



Lesson 147 Louisiana Purchase

08/21/19 CT MEETING – Purchase, the Louisiana Purchase may seem like a big transaction to you, however, it cannot match or come equal to the purchase I made through My own blood. Therefore, get back to basics. Study My purchase, study the motivation behind it (behind My Purchase). Study the cost and the gain. That is all for now, go in peace.

Introduction

In the opening words that the Lord gave today He made reference to the word "purchase", however, He also went on to include a clear-cut reference to "the Louisiana Purchase". He said that it "may seem like a big transaction to you"... and to that extent I felt that since the Lord had made a very specific mention of this particular bit of human history, well I felt like, we should take the time to review it. And this is what I found:

The Louisiana Purchase was the acquisition of the French territory of Louisiana by the United States of America. The purchase included 828,000 miles of the French territory of Louisiana. It was purchased for a total sum of \$15,000,000 or a little less than 3 cents per acre of the land.

This is believed to be the biggest land purchase in history. (The Roman Empire acquired more land during it's hey day, however, they acquired land through conquest as opposed to actually purchasing it.) President Jefferson believed that this territory would become a vital part of the United States expansion but he also believed that having access to the Port of New Orleans and passage on the Mississippi River would be essential. Therefore the land was purchased and history was made.

For you to get an idea of just how much land we are talking about here, let me tell you that it includes all of the present day states of Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa,

and Nebraska; but it also includes most of or parts of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Louisiana. Now that's a lot of land, hence, you can see why it is believed to be the biggest land "purchase" in history.

From this you can see that the Louisiana Purchase is in fact an amazing part of the history of the United States of America but also of the world as well. Consequently, I would imagine that the reason this particular purchase was brought to our attention then was because it was in all actuality a very big deal at the time as it involved the aforementioned very large acquisition of land. This was literally such a big deal back then that even the constitutionality of this transaction was questioned. So we can see from all this that the Lord evidently wants to get us pondering the concept of "purchasing" and the consequences thereof. But what is purchasing?

Purchase:

-to acquire by the payment of money or its equivalent; to buy

-to acquire by effort, sacrifice, flattery, etc.

Synonyms: get, obtain, procure

From this definition we learned that purchasing not only involves payment by money (as in the case of the Louisiana Purchase) but it can also involve "payment" by effort or sacrifice or even by flattery. Therefore, as we move through the remainder of this lesson, we will be examining purchasing from its secondary characterization of effort and sacrifice as opposed to payment by money.

His Own Blood

In the first section we learned the definition of purchasing and I believe we came to understand that the Lord would like for us to meditate or study this concept, this act. We closed out the first section by revealing that our primary focus for the remainder of the lesson would be that of looking at "purchasing" from the standpoint of effort and/or sacrifice as opposed to payment made by money. So with all this in mind, let's move forward, and as we proceed there are several verses relating to "purchasing" that I think would be good for us to look at right now. And they are:

Hebrews 9:11-14 *But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He*

*entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, **how much more shall the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

Revelations 5:9 *And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; **for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood.** Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."*

Through these verses we see that Christ came and paid the "purchase" price for each one of us through His blood, through His sacrifice. You may remember that the Lord began today's message with these words:

Purchase, the Louisiana Purchase may seem like a big transaction to you, however, it cannot match or come equal to the purchase I made through My own blood.

What the Lord is telling us here is that He made the supreme purchase for us through Himself, and it is bigger than the biggest land deal that ever went down. For that matter it is bigger than any deal we could ever come up with ourselves. There's nothing bigger than it. The bible tells us (in the verses above for example) of this purchase; basically, it tells us that we have been redeemed by Christ Himself. And this same purchase has just recently been spoken of when the Lord said this:

04/19/13 DP - I am the way, follow Me into life everlasting, that I have provided for you; **paid for by My blood at the cross**, I did this for you.

Paid for or we could say "purchased" by His blood at the cross. That makes it pretty clear doesn't it? What we are talking about here is the biggest transaction ever! The Lord declared it to be even bigger than the Louisiana Purchase. A **transaction** by the way means to carry on or conduct business, negotiations, contracts etc to a conclusion or settlement). So what we are talking about here is the best conclusion, the best settlement that we could have ever been offered, and it is an offer that comes straight from the Lord and that is why it is so perfect. But of this "purchase", this "transaction", that was made through His blood, of this the Lord also said:

05/03/13 BN - The blood of Jesus...**shed for all**...let them know.

07/18/13 BN - Do not diminish **My sacrifice on the cross, My blood covers all.**

07/19/13 DP - Absorb My truth, walk in it's safety, it's surety, knowing it's ordained of Me. Be pleasing, be joyous. You have much to be thankful for. You have

overcome the enemies deception. Washed in My blood, you are clean, I have made you.

08/05/13 KE - **Be sanctified in Me.** My blood is sufficient for all who come. Continue forward, I AM with you.

08/11/13 KE - Stay clean from the world and draw in to Me. **My blood sanctifies you.** Counseling with Me is important for you.

This purchase, this transaction was made for each one of us. He has provided for us and He has redeemed us through His own blood!

October 14 God Calling (The Sacrifice) - Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world. -- John 1:29

"Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." I am the Lamb of God. Lay upon Me your sins, your failures, your shortcomings. My sacrifice has atoned for all. I am the mediator between God and Man, the man Christ Jesus.

Do not dwell upon the past. You make My Sacrifice of no effect.

No! realize that in Me you have all, complete forgiveness, complete companionship, complete healing.

Isaiah 53:4,5 *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: ... But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities ... and with his stripes we are healed.*

Through these passages we can see that the transaction was made complete through Christ. He paid the price and purchased redemption for all who believe.

The Motivation Behind It

In the last section we talked a lot about purchasing. We learned that purchasing means acquiring by payment made either through money or through sacrifice or effort. We learned about the massive Louisiana Purchase, but in addition to that we also learned of the purchase made for ourselves through the blood of Christ. And in this section we will be examining the thought behind this:

Therefore, get back to basics. Study My purchase, study the motivation behind it (behind My Purchase).

As you are aware we have already pretty much explored the concept of "purchasing" in the last section so for this segment we will get back to the basics by focusing on motivation. We will begin by returning to a remark that we read above that related to being sanctified. It read something like this:

08/05/13 KE - **Be sanctified in Me.** My blood is sufficient for all who come. Continue forward, I AM with you.

In this passage the Lord stated that His blood sanctifies you. Now I will have to admit to you that sanctify is one of those words that the meaning often escapes

me. So let's look it up and see what we find. Sanctify means absolves, purifies, anoints, blesses, and frees us from sin. So after reviewing this definition I think we could say that Jesus' blood saves us. I used the word save because when you think of absolution (freeing from blame or guilt), purifying (freeing from anything that pollutes or debases), basically freeing us from sin and all the rest; well, it just seems that we are talking about being rescued (saved) from a lot of bad stuff.

This idea in turn reminded me of an email I answered recently where a lady asked me about being "saved". I explained to her that she became "saved" at the moment that she first answered "yes" to the confession of faith question (she had just answered it on the Take His Heart website). I explained to her that if you truly believe that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, if you truly believe that He died for your sins and that God raised Him from the dead, if you believe this, then you have been "saved". And I quoted a couple of bible verses for her:

John 3:16-17 *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

Ephesians 2:1-7 *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved--** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

What I came to discover from both of these verses is that they not only hold the key to why we are motivated to accept Christ as our Savior but they also explain why the Lord was motivated to go to the cross as well. Remember the verse began, *For God so loved the world* which goes right along with this from the book of Romans.

Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

So the Lord was motivated to go the cross by His love for us. And we are motivated yes by the promise of everlasting life but we are also motivated by His same love.

January 3 God Calling - The Way Wide Open

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Isaiah 40:31

You must be renewed, remade. Christ, Christ, Christ. Everything must rest on Me. Force is born of rest. Only Love is a conquering force. Be not afraid, I will help you.

Be channels both of you. My Spirit shall flow through and My Spirit shall, in flowing through, sweep away all the bitter past.

Take heart. God loves, God helps, God fights, God wins. You shall see. You shall know. The way will open. All My Love has ever planned, all My Love has ever thought, you shall see each day unfold.

We then are most definitely motivated by all that God's love will reveal to us in each and every day that will unfold following our renewal in Him. But more importantly than that, what we must take away from this is that it is love that motivates the Lord.

1 John 4:7-16 *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. 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 then is the motivating factor. It is key to both our relationship with the Lord but it should also be a key motivating factor in our relationship with others as well.

08/19/13 DP - Know you are loved by Me and I only want what's best for you, what's best is My path stay on it and the victory shall be yours.

08/19/13 BN - Go forward in your day in love. (Love is key).

08/20/13 CN - Love with Me.

08/20/13 DP - Spread love, give hope to those in need.

08/21/13 MVA - I Love you.

08/21/13 DP – Encouragement, be to all, make My love felt. Whispers of love, mercy in abundance for My people. All who come to Me will not be rejected. I love them all.

08/21/13 BN - Love for all, My love knows no bounds...nor should yours.

Love that should be our motivator just as it is the Lord's.

Study the Cost

In the last section we looked at the motivating factor for Christ's purchase (His actions) and we found that it was that of love. In this section we will be looking at studying the cost of the purchase but first let's go back and re-read exactly what the Lord said. He said, Study My purchase, study the motivation behind it (behind My Purchase). Study the cost. I thought it was important to re-read the entire sentence so that we would have the correct context of what was being said. Therefore in this section we will move forward in this and Study the cost...

But what is cost?

Cost:

-the price paid

Price:

-that which must be given, done or undergone in order to obtain a thing

Hence we can gather from this that when we study the cost, what we will actually be studying, is the price that was paid; of which the bible does confirm that we were:

1 Corinthians 6:20 *For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

1 Corinthians 7:23 *You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.*

1 Peter 1:18 *...you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but the with precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

So what was given? Well, the answer was revealed in that last verse, we were bought at the price of Christ's precious blood. He was the **sacrifice** of the purchase.

Romans 3:21-26 *But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **being justified***

freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

The price (for our previous life of sin) this was paid by the blood Christ Jesus. The cost was met or fulfilled in, through and by Him. And what the Lord teaches us through this is that:

08/16/13 SN - **The path of righteousness comes at a price.**

The righteousness of God was revealed through Christ and it came at a price. This is the cost that we should meditate upon. But before we leave this section on cost, the Lord has added a few remarks that we should consider as well that relate to the cost of this walk. The first is this from Luke.

Luke 14:25-33 *Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, **does not sit down first and count the cost**, whether he has enough to finish it-- lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.*

And then we have these more recent words given that relate to cost:

06/20/13 BT - **Count the cost.** What will it cost you not to do things My way. Do the benefits outweigh the cost? Only I say to you, they do. My Yoke is light. It is not hard to live. You live as I have asked. Love Me with all your heart, all your mind, and all your soul. And love your neighbor as yourself. Do this and all will be well with you. My peace with you.

07/10/13 MM - Come now, come now, **count costs** & answer. Come, come, again, come.

07/30/13 EC - Secret place, My refuge for you, for those who love Me. Free to all but with a price, **must consider the cost, obedience to Me.** Requires your all, think on these things.

After we have received all that is involved with cost, I think we can see, that there is a cost on both sides of this walk. Christ of course, paid the ultimate price, but He is also letting us know that there will be a cost for us as well. So it is most definitely something one needs to reflect upon to ensure that we are giving the Lord our best or you could say an adequate return for His investment.

Study the Gain

Study ... the gain.

What is gain?

Gain:

- to get especially as a result of one's efforts
- to acquire as an increase or addition
- to obtain as a profit

In this instance we are studying what has been obtained as a result of Christ paying the price or making the purchase through His sacrifice. So what are we gaining by His sacrifice. Well, the bible tells us that:

John 6:40 *"And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."*

John 10:9 *"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."*

Acts 16:31 *So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."*

So again we see that what we gain is our salvation.

Matthew 10:32 *"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."*

Consequently, what we have gained then is the gift of Christ.

January 28th God Calling Eventide - I am the Gift of God to man. Only so was it possible for man to know God the Father. Only so was it possible for man to know that he had ever an Advocate with God -- the Sinless Christ.

There is always One Who understands your case, Whose appeal cannot fail to be heard. He has the right of Sonship. He has a right to plead for you.

If he can plead for offending man, undertaking full responsibility for him, what better Advocate could you have? He knows. He has seen the tears of sorrow, the heartache and temptation. He can plead as none other.

His own temptation was so real that, conqueror as He was, He can yet feel the tenderest pity for the vanquished. He knows how seeming fair evil can appear, and He can estimate the added burden of tainted blood, inherited weakness and sin.

He gave His only Begotten Son. This GREAT GIFT AM I, your Friend, your Companion. Leave all to Me, your Advocate, trained during My years on earth to plead, never for Myself, but for every one who rests his cause in My Hands.

Our acceptance of Christ and the price that he paid for us, through this He becomes our Advocate, through this He become our gift, through this we are saved. We now know that nothing else can **match or come equal to the purchase** that Jesus **made through** His very **own blood** and this we find is most definitely something that we should **Study** or meditated upon.

06/15/13 BN - **Come be with Me in spirit. Meditate on Me. Let Me be with you when you wake and when you go to sleep. I long to be with you. You are My people.**

06/26/13 VC - **Seek Me. Be with Me in all you do. Think and meditate on Him. Come let me love you. Open your heart. No other loves you. Allow me to come in and permeate your being. Fill you with My spirit.**

06/27/13 CT - **Come before Me in assurance of My Presence. Drink in My Spirit. Move forward in Me. Accustom, don't count this walk as ordinary or grow so accustomed to it that you lose your sense of wonder. Appreciate all that is Me, all the plans, all the steps, all the intersections of life. See and meditate on these and understand the immenseness that is Me. And keep through this the wonder and majesty that is your King.**

07/20/13 KE - **Always know I AM here with you walking in your midst. Where you go, I go. Meditate on that... When you are rejected, I AM rejected. When you are received, I AM received. Think about this in all facets. I love you.**

08/04/13 KE - **New marks ahead, great things in store for those who love Me. You are a faithful servant. You are My beloved. Never be downcast; this is enemy tactics. I AM with you My son. I walk in you. Your temple is My temple; we are one. You may rest today. Take a break. You have done well in writing. Meditate on Me today.**

08/11/13 CT - **From everlasting to everlasting. This is how long I will be with you. I Am always there, in your presence. I Am with you. Move forward in this, move**

forward in the knowledge that we are always together. I hear you, I feel you and I see you because I am always there with you. Go in peace and meditate on this. 08/18/13 CT - Silence your mind and move closer to Me still. Be prepared for upcoming events. How so Lord? Read, study, pray and clear your mind. Think, meditate, and study on love and forgiveness, walking in these. Think and meditate on My word. Quieten your mind and meditate on these.

What we **acquire**, what we **obtain** through the sacrifice of Christ, these should not be taken lightly. They should be studied and meditated upon. The price was high but He willingly met it. And it is through these words above that He has acknowledged once again that He believes that the purchase price was worth it. So remember He said,

08/01/13 RS - I am a God of better things for everyone; everyone who puts their trust in Me.

Summation

We began this lesson by reading these words from the Lord:

Purchase, the Louisiana Purchase may seem like a big transaction to you, however, it cannot match or come equal to the purchase I made through My own blood. Therefore, get back to basics. Study My purchase, study the motivation behind it (behind My Purchase). Study the cost and the gain. That is all for now, go in peace.

And what we came to realize after we studied these words is that Christ has indeed paid the price for us. He got us thinking about “purchases” by speaking of the Louisiana Purchase of which we learned that it was the biggest land purchase ever made in history. We learned, however, that purchasing not only involves payment by money (as in the case of the Louisiana Purchase) but it can also involve “payment” by effort or sacrifice or even by flattery. And it was at this point that we began studying, learning, reviewing the sacrifice that Christ made for us. We learned about the cost but the gains as well. And it is at this point that I want to remind all of us of this scripture that says:

Romans 12:1 *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."*

What the scripture says to me after moving through this lesson, is that we should want to present ourselves to the Lord with the same love and sacrifice that He

showed for us, or at least as close as is humanly possible. Jesus of late has reminded us that there is a cost to our walk and it could be counted, however, complete surrender to Him we will find will bring us complete happiness as noted in this:

January 25 God Calling (The Way of Happiness) - "Complete surrender of every moment to God is the foundation of happiness."

Complete surrender of every moment to God is the *foundation* of happiness, the *superstructure* is the joy of Communion with Him. And that is, for each, the place, the mansion, I went to prepare for you.

My followers have misunderstood that, and looked too often upon that promise as referring only to an After-Life, and too often - far too often - upon this life as a something to be struggled through in order to get the reward and the joy of the next.

Seek to carry out all I say, and such understanding, insight, vision, and joy will be yours as shall pass indeed all understanding. The plans of God are very wonderful - beyond your highest hopes.

Cling to thoughts of protection, safety, guidance.

And I want to close this lesson with these words from the Lord that we were given back in April. I wanted to include them and close with them because I think they so perfectly present the picture that the Lord has painted today.

04/03/13 KE - I AM with thee to carry thee on the wings of victory. I AM here now, making way for My children who are called by My name. What a blessing to be called a child of God. Oh! The blessing wrapped up in this you understand not. I AM the Great I AM. It is Me, your Lord and Master. Defending you and protecting you. So many know few about this in a way I want to express it to them. The blessings people miss because of self. Nevertheless, I AM still with them, hoping they may see My working power and be brought to the light. I love My people very much, and so many things they understand not. But My blood is sufficient. Come to new heights with Me My people. Walk with Me in the unfamiliar ways of average day to day living. I have laid it out. All you have to do is walk in it. It is here for you, and the price has been paid for you to travel it. It just takes your faith. Trust Me. Lean to Me. I AM your sustainer and your burden bearer. Come to Me as a little child. I will not cast out. I AM here for My people. As a waiting servant I AM. Listen to My voice and hear My words. They are truly life for you. I say come. Come with Me into victory. The enemy has no choice but to wave the white flag. He has been conquered and defeated. Hallelujah! Praise be to Me in the Highest! I AM the Hosanna in the Highest! I deserve your reverence and not table scraps. I love you My children. I leave you with this word of hope and endurance. I say come...

May the Lord Bless You in your walk with Him,
Cindy

