Lesson 176  Come before Me

Come before Me, enter into My Presence, leave all else at the door and focus entirely on Me. This is your time to show reverence and respect. This is the time that has been set aside for you to listen. Don’t come to Me with an agenda. Come with a clear mind and come in silence. Be quiet and listen to the Lord speak with you. There is purpose in this. Do this and I will be well pleased. That is all for now, go in peace remembering the importance of meeting with Me.

Introduction

Today’s lesson is about meeting with the Lord. It’s about entering into His Presence and focusing entirely on Him. This may seem like a re-hash of an old topic but the Lord has encouraged this, in fact, just recently He said,

Bring them back to the basics. Simple, My ways are simple. Man over complicates. Stay focused on the basics, the simple basics. Follow the guidelines I have given. They were given so you could find Me.

Now, for today going back to the basics, means talking about having meetings with the Lord. But having meetings with the Lord is nothing new, back in the day, the Lord met with Moses. He taught him the correct way to have meetings. These meetings would take place in the tabernacle. Everything had to be just right before the meetings could begin. And after this was explained in detail, then the Lord said:
Exodus 25:22 “And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.”

Exodus 29:42-46 … “I will meet you to speak with you. And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory. So I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. I will also consecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests. I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them. I am the Lord their God.

Yes, the Lord gave the protocols (the correct way to have meetings) so that the Israelites could find Him. We find Him when we similarly enter into the tabernacle to meet with Him. In April of 2009 the Lord reaffirmed that we should meet with Him in His tabernacle, His sanctuary; but where is that in this day and time? The Lord provided the answer to this when He said,

Where is MY sanctuary? Where you meet with ME.

Therefore the Lord’s tabernacle, His sanctuary is wherever we meet with Him. If you look up the word sanctuary in the dictionary it is defined thusly:

Sanctuary - A consecrated place as in the Hebrew temple in Jerusalem or its holy of holies. A place of refuge or protection.

From this we can gather that the Lord’s tabernacle, His sanctuary, this is the place we go to, to meet with Him. But let me explain further, from the bible we have been taught that Christ is Holy. He has become our High Priest:

Hebrews 7:26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens:
Now remember the High Priest is in the sanctuary. Therefore, if Christ has become a more perfect High Priest wherever we meet with Him, this is where the sanctuary is.

What we are saying then is that when we meet in the Holy of Holies, we are not meeting in a specific building, in a specific town. For the here and now, the Lord’s tabernacle is wherever we are when we enter in, to meet with Him. It is the Holy of Holies because He is there and He is holy.

1 Samuel 2:2 There is none holy like the Lord; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

It becomes the Holy of Holies because we are entering into Him. It is not our presence that makes it the Lord’s tabernacle but it is the presence of Christ; this is what makes it the tabernacle. It is His presence and that’s makes the difference:

Hebrews 9:1-11 Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.
It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience--concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

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.

Consequently, what the Lord is telling us today, is that He wants us to continue going to the Holy of Holies to enter into Him, to enter into the more perfect tabernacle. In fact, He has taught us more about entering into the Holy of Holies through this on the THH website:

In this article you will learn about the intimacy the Lord wants us to have with Him in a meeting. It's part of the intimacy the Married Bride has with the Lord that others (the guests) don't have. The following is a record of the events leading up to the understanding the Lord wanted us to have.

We had been instructing others to have Golden Meetings and were having great reports from single persons, as well as groups, having Golden Meetings with the Lord. I kept seeking the Lord for understanding because of the scripture in Matthew 18:20:

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the middle of them.

January 27, 2008, finally the Lord answered me saying, "It's not about that scripture, it's about the Holy of Holies!"

There is a great difference in the Lord being in the midst of the people in a meeting and the people being in the Lord in a meeting. About ten days later the Lord gave me a scene after which I realized the Lord was dealing with me concerning the One New Man and the Holy of Holies because of Him speaking to me about the Holy of Holies. The record:
February 7, 2008

I was looking at a tank and some other small part of a mixer, like on a portable grinder mixer. It had a combine header. It was moving, as if to be moving through a field doing everything all at once - including the harvesting (not normal). I saw soybean meal at one point, as if to be added to the mix. This machine was harvesting the grain and processing it to a final product all at once!(Remember this part of the scene as I will talk about it later.)

Then the scene changed to seeing the Old Testament on the left and the New Testament on the right. They were joined, as if to become one. I saw a square of covenant red and as I was looking was told that the two testaments become one in a meeting. The New and Old Testament I was looking at was in a meeting room and it seemed the Old and New Testament filled the room. The pillars were in the scene....(This scene is a picture of the two sticks becoming one in the Lord's hand found in Ezekiel 37.)

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.

Therefore, when talking about today’s meetings, remember that it becomes the Holy of Holies because we are entering into Him. It is His presence that makes the difference.
So, you can imagine the impact this has on meetings. And that is why He continues to encourage us to meet with Him:

05/12/14 - Moses was spoken to on the mountain top and now you are spoken to as well. Moses and Adam met with the Lord and you meet with Me. Meet with Me to gain
wisdom and knowledge and understanding. Therefore, receive My words and then do as I ask of you. In this I will be well pleased.

05/14/14 - You can rely on Me but you first have to meet personally with Me.
05/19/14 - Listen My child all need to hear Me, teach of the importance of meeting with me.
05/22/14 - Meet Me in My depths.
05/23/14 - Meet Me in silence.
05/24/14 - Come meet with Me. I long to speak with you (all) I Am in the midst.
05/24/14 - Meet for the Master’s use.

And to the two listeners the Lord said:

**February 5th God Calling** - Walk with Me. I will teach you. Listen to Me and I will speak. Continue to meet Me, in spite of all opposition and every obstacle, in spite of the days when you may hear no voice, and there may come no intimate heart-to-heart telling.

As you persist in this, and make a life-habit of it, in many marvelous ways I will reveal My will to you. You shall have more sure knowing of both the present and the future. But that will be only the reward of the regular coming to meet Me.

Meeting with the Lord is important. Therefore, let us continue to explore this topic in greater detail as move forward through today’s lesson.

**Come**

The Lord opened today’s message with an invitation, He said:

**Come before Me,**

it is an invitation that He has made quite often over recent days:

05/11/14 - Come unto Me I have desire for you.
05/11/14 - Come. Surrender. Surrender it all. I AM in control. Worry not. I AM judge. They will not prevail. What is right is right.
05/12/14 - Come before Me, I will give the agenda, but you must make yourself available to receive.
05/16/14 - Hold Me close, Come into Me.
Come into this place, My realm, I give the understanding, wait on Me.

Come into Me.

I AM showing you the way, My path is always the correct one, Cross the bridge, Come into Me.

Come into My secret place where We can dwell as one in peace and security.

He said, come I will help you understand, don’t worry, I’ll show you the way, come and hold Me close, surrender it all, come to My Secret Place. Come and,

enter into My Presence, leave all else at the door and focus entirely on Me.

And that is what we learned from the Introduction section isn’t it that we enter into Him? We enter into His Presence. And then what are we to do? Well, we are to forget everything else for that moment and time, we are to leave it at the door and completely focus on Him. Therefore, focus is an important issue as well. It’s about removing distractions and staying alert in Him:

Focus complete understanding will be HH-I AM guiding and directing your path. Focus single on your God Jesus. Each must focus. Distraction avoid.

Side issues focus not. Keep focus on the target. Believe only do not doubt. Winners win the prize. Diligent focus moves the ball. Keep it going.

Focus on me. IAM. IAM. Meet, fellowship. This is needed for growth.

Follow me. Focus on me. I will light your path.

Good choices lead to good results. Stay focused on Me and keep making good choices. Choose what you know is right. This may or may not be what you want, but choose what you know is right. This is not always easy. It takes self-control and self-discipline, however, it leads to good results and it is well worth the effort. Meet with Me regularly, read and study. This is what is right. Don’t be choked out by the distractions of this world. Focus on what is right and make the right choices.

Keep your focus on Me.


Target focus.

Distractions abound. Focus focus focus.

What the Lord said is that focus is needed for growth. If we cannot focus, distractions will keep us from having intimacy with Lord. It will keep us from hearing from Him.

Reverence and Respect
In the last section of the lesson we learned the importance of keeping our focus on the Lord. We learned that He has sent out an invitation for us to join Him, to meet before Him. But having the right attitude this is important too. If you recall earlier in the lesson we spoke of the holiness of the Lord.

1 Samuel 2:2 *There is none holy like the Lord; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.*

Therefore, this is your time to show reverence and respect. This is the time that has been set aside for you to listen. But how can we show reverence to the Lord, well maybe it can be explained in this:

12/22/13 - Reverence through silence in My Holy temple.
01/03/14 - Reverence through silence/ I must be reverenced for I am Holy/ Seek Me with your mind be responsive to My calling/ Obey Me in all things.
02/19/14 - Your silence accomplishes much it can be used as a weapon against the enemy and his antics/ Silence before Me produces power in the Spirit/ It allows Me to move and work in My own timing/ Never hinder this, this is due Me/ It is reverence shown for My Holiness/ It produces incense going up/ It is an environment that I operate freely from/ Keep silence golden.

We show reverence through silence. This is because our silence is an acknowledgement of His Kingship. In the bible in 1 Timothy Jesus is described thusly:

1 Timothy 6:15-16 *He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power.*

Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is Holy. Having reverence for Him, this should never be an issue for His children. Of having reverence Him, this has been added as well:

03/07/14 - I am Holy; reverence pleases My heart.
03/09/14 - I AM pleased with your silence and reverence. Keep practicing corporately and individually. Meeting with Me is very important. I love you all and thank you for choosing to come before Me. I have many blessings planned for each of you. It is a legal matter. You must do your part to enable Me to legally do My part.
05/06/14 - Reverence Me. Stand. Plato, Socrates, Einstein: scribblers, doodlers, enchanters. Nothing compared to the writings I give My bride and man-child. For deep are the things of My wisdom, and through simplicity, I reveal them.
05/20/14 - Gather who will listen. Everyone needed to work together. Oneness.
Reverence. Purification. My army is being built. Stay on my path.

Consequently what we can gather from this is that having reverence for the Lord, this is important. Like meeting with the Lord, having reverence, this is important too! What He is teaching us here is that, when we meet with Him we must come to Him with:

05/20/14 - The Lord is merciful and gracious to those who come to Him with a humble and repentant heart, but He rejects those who, at the sound of His voice, harden their hearts and turn their back on Him without repenting.

We obviously do not want to be rejected, therefore, we must come to the Lord with the right heart. Our hearts cannot be hardened, we cannot be presumptuous or cause a commotion. We must come before Him with a repentant heart acknowledging His sovereignty, His Kingship as noted form this on the THH website:
The Lord is looking for child-like obedience, not interpreting…. look at what God said in Grapeland:

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Grapeland TX, 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….

And here are several scripture that address reverence and respect as well:

Leviticus 19:30 “You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary: I am the Lord

Psalm 89:7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

Isaiah 17:7 In that day a man will look to his Maker, And his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel.

Malachi 1:6 “A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence?”
We are to have reverence for the Lord. We are to have reverence for His sanctuary (the place where we meet with Him) i.e. the function of meeting with Him. Basically, it’s about respect. The Lord said, This is the time that has been set aside for you to listen. In other words, this is the time for you to sit back and let Him be in control.

05/19/14 - Listen My child all need to hear Me, teach of the importance of meeting with me.
05/19/14 - Listen well to my voice.
05/21/14 - Kingdom come, Already here, Decide tonight, Listen, Choose wisely, The Spirit of the Lord has come upon those who wish for it.
05/21/14 - Your time to listen. Always be slow to speak.
05/21/14 - Hear my words. Listen carefully.
05/22/14 - Listen to the sound of My voice, Harken.
05/22/14 - Oh, that My people would listen / mindsets block.
05/23/14 - Listen for instruction/ You are to bow before Me.
05/26/14 - Listen for the sound of My voice.

When we meet with the Lord, this is the time that has been set aside for us to focus on Him. This is the time that has been set aside for us to listen to Him. We listen to Him for instruction. We listen intently so that we might hear Him clearly. It’s about reverence. It’s about respect. It’s about moving forward in Him. This is what our meetings are all about. Therefore, remove distractions, put down self, that we might move forward in Him instead.

Silence

Thus far in the lesson we have learned about the importance of listening, focusing, giving reverence and respect; but we also learned about how the meetings that used to take place in the physical in the olden days, we learned how they are basically, a template for our meetings today in the spiritual sense. Therefore, what we can gather from this is that, there is a connection between the physical and the spiritual. This connection is visible in the example below:
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. We have found, more than once, that when we chatter and don't hold to silence like we should in a meeting, that we are not in Him. He cannot love on us as He revealed He wants to, and all we had was a good old Holy Ghost meeting, a meeting where the Lord is in the midst of us, not us in Him!

There were exact protocols that the priest had to follow before entering into the Holy of Holies; likewise, we must enter into the Holy of Holies correctly ourselves. This is what
the Lord is teaching us. We have to have the correct focus. We have to be listening to Him i.e. being silent. In fact, on 12/27/09 when I was thinking about silence before The Lord and how no one is worthy to speak... the Lord said this to me in a meeting. He said,

"No one is worthy to speak but I accept you. I went to the cross for you. There was silence in the temple and there is silence in this temple." (Jesus is the temple we enter into him; elements mixing etc) "I AM with you. I meet your needs. I AM The Way. The Way to hope; The Way to The Father; The Way to compassion; The Way to brideship; The Way to salvation here and now. Have no other gods. No other gods offer The Way. I AM The Way."

Do you see how this confirms much of what we have spoken of thus far? Do you see how He is comparing the old temple with the new temple? Do you see how He is raising up silence, the importance of it in our meetings? Now silence, it is important for a reason, as noted previously, it is a demonstration of our reverence and respect for the Lord but there are other reasons for it as well, some of which can be found in this:

Don’t come to Me with an agenda. Come with a clear mind and come in silence. Be quiet and listen to the Lord speak with you. There is purpose in this.

So there is purpose in our silence? Maybe this purpose might be found in this from the THH website:

**Entering Into an “in Him” Meeting:**

The Lord used the temple setting to give us understanding of how to enter into Him in a meeting. It’s not new; the High Priest entered into the Lord in the *Holy of Holies.*
Oct. 9, 2000
"Come to order, says the Lord. Come to order, as I will have order in My church. I am God, says the Lord, and I will have order to accomplish my purposes… .

March 13, 2009
“When I tell you it takes silence to enter into ME, is it not to a greater cause? When I tell you the ground is Holy, to take your shoes off, is it not to a greater cause? When I say you must rid yourselves of the three main spots I revealed to you, to be able to enter into MY Kingdom Meetings, is it not to a greater cause? If I held a Kingdom Meeting of a thousand and they all approached MY Throne at the same time would this not be chaos among the people? Have I not said, ‘I will have order in MY Church?’ Is this (order) not to a greater cause?”

Looking at the picture:

1. We sit to wait on people to gather. You cannot straggle into the Lord, you enter as one person. Shoes come off in reverence to Him. When I tell you the ground is Holy, to take your shoes off, is it not to a greater cause?

2. Silence is the key, with a listening ear. “When I tell you it takes silence to enter into ME, is it not to a greater cause?”

(God told a person who was having trouble being silent to listen with their mind.)
What did we learn about silence from this? Did we learn that it helps to eliminate chaos? Did we learn that it helps to bring the Lord's purposes forth? I think this is exactly what the Lord is teaching us. Silence, therefore, it is not only a demonstration of our reverence and respect for the Lord but it also clears away the chaos that we might find the Lord's purpose.

Here, in fact, are several current Rhema word message that relate to silence:

06/27/13 - 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.

05/17/14 - I cherish your silence; did you not know I too give you, My Chosen, silence; let My silence to you soothe your souls; there are times to just BE; great increasing; relax, rest in Our silence; be in silence with Me; purposefully; rejuvenating silence; higher realm; come, be with Me; Holy silence; treasure as I treasure.

05/27/14 - Delve deeper into silence. Listen for instruction.

05/27/14 - Holy silence; keep Holy silence; kneel; that I may bless; reach out; taste of Me; I bless your increase; new increase; accept; joy in it; be truly blessed.

05/28/14 - Frequent silence, how much I could do in everyone's silence/ Make time to be silent before Me/ See the need of true silence and make it available for Me to work/ Obedience in everything is key/ Do not make assumptions, trust Me to guide you in all things/ This silence must be worldwide to achieve what I have set forth.

05/28/14 - Your silence is pleasing continue to produce/ Know that it has it's purpose even if I don't tell you.

05/28/14 - Sit before Me, wait on My Word. It will come full of life. Devour it, take it in, live it, it will serve you well. My word is trustworthy and true. You must rely on it always. Never doubt what you know is from Me.

And to the two listeners the Lord said, 

**January 7**th **God Calling: Silently comes the Kingdom**. No man can judge when it enters the heart of man, only in results. Listen quietly. Sometimes you may get no message. Meet thus all the same. You will absorb an atmosphere.

Cultivate silence. "God speaks in silences." A silence, a soft wind. Each can be a message to convey My meaning to the heart, though by no voice, or even word.

Thus far in the lesson we have learned the importance of meeting with the Lord but just like in the tabernacle of olden days, there are certain things that we have to have right too. For example, we must have reverence and respect. We must be listening. But, in order for us to listen, we first have to be silent. And what the Lord has taught us today about silence is that it has many purposes. Therefore, we must leave our agendas
behind. We must come to Him with a clear mind in silence. In other words, we have to be quiet and listen to the Lord speak with to each one of us because there is purpose in this.

**Meetings are Important**

And finally in closing today’s lesson the Lord left us with this:

Do this and I will be well pleased. That is all for now, go in peace remembering the importance of meeting with Me.

And here are a few more words that indicate the importance of meeting with Him:

05/02/14 - Excellence in obedience for meeting with Me.
05/04/14 - Pleasing to Me to see you all here. The protocols (the mechanics) of the meeting went well. Practice makes perfect. I love you all. Change is upon you, fear not. I AM with you. Work to be done. Look to Me for instruction. I will give one step at a time. Meet with Me daily. Show Me to be important to you. You are important to Me.
05/11/14 - You please Me in your desire to meet with Me often, this does not go unnoticed by Me.
05/13/14 - Fear not for I am with you/ Stay close to Me, I will lead you beside the still waters.
05/13/14 - My will is being done in your life, by your meeting with Me as you are. Never doubt the efficiency of Our meetings. My will is being done. You desire to meet with Me as never before. We are one, bonded together legally, spiritually, physically, you are Mine and I am yours.

Much is accomplished in our meetings with the Lord. We learn from them. We develop a closer, more intimate relationship with the Lord through meeting with Him. They indeed are an important element in our walk with Him. After all they provide a demonstration of our commitment and obedience, our reverence and respect. They please the Lord and they do not go unnoticed by Him.

But they also provide much of the basis of our flow books. They provide the information that is bound together to present pictures, to guide and supply, and it comes to each one of those who willing participate, it comes to them straight from the Lord. Yes, meetings are most definitely important.

05/28/14 - HP - Hope delivered  
HH - Important update be ready. I AM guiding My Beloved in purpose. Keep focus sharp. Distractions abound. Focus focus focus. Each will be given opportunities. Let none slip. I AM your guide and supply. Flowchart must be

**Summation**

In today’s message we went back to the basics and studied the importance of meeting with the Lord. Through this lesson the Lord reminded us of the importance of silence, reverence, focus and respect. He taught us that there is purpose in all that He does. We also learned of the connection between the physical and the spiritual. It is a connection that can be seen through meeting with the Lord. Today’s message was delivered to us today through these words:

Come before Me, enter into My Presence, leave all else at the door and focus entirely on Me. This is your time to show reverence and respect. This is the time that has been set aside for you to listen. Don’t come to Me with an agenda. Come with a clear mind and come in silence. Be quiet and listen to the Lord speak with you. There is purpose in this. Do this and I will be well pleased. That is all for now, go in peace remembering the importance of meeting with Me.

But I would also like to include a few more elements for your consideration. First, is this given to the two listeners:

**February 13th God Calling** - In a race it is not the start that hurts, not even the pace of the long stretch. It is when the goal is in sight that heart and nerves and courage and muscles are strained almost beyond human endurance, almost to the breaking point.

So with you now the goal is in sight, you need your final cry to Me. Can you not see by the nerve and heart rack of the past few days that your race is nearly run? Courage, courage. Heed My voice of encouragement. Remember that I am by your side, spurring you on to victory.

In the annals of heaven, the saddest records are those that tell of the many who ran well, with brave stout hearts, until in sight of the goal, of victory, and then their courage failed. The whole host of heaven longed to cry out how near the end was, to implore the last spurt, but they fell out, never to know until the last day of revealing, how near they were to victory.

Would that they had listened to Me in the silence as you two meet with Me. They would have known. There must be the listening ear, as well as the still small voice.
There has never been a time when it was more important to be listening to the Lord than it is today. Therefore, follow His guidance, meet with Him, listen and obey. To which we will close with this promise from Him:

05/15/14 - I am leading make sure you follow suit/ Instant obedience is a must to achieve the victory/ Obey and be fruitful/ Take serious all I say I do nothing without a purpose, nothing is left up to chance/ Learn My order, My way of doing things, much peace comes from walking in My ways and knowing Me/ Seek Me, I am your base, your very foundation, rely on Me/ I will never leave you nor forsake you/ You may go.

May the Lord bless you in this,
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