

Lesson 89 **May 30, 2012**

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BT – Today is a great day. Rejoice in Me. I provide for My Beloved. Continue to humble yourselves, continue to clean yourselves, continue to be refined in Me. All will be well, if you, follow after me. Times are changing, stay close, you will be taken care of, you will be hidden. Fear not. Things will be different, but I will sustain you. Be joyous today, rejoice, rejoice in Me. I provide everything! I love you.

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## Rejoice in Me

This week the Lord's opening words were, **Today is a great day. Rejoice in Me. I provide for My Beloved.** Yes, today is a great day, sing praises to the Lord, rejoice in Him for the Lord will provide. These words given by the Lord have offered an affirmation (a positive assertion) of the Lord's enduring love.

When the Israelites were wondering through the wilderness they began to complain to Moses of hunger. The Lord heard and explained to Moses that He would, *rain bread from heaven for you*. The bible tells of this story in:

**Exodus 16:13-18** *So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat. This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.'" Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need.*

The Lord provided quail and manna for the Israelites. He affirmed His love through his actions, through his caring. His actions should have made the Israelites confident in his Love. Jesus wants us to be confident in the Lord as well. He offered these words to ease our minds,

**Matthew 6:25-34** *"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' Or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

Both of these set of verses that we just read deliver a message that is very similar to the words the Lord gave us this week, in that they offer an assurance, that the Lord will provide for his Beloved. This week the Lord said, *I provide for My Beloved*. But then He added, *I will sustain you*. Now when He gave these words He placed an emphasis on the word **sustain**. He even put it into Bob's heart to look up the definition of this word because He made Bob realize that we do not fully understand the depth of its meaning. This is what he found:

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Consequently, once we read the true definition of sustain, we could feel the strength, power, legitimacy and authority held within this word. This is the very assurance we have been speaking of. This is the affirmation, the positive assertion, of the Lord's enduring love we spoke of. And the Lord said, **I will sustain you.**

As discussed previously, the verses above made reference to our sustenance, however, this is not the only way in which the Lord provides for His Beloved. No, He provides for us in other ways as well. For example:

#### **He provides for our salvation -**

**Romans 10:8-13** *But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto*

salvation." For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

## He provides for our education -

**2 Timothy 3:14-17** *But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

All of these passages and stories reflect the support, relief, supply, and validity of the Lord's love. They have provided us with the encouragement, assurance and proof that we need of the Lord's love and care of His Beloved. What we must realize is that He continues to encourage us to not worry. Today is sufficient unto itself. Yes, **Today is a great day.**

## Continue in Me

Providing our sustenance, our salvation, and our education are wonderful blessings from the Lord but He has taught us that we must do our part as well. We can see that, first and foremost, the Lord wants us to be confident in Him. But He also wants us to: **continue to humble yourselves, continue to clean yourselves, continue to be refined in Me.** Basically, we want us to continue on in Him. Hence with that in mind, this week the Lord would like for us to focus on humility and its' relationship to our refinement. This is how we will: **continue to be refined in Me.**

So why do you suppose humility is important? Well, maybe the clue comes from Moses. The bible tells us that Moses was more humble than any man on earth.

**Numbers 12:1-15** *Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married, for he had married an Ethiopian woman. So they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also? And the LORD heard it. (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.) Suddenly the LORD said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, "Come out you three, to the tabernacle of meeting!" So the three came out. Then the LORD came down in the pillar of cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both went forward. Then He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. Not so with My servant Moses: He is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings; and he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?"*

*So the anger of the LORD was aroused against them, and He departed. And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous, as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was a leper. So Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord! Please do not lay this sin on us, in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned. Please do not let her be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb!" So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "Please heal her, O God, I pray!" Then the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, would she*

*not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut out of the camp seven days, and afterward she may be received again." So Miriam was shut out of the camp seven days, and the people did not journey till Miriam was brought in again.*

I believe this story teaches us that the lack of humility can lead to dissension. It is an indication of self and the will of man operating as opposed to following the will of the Lord. None of these things are good. They can open the door to the enemy to operate in your life. This is why humility is an important part of our refinement! The opposite of humility, is pride, and pride is disruptive. We need to remove pride from our lives. We need to clean ourselves up.

**1 Peter 5:5b-10** *...all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.*

The Lord continued with this same message through these words: **Statutes and regulations and obedience these all go together. Obey My statutes. Obey My regulations. My Bride does not seek after her own way. My Bride is not rebellious. My Bride is adoring. My Bride wants to be pleasing to me because she loves me.**

The Lord does not change He has advised us to be clothed in humility, He has advised us to continue in our refinement. His Bride **is not rebellious. His Bride does not seek after her own way.** No, we are to resist the adversary, so that the Lord may perfect, establish, strengthen and settle each one of us, so that **All will be well, if you follow after me.**

And from **2 Timothy 3:14-17** we learned that *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.* Scripture is the word of God, this week the word given by God, has reminded us of His love and attention but they are also reminding us to pay attention to all He has set forth.

We are to pay attention to His statutes. We are to pay attention to His regulations. We must be obedient. We must get rid of disruptive influences like pride. We are to clean up and be refined, refined through these very same statutes, refined through these very same regulations. We are to be refined by this: **continue to humble yourselves, continue to clean yourselves** by following after His will. We are to seek His way. The Lord said, **My Bride is not rebellious. My Bride is adoring. My Bride wants to be pleasing to me because she loves me.** The Lord has demonstrated His love to us, now we must demonstrate our love to Him. This is why humility is important.

## **Times are Changing**

Why do you think these lessons are significant for us today? Why is our refinement important? Why is it important for us to be assured that the Lord provides? What is it that the Lord is preparing us for? I believe the Lord is preparing us for this time.

This week He said, *Times are changing, stay close, you will be taken care of, you will be hidden. Fear not. Things will be different, but I will sustain you. Be joyous today, rejoice, rejoice in Me. I provide everything! I love you.* These words reminded me of words from the bible relating to end times because you can see from the Lord's description that end times or the Day of the Lord will be a time of change as well.

**Matthew 24: 4-8** *And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled, for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All of these are the beginning of sorrows.*

His words to us this week reveal that times will be changing. They seemed to indicate not only changes but also difficulties just as those mentioned in **Matthew 24:4-8**. In fact many of the things mentioned in **Matthew 24** have already begun to take place haven't they? Everyday we hear of wars, rumors of war, famines, earthquakes and the such. And then what with the upheaval in today's financial markets, well, what we used to consider as the "norm" seems to be disappearing. Confidence is being replaced by uncertainty.

Yes, the Day of the Lord seems near. This is one of the reasons why, I believe, the Lord's assurances are so important to us. He understands this. And He wants to give us this and more. I believe the Lord wants to give us assurances, through His words. He wants to give us assurances of His love, assurances of His protections, assurances of His presence in addition to the assurances of His provision as mentioned previously.

The Lord also speaks of the Day of the Lord in the book of **Zephaniah**.

**Zephaniah 2:1-3** *Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, O undesirable nation, before the decree is issued, or the day passes like chaff, before the LORD's fierce anger comes upon you. Before the LORD's fierce anger comes upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you! Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth, who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden in the day of the Lord's anger.*

When we compare *seek righteousness, seek humility that you may be hidden in the day of the Lord's anger* with the words He gave this week that state, *Times are changing, stay close, you will be taken care of, you will be hidden*, well, they seem to be saying the same thing don't they! We can hear the Lord speaking of the importance of humility and righteousness through these words. And what is righteousness but faith expressed in obedience which is precisely what the Lord has been speaking to us about.

In the book of **Malachi** the Lord speaks of a book to be written in these end times. It is a book written for those who "fear" the Lord. This book, we are told, will help the Lord's children to become His jewels.

**Malachi 3:16-18** *Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name. "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On*

*the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between the one who serves God and the one who does not serve Him.*

These verses spoke to us of the Lord's jewels, jewels that will be hidden, jewels that will be spared. These verses speak of the righteous versus the wicked. They speak of the one who serves the Lord versus the one who does not. They speak of the one who feared and meditated on the Lord. They speak of righteousness and humility. But they also spoke of a book, a book of remembrance that will be written in those times for those people who do indeed fear the LORD. From THH: <http://www.takehisheart.com/pdf/aboutthissite.pdf>

In the Bible, the day that the Lord makes up His jewels refers to His Spotless Bride, the *Day of the Lord*, which we have all entered into whether we believe it or not. (The Lord will make us His jewels, the Spotless Bride, in End Times)

And He will have a book written that will help make up His jewels. This book will teach things which have been lost over time, through the ages. This book will be called the "*Book of Remembrance*".

A *Book of Remembrance* is a book about something lost or forgotten. Years ago the Lord spoke to us about principles of His Covenant being lost over time.

The **Take His Heart** website is this Book of Remembrance. It is a book that teaches about principles of His Covenant that has been lost over time.

It has taken years to build this site, all given by the Lord, little by little. It presents a mural with many smaller pictures on different subjects. The Lord told us some people will see and some won't; we were to be glad for those who do see. The Holy Spirit is the teacher of God's word. He can teach you out of any Bible if you know the mechanics of **how He teaches**. And He can teach you through the Take His Heart website as well.

The Lord has presented this information (the THH website) so His people will realize the truth of part of why there are so many doctrines of men that are so incorrect. The Lord has presented this information so that we can become His jewels, His Spotless Bride.

The Holy Spirit is our teacher. One must understand how He teaches in order to be taught by Him. This is why God taught us how the Holy Spirit teaches and had us put the information on this site.

The Lord is using the Take His Heart website to teach us what has been lost over time. And He continues to encourage us to **Pursue wisdom and knowledge of My ways; study and employ these in your life**. Will you be one of His jewels?

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## Pursue Wisdom & Knowledge

The Lord is teaching us to discern between the righteous and the wicked. He is teaching us the difference between one who serves the Lord and one who serves oneself just as He spoke of in **Malachi 3:16-18**. Yes, we are learning His ways. And He is doing this through His word. However, we must understand that His word includes not only His words given in the past but it also includes those given everyday to us in meetings, dreams or visions and it will include those from our future too! This is why the Take His Heart website has been written, so that we can pursue wisdom and knowledge. After all it is His word that will lead us to the wisdom and knowledge that we are seeking after.

The Lord said we are to **study and employ these** (His ways) **in your life**. We learn His ways by studying and by comparing spiritual to spiritual. What we are comparing is His words, yes, we are comparing His words given here a little, there a little in order to learn His ways. We are comparing His words of the past and His words of the present. We are comparing the words we have received to the words received by others. This is how we learn His ways. This is what we are to **study and employ**. The Lord reaffirms this in:

**Proverbs 22:17-21** *Pay attention, and listen to the words of the wise; apply your heart to my knowledge; for it is pleasant to keep them deep within you; have all of them ready on our lips. I want your trust to be in ADONAI; this is why I'm instructing you about them today. I have written you worthwhile things full of good counsel and knowledge, so you will know that these sayings are certainly true and bring back true sayings to him who sent you.*

You see part of comparing spiritual to spiritual involves bringing words together. This bringing together of words will reveal what is from the Lord and what is not from the Lord. This process helps us to build our trust in the Lord. The Lord speaks and we listen.

When the Lord is painting a picture for us, giving us something new for example, He may have you put your words together with another's to compare spiritual to spiritual. His encouragement of fellowship facilitates this process. This is part of why fellowship with like-minded believers is important. In fact this week the Lord said, **Fellowship is pleasing to me as well. Join together in fellowship with like believers**. This fellowship is important because it is one of the ways we share what the Lord is giving but it also uplifts and educates as well.

But a word of warning came with this message of fellowship. The Lord cautioned us when He said: **Do not marry the world or those of the world. This is nothing new. I have said, this since the beginning**. The Lord wants us to understand that, yes fellowship is important for comparing spiritual to spiritual, but we must be careful to not become unequally yoked.

**2 Corinthians 6:14** *Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?*

The importance of this message is explained in further detail in the April 14<sup>th</sup> God Calling:

...Is not the message of My servant Paul now plain: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers," because My Guidance is intensified immeasurably in power, when the two are one in desire to be with Me—but so few have understood.

His guidance is intensified in power through the comparing of spiritual to spiritual.

**Ephesians 5:6,7 &11, 17** *Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them... And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful words of darkness**, but rather expose them. Therefore do not be unwise, but **understand what the will of the Lord is**.*

This week the Lord has encouraged us to **Be a pleasing example**. We should take the time to ask ourselves, **Are you spending your time well? Are you Pursuing wisdom and knowledge of His ways?**

## Final Thoughts

The Lord said, **study and employ these in your life**. When He said this I was struck by His use of the word "**employ**". I guess this struck me because I was thinking of the word employ in relationship to hiring or working as an employee. So I, of course, had to look up the definition of employ.

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Therefore, what I believe the Lord is saying when He says, **study and employ these in your life** is this, I think He is saying, study and devote yourself to these or study and make use of these principles, these ways, in your life. We are to **Be a pleasing example**.

**All will be well, if you, follow after me. Fear not. Things will be different, but I will sustain you. Be joyous today, rejoice, rejoice in Me. I provide everything! I love you.**

The Lord has offered His assurances to us. **Times are changing, but we are to stay close. Fear not.** He will be there. He will never leave you. Remember, **All will be well, if you, follow after me.**

May the Lord Bless and Keep You,

Cindy

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