is speaking of an intimate relationship from both an individual (personal) and a corporate (the church) standpoint. So this, of course, leads us to the question, "How does one have an intimate relationship with the Lord either individually or corporately?" And what exactly is intimacy?

Definition

Intimacy is defined as belonging to the essential nature or constitution of a thing; belonging to or characterizing one's deepest nature; 2) marked by very close association, contact or familiarity; 3) marked by a warm friendship developing through long association; of a very personal or private nature.

Personal Intimacy

Let's begin by looking at intimacy from a personal perspective. When intimacy is mentioned I think a physical type of relationship springs into most people's mind; however at this moment, we are speaking of intimacy from a spiritual standpoint. The definition above revealed that intimacy develops through association, contact and familiarity with another. It is marked by a warm friendship or relationship. The key factor seems to be time spent together. However, I believe there are also the "implied" elements of trust, respect, value and esteem within this friendship or relationship. I would also like to add that even though we are looking at intimacy from a spiritual standpoint **our actions in the physical can affect our relationships in the spiritual**. But we will get into that later.

At this point, however, we will be looking at how intimacy is viewed in personal relationships. The bible uses different analogies, terms or illustrations to help us understand our relationship to God. There is the father and child relationship and the King and servant relationship. Which of us has not heard the Lord's prayer stating, "*Our Father in heaven*".

And Isaiah spoke of the gentiles as being children of God in, **Isaiah 63:16** *Doubtless You are our Father; though Abraham was ignorant of us, and Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O LORD, are our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your Name.*

Psalm 10:16 states *The Lord is King forever and ever.*

Rev. 19:16 *And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

The Lord uses these examples of relationship to teach us about personal intimacy with Him. This works because most all of us have experienced a father and child relationship. We have grown up watching the “royals” on television. So we are all familiar with these concepts. Therefore, each of these verses, whether speaking of the father and child relationship or the King to servant relationship, create an image of intimacy in our minds that has developed over the course of time. I believe the verses also demonstrate the “implied” elements of trust, respect, value and esteem I spoke of earlier. However, there is another relationship spoken of in the bible we should review.

Spotless Bride

The Lord also speaks of the relationship of the bride and groom. Reference is made to the bride of Christ which we have come to understand is His Church. This comes from several verses throughout the bible but this one in particular:

Rev 21:9... *“Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.”*

We have all seen, heard or experienced the relationship of a bride and bridegroom. In fact if we were asked to think of one example of a close, personal, one on one, intimate type of relationship then marriage would probably be one of the first types to come to mind. This is probably one of the reasons the Lord refers to His church as His bride. But there are others as well, for example, the Lord teaches us that a husband and a wife unite and become one. We are to unite with the Lord and become one with Him.

Ephesians 5:22-27

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for her; that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

In the verses above we see the church is presented as the bride just as we discussed earlier. These verses add an even greater understanding of the Lamb’s wife by stating that she will be without spot or wrinkle. In other words she is refined. This refining is spoken of in:

Zechariah 13:8-9 *“And it shall come to pass in all the land,” says the LORD, that two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it; I will bring the one-third through the fire, **will refine them as silver is refined**, and test them as gold is tested. **They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘This is My people’; and each one will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’**”*

Yes, the Bride will be refined. She will have the “spots” removed, hence, she becomes the “spotless” bride. We have learned from the THH website that the Lord refers to the wrong patterns of doing things as “spots”. His Bride will be “spotless” because she no longer follows wrong patterns. Therefore, the Lord’s Bride must stop following after the wrong patterns of doing things both in her personal life and in her corporate life (meetings).

From those same verses in **Zechariah** we can see the relationship between the Lord and His people that we have been discussing thus far. Did you notice the Lord stating, *‘This is My people’*? You get the definite feel of relationship from these verses don’t you? Remember we have learned that an intimate relationship is defined as a close association that developed over a period of time. It is very personal and familiar. You can see that intimacy is present in the relationship between the bride and the bridegroom.

We were given these words on 8/27/08 **Privileged; called and was responsive. The Bride holds a place of honor just as the groom. The bride chooses her dress (righteousness etc) and plans the wedding. Prepare house; meeting; purpose of study, my timeframe.** Bob – What’s on your agenda? – **The Bride.** What about the Bride – **Clean up.** We were told that the Bride will hold a place of honor, she will be clothed in righteousness by preparing her “house”. We are to clean ourselves up. These words reminded me of this from THH website <http://www.takehisheart.com/harlotharlotrybride.htm>

Righteousness is a foundational act that the Bride must fulfill to come into the right position to be the Lord's wife.

The bride is cleaning herself up. She is performing acts of righteousness. Further clarification regarding becoming spotless actually comes in these words in which the Lord is describing a harlot (who is the opposite of a spotless bride):

We must realize that only people who belong to God can play the harlot! God never said the other nations around Israel played the harlot because they weren't betrothed to Him. Only a Christian, a Jew, simply a believer, can play the harlot when it comes to God. We are not talking about unsaved people. Salvation is not the issue or the difference, when it comes to the acts of harlotry, or the acts of "a" bride.

Israel, by her acts, was in trouble with the Lord when she played the harlot. (**Hosea 4:15**) Therefore, God did not move miraculously on her behalf. The harlot church, which is the Lord's church, is also not in His will. **Why? Because of her acts.** Jesus is going to reward a cleansed woman, a woman fit to be His bride **because of her acts of Bride-ship as a corporate body!** To see the harlot you must know her acts and to see the Bride you must know her acts. **You cannot see either one clearly without knowing the acts of both and knowing which acts are of harlotry.** Remember, **it is the acts of a woman that determine whether she is a harlot, or a Bride.**

This just described what we spoke of earlier, about how our actions in the physical can affect our relationships in the spiritual. The harlot follows after her own will and not that of her King. Following after our own will, will not only affect our personal relationship with Christ but it will also affect our corporate relationship with Christ.

Meetings

The Lord provides additional guidance about intimacy and meetings on the THH website at <http://www.takehisheart.com/cometolifedoorpostboundaries.htm>

Years ago when God brought us together as a body, one of the things that surprised me was that He was interested in the format of our meetings. God said, "**Know the purpose of each meeting.**" At that time I suppose we all had ideas of what He meant; but through the years God has continually given us more, here a little and there a little, on how to have meetings that are pleasing to Him. **We are talking about meeting as a Spotless Bride, not as a harlot.** We are talking about meeting under the **Kingship of Jesus**, which is far from anything democratic, like having an opinion, a vote, or a gift. **We are talking about how a corporate body can become intimate with Jesus.** We are talking about Jesus leading the meeting and that is more than having the presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is to be in our meetings **as the head.** If He is not allowed to be the head, He is not leading or governing as the head of the church.

From the words above we have learned that in order to have intimacy with the Lord we must allow Him to lead us (personally and corporately). And we learned when we do allow Him to lead; we are in effect, acknowledging and honoring Him as our King; meeting Him as a Spotless Bride, not as a harlot. This is why the Lord has been leading us away from the "traditions of men". We were given these words concerning meetings on:

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Begin with silence before The Lord, don't be presumptuous, don't cause a commotion.

(This has to do with meetings.) **Reverence through silence.** I will speak to you what needs to be spoken, when it needs to be said. This is for all. **I AM supreme. I AM in charge. It is my meeting.** Superstitious = your interpretations. Seek me. It is the plain, spoken truth. **Reverence in my sanctuary. Where is my sanctuary? Where you meet with me.**

"You shall keep my sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary, I AM THE LORD." Leviticus 19:30

Holy, Holy, Holy, I AM THE LORD ALMIGHTY. This is the spoken truth.

(Note: Before we walk into the meetings Bob says . . . "Remember the purpose of this meeting is to get The Lord's agenda for us. Remember that we are walking into Him and into His presence." We lift up silence to Him as we enter and we do not wear shoes.)

Prior to being given these words we used to begin our meetings with words. We had not completely separated ourselves from the “traditions of men”. We were following after wrong patterns creating our own agenda. However, since receiving these words and after receiving additional teachings from the prophet we now follow the Lord’s pattern.

When we come together to meet with the Lord, our hearts and minds, are to be clear. We are to go in with no agenda, lifting up silence before the Lord as a demonstration of reverence. We have learned, by comparing spiritual to spiritual, that our meetings with the Lord paint a symbolic picture. They are a representation of the meetings that formerly took place in the Lord’s temple. A hint of this was noted in the words we just read from 4/1/09 (reverence in His sanctuary). Therefore we symbolically wash ourselves before we enter into the Holy of Holies just as it was done previously. The sequence actually goes something like this. We first enter the outer court. This is where we symbolically wash and begin preparing our hearts and mind, clearing them. Then we move to the inner court. Here we join together in a circle and we completely clear our minds thus finishing our preparation for the meeting. We then proceed into the symbolic “Holy of Holies” with our hands turned up symbolically lifting up silence to the Lord. Remember this is a demonstration of reverence. Again, we then enter into the Holy of Holies with our minds completely clear. This allows Him to be the head of the meeting. It allows Him to govern as our King. (Remember the King to servant relationship). We then sit silently with pen and paper in hand awaiting any words He may give. We have learned to have the “Holy of Holies” room prepared ahead of time with our pens and paper waiting for us. We have the articles of communion set out in case He directs us to take communion. A shofar and our Bible are ready and available in case He directs us to use them.

Some ten months after we received the words from 4/1/09 the Lord gave these words.

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BT - **The narrow path is one foot in front of the other. You have to stay in me.**

CT - **This is the day that The Lord has made rejoice and be glad in it.**

Formal attire for meeting (This is not about the clothing you wear to the meeting. This is about your attitude. It is about your body language. It is about being focused on me. It is about demonstrating to The Lord that you are focused on him, that he is The Lord, The Master of Ceremonies. It is his meeting. He is in control).

Serendipity (Definition - The faculty of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for). **You will know when.**

Magnify his name. The Lord your God is creator of all things. He is in control.

Impeach wrong doers. Remove them from their positions. There are consequences for self in my church.

This will begin to happen. (I felt The Lord was telling us that this was something He was going to start doing)

Commence. It is commencing. My plan, my agenda, my courts are commencing.

Coming out, removing self is good. You are progressing in your growth and in you consciousness of Me. This is good. Keep progressing. Keep growing and keep praying in me. Remember it was I that brought you out just as I brought Moses out. I have brought you out also. **(Just as Moses was brought out, you are coming out; my church is coming out from man's control. Moses brought my people out from slavery. He got them away from man's rule, man's control over them. I am bringing my church out. I am bringing my church out from under denominations and religions created by man and his rules; created by self.)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

You can see the progression of His teaching can’t you? By comparing line upon line and precept upon precept, the Lord continues to teach us the correct patterns of intimacy and relationship, of meeting with and in Him on both a personal and corporate level. He has taught us to look at our meetings as precious time with Him.

Remember intimacy is grown through time spent together. We have learned to acknowledge Him as our King through silence and by keeping our focus on Him. And we have learned that we are to follow after His will, learning His patterns, and setting aside the traditions of man. Jesus taught us that we are to fulfill all

righteousness in **Matthew 3:15** *“Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”*

From THH - Truly making Him King is an action, not just words. I grew up attending meetings with our own agendas, where there was not a speck of Him being the head of the meetings, which is really a harlotrous thing!

When we allow Him, our King, to be the head of the meeting and to lead us in our personal lives then we are fulfilling righteousness and we are receiving the intimacy with Him that meets our hearts’ desire. And I can tell you from my own personal experience that once you have begun to meet with the Lord in this manner you will feel a deeper and more intimate bond with Him than you have known up to this point.

May the Lord Bless and Keep You,
Cindy

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