



Lesson 99 Worldly Events

08/08/12 CT DREAM – I dreamt that I was pregnant and about to have a baby.

08/08/12 MEETING:

CT – Persist in following after My ways. Persist in doing good. Offer up sacrifice. Offer up salvation to others. Tell them My story but only to those I lead to you. I will bring them. Adjust your faith, make it stronger, keep in step with Me. Don't react to events in the world, then you would be worldly. No, react to My events, react to the events that I have happen in your life like the opportunities I bring to share, or the opportunities I bring as demonstrations. These are the events you should react to, and then you should react with praise and with thanksgiving. Be prepared for all I bring you. Your life will give birth to much. Be prepared! Amen! As I was sitting in silence after I had received the words the Lord had given He put a picture in my mind of being under the shadow of his protections, like the picture of the fine line difference. He put a picture of the Secret place in my mind. When we are there we will be unaffected by worldly events because we are there focused on Him and nothing else. Therefore, we will not be reacting to worldly events.

Follow My Ways

After I received these words and began working on this lesson the story of King Hezekiah came to mind. He was a King of Judah. King Hezekiah was a man who loved the Lord. He was a descendant of King Solomon and Joseph, Jesus' father would later come from this branch of the family. So you can see that King Hezekiah did indeed come from an impressive family tree. He became King following the death of his father King Ahaz. King Ahaz, like many of the kings following King Solomon, did evil in the sight of the Lord. Hezekiah did not follow suit. Hezekiah did what was right in the sight of the LORD.

2 Kings 18:1-3 *Now it came to pass in the third year of Hosea the son of Elah, King of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abithe daughter of Zechariah. And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.*

The bible even says this about Hezekiah:

2 Kings 18:5-7 *He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him. For he held fast to the LORD, he did not depart from following Him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses. The LORD was with him; he prospered wherever he went.*

Hezekiah trusted the Lord. He had faith. His faith helped him to follow after the Lord. His faith helped him to keep the commandments of the Lord and because Hezekiah was like this, he prospered. The Lord likewise encourages us to do what is right, **Persist in following after My**

ways. Persist in doing good. Offer up sacrifice. We like Hezekiah should do what is right in the sight of the Lord. And we like Hezekiah will prosper.

2 Chronicles 29:3-6 *In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he (Hezekiah) opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them. Then he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them in the East Square, and said to them: "Hear me, Levites! Now sanctify yourselves, sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry out the rubbish from the holy place. For our fathers have trespassed and done evil in the eyes of the LORD our God; they have forsaken Him, have turned their faces away from the dwelling place of the LORD, and turned their backs on Him.*

While kings before him had desecrated the temple of the Lord, Hezekiah reopened the doors. His aim was to clean the dirt and filth from the temple both physically and spiritually. He felt his people had lost their protections because of their disobedience and disregard for the Lord.

2 Chronicles 29:8-10 *"Therefore the wrath of the LORD fell upon Judah and Jerusalem, and He has given them up to trouble, to desolation, and to jeering, as you see with your eyes. For indeed, because of this our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons, our daughters, and our wives are in captivity. Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that His fierce wrath may turn away from us."*

It was Hezekiah's aim to change all this. He decided to go back to the ways Moses taught and he taught his people to do so as well. We, likewise, are encouraged to do the same, **Persist in following after My ways, persist in doing good.** It is important to note here, that we are talking about the Lord's ways. These are not Moses ways per se, or Old Testament ways, we are talking about the Lord's ways as He gave them to Moses. We are talking about **following after the LORD God of Israel's ways!**

Offer Up

2 Chronicle 29:11,15 *"My sons, do not be negligent now, for the Lord has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister to Him and burn incense."*

And they gathered their brethren, sanctified themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.

So the work was accomplished, the house of the Lord was cleaned. And they then brought their offerings to the altar to make atonement, the house was clean but they realized they had to make atonement for themselves as well.

They needed to be cleaned up too! They had dirt and filth that needed to be cleaned out, just like the temple did. Isn't that what we are in the process of doing, cleaning ourselves up? Cleaning ourselves from the pollution and filth of the world. Yes, we are in the process of cleaning our temple as well. We are in the process of removing the traditions of men. We are in the process of removing the world's influence. Yes, we are in the process of cleaning up just as they did. Verse 11 could very well apply to us could it not?

"My sons, do not be negligent now, for the Lord has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister to Him and burn incense."

We, of course, are trying very hard to learn all that the Lord is teaching us today. These stories from the Old Testament, particularly those in regards to the temple, can teach us a lot. We have found that much of what happened in the physical realm, in the Old Testament days, can be applied to our spiritual lives today.

Because the Lord had now revealed that *Golden Meetings* (being in Him) had to do with the Holy of Holies, everything the Lord had taught us to this point was suddenly making a lot more sense. I realized God was using the temple symbolically to teach us something. The idea of the Christian and the Jew being made "one" in His hand became understandable. The protocols found in the temple, especially about being in the Holy of Holies, are necessary for intimacy with the Lord in a meeting.

We do not want to be negligent. We want to stand before Him. We want to love on Him, to minister to Him, to be intimate with the Lord just as He would like for us to do. And we want to "burn incense" just as asked for in **2 Chronicle 29:11** "*My sons, do not be negligent now, for the Lord has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister to Him and burn incense.*"

In this regard the Lord has taught us that the incense that was burned (lifted up into the air to the Lord) back in those days, is a picture of the silence, we are offering up now. Yes, the silence that we lift up to the Lord when we meet with Him is the sweet incense that we are offering up to the Lord today. <http://www.takehisheart.com/pdf/marriagefeastwide.pdf> Here is a portion of what we have learned from the Lord about silence.

On **October 22, 2008** I had a scene in the night that revealed silence produces sweet smelling incense.

Simply, the Lord revealed that the incense from the "Altar of Incense" is not our prayers, but rather our silence.

Silence has to do with the Holiness of the Lord and is necessary to be in Him!

The Lord said to me, "**The High Priest actually walked into Me!**" (When he met with the Lord in the Temple). We all know things had to be done right or the priest died. So we can see the importance of us getting it right when we walk into the Lord in a *Golden Meeting* (when we are meeting with the Lord).

More temple symbolism is explained as well for example, the *Outer Court* is the symbolic place for prayer and warfare for anyone being unable to focus. Problems at work or in the home might hinder one's focus and would taint the "offering of silence."

It should be said that the silence has some sacrifice on our part, but we are not to think of it as a "sacrifice of silence." It is an "offering of silence," pure "one body" silence, that we want to produce on the Lord's altar.

Following after the time that we symbolically stayed in the outer court, We then entered the area representing the *Holy Place*. Early on I had a vision of this group lined up side by side before a wooden altar. We were all leaning forward in unison, placing an offering of silence on the altar. I knew something was up, but said nothing - hoping everyone would stay focused. In the *Holy Place* we circled up in a tight circle, again standing in silence, and waiting to see if the

Lord revealed anything. These particular silent times were not short, as we were intent on getting it correct.

We then moved into the *Holy of Holies*, and on this night we circled tight for silence as one body, waiting on the Lord. Then the watchman saw the words “Give the silent sacrifices.” The watchman responded to the words and told HIM we brought a silent sacrifice & gave it up to HIM. The Lord said, “I accept.”

I think this week when the Lord said, **Persist in following after My ways. Persist in doing good. Offer up sacrifice.** I think He is reminding us to stay on track. He is reminding us to adhere to all He has taught us (like silence is sweet incense).

Therefore, we like King Hezekiah need to cleanse the temple of the Lord. And what/where is our temple?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

We will do this just as Hezekiah did by following after the Lord's ways. Yes, we like Hezekiah need to clean our temple of the worldly influences. In other words, we need to *carry out the rubbish that we may stand before Him, to serve Him, and minister to Him*, lifting up the sweet incense of silence before the Lord.”

A Point of Focus

The bible tells us that King Hezekiah did what was right. It says it like this:

2 Chronicles 31:20-21...*he did what was good and right and true before the LORD his God. And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered.*

Hezekiah's kingdom observed Passover, he gave his tithe and he demanded the same from his people. They observed the Lord's commandments and statutes. And they prospered. However, the King of Assyria came against him. He had defeated many nations and he felt he could defeat Hezekiah as well, however, Hezekiah's attitude was this:

2 Chronicles 32:8 *“With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.*

Ultimately, though in spite of the fact that the King of Assyria was a fierce opponent the Lord was on Hezekiah's side and he won the battle. The Lord was on his side because he was being obedient unto His ways. He was receiving protections in the physical because of his obedience (like paying the tithe). However, Hezekiah became prideful because you see, over his time as king, he had collected many riches and honor. He had great treasuries and he had just defeated a powerful foe. So he became prideful as a result.

But then in those days, after the sin of pride had showed up in his life, Hezekiah became sick, near death in fact. Hence he went humbly before the Lord weeping bitterly because the wrath

of the Lord was against him because *he did not repay according to the favor shown him (2 Chronicles 32:25)*. He was getting into self.

However, the Lord heard his prayer, he took the sickness away and He ended up extending Hezekiah's life. He had the prophet, Isaiah, deliver a message to Hezekiah from Him. The Lord said that he had heard his prayer and that he would add fifteen years to his life (**2 Kings 20:6**). Hezekiah asked what the sign would be that this would happen and Isaiah said the Lord would make the shadow go backwards ten degrees on the sundial. Wow, that is a pretty amazing and powerful demonstration, isn't it!

All of these occurrences that King Hezekiah was experiencing were pretty impressive stuff so the King of Babylon took notice. And he sent his son as an envoy to Judah to see King Hezekiah. Hezekiah was very attentive to him. Babylon, of course, represents corruption and wickedness. So it was not too good when Hezekiah was being so attentive to a representative of corruption and wickedness (Babylon). Hezekiah ended up showing the envoy all his treasures. He showed him all the gold, all the silver, all his armory. There was nothing in his house or in his dominion that he did not show the envoy (**2 Kings 20:13**).

The prophet, Isaiah, came to him later and asked what was going on. The Lord was not well pleased. Following this Isaiah gave Hezekiah the word of the Lord.

2 Kings 20:17 *"Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon, nothing shall be left", says the Lord.*

This portion of Hezekiah's story is very interesting to me. I believe it ties in well with some of what the Lord gave this week relating to "the world". It is like this, when we "entertain" the world, like Hezekiah, then we are "entertaining" that which is corrupt and wicked just as Hezekiah did. But it is not just the "entertaining"; basically, it is saying that when you get involved with the world, when you allow what is happening in the world to affect you, then this is not good. It distracts us. It can even cause us to lose everything we've gained thus far in the Lord. It is because in many instances it changes our point of focus away from the Lord. The bible tells us that we are not to:

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?*

This verse, this idea is not just about being yoked with unbelievers. It is also about being yoked to the world and all that that entails. We know that it was not good when Hezekiah was entertaining one who represented corruption and wickedness. We know it was not pleasing to the Lord. He should have been separate from the world. We should likewise do the same. I think this point ties in very well to the words we got from the Lord this week:

Don't react to events in the world, then you would be worldly. No, react to My events, react to the events that I have happen in your life like the opportunities I bring to share, or the opportunities I bring as demonstrations. These are the events you should react to, and then you should react with praise and with thanksgiving.

Did we get what the Lord was just saying? That's right, He is telling us to not get all caught up with worldly stuff. He said that when we do, this is when we become worldly. He said to

instead, focus on Him. Focus on what He is doing in your life. **These are the events you should react to, and then you should react with praise and with thanksgiving.**

Hezekiah allowed his pride to get the best of him. And then once that was combined with an envoy of corruption and wickedness, well, it was very costly for him. It will be just as costly for us as well; if we allow the world to distract us away from the Lord.

Be Prepared

The Lord also made a couple of other points that He would like for us to concentrate on:

First, **Offer up salvation to others. Tell them My story but only to those I lead to you. I will bring them.** Many times we get fired up because of our love for the Lord and we try to go out and do things on our own. We are excited what with all that is happening in our lives as it relates to the Lord. We want to spread the good news. We have good intentions just as Hezekiah had good intentions. However, we have found over time that often times, the people we have chosen to speak to have not had their hearts prepared first by the Lord. We have gone out, in self, and have had poor results just as Hezekiah had poor results. The timing was not right when we chose to speak to these unprepared individuals. We then get discouraged over their failure to see. We, however, must have faith that the Lord is in control. And we must hand that control over to Him. We must have faith that He will indeed lead people to us; but we have to remember that it will be in His time not ours. He offered His assurance of this, to us in the here and now when He said, **I will bring them.**

And this brings us the second point, **Adjust your faith, make it stronger, keep in step with Me.** When we go out on our own we are not allowing our faith in Him to be demonstrated in full through ourselves, through us. But more importantly, we get out of step with Him. And then when this happens, once we are not in step with Him, then that is when doubt pops up in us. This ties in very well with this from Him.

April 14th – God Calling

My children, I guide you always. The walking in the way may not be always carried out, but the guiding is always so sure. God is using you both in marvelous ways. Go on gladly. You will see.

To be a perfect gymnast you must learn balance. It is balance and poise, perfect balance and poise, I am teaching you now. This will give you power in dealing with the lives of others, and that power is already being marvelously manifested.

Dwell with Me as the center of your lives. Fix your whole being with Me as its center. That gives you the true balance as is the case with some delicate instrument.

The vision you both have is the means of clearing the obstacles away. When My disciple sees My purpose ahead, that very sight is the power that clears away every obstacle along that range of vision. You will both have mighty power to do this. Spiritual Light is in itself a miracle-worker.

People waste so much time in seeking to work out what they see. I declare to you that in the seeing My purpose all is done. Truly I said to My Disciples, "I have many things to say unto

you, but you cannot bear them now.” But to you, and the twos who gather to hear Me as you do, I can declare those things now, that then I left unsaid.

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.

Summation

Our faith, our walk, the center of our focus, these are all so very important. From Hezekiah we learned that God will use us greatly if we follow after His will. Hezekiah did follow after the Lord. And as a result he did many good things. He cleaned the temple, he commanded the observance of Passover and he remembered the commandments and statutes of the Lord. It is said that his trust in the Lord was unlike any kings of Judah before or after him. Yes, there is much good we can say about Hezekiah, however, he did allow pride to get the best of him. He did allow himself (pride & self) to take his focus away from the Lord. We, unlike Hezekiah, cannot allow pride in. It is very important, particularly in these times, that we keep our focus on the Lord.

I awoke this morning from a dream. In the dream I dreamt that I was pregnant and about to have a baby. This dream, of course, popped right back into my mind when I got these words that the Lord used to close this meeting. He closed by saying, **Be prepared for all I bring you. Your life will give birth to much. Be prepared! Amen!** Like Hezekiah, there is much we can do for the Lord, however, He has to be the lead. It is imperative that we seek after His will for us. This is because true preparation will only come from learning His ways, following after His will and then being obedient unto Him. This is how we will truly come to be prepared for all that He brings. If we do this then our life will indeed give birth to much. Therefore, we must **Be prepared!**

As I was sitting in silence after I had received the words the Lord had given He put a picture in my mind of being under the shadow of his protections, like the picture of the fine line difference. He put a picture of the Secret place in my mind. When we are there we will be unaffected by worldly events because we are there focused on Him and nothing else. Therefore, we will not be reacting to worldly events. It will be for us like it was for Hezekiah. The Lord will be with us and He will help us fight our battles.

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Let’s close by reviewing once more the words the Lord gave this day in full.

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May the Lord Bless and Keep You,
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