

THE MINISTRY LETTER 2017 ISSUE 2

To all those who are truly seeking first the Kingdom - those who love God with all of their heart:

LETHARGY

"lethargy" - the quality or state of being drowsy and dull, listless and unenergetic, or indifferent and lazy; apathetic or sluggish inactivity.;

"Lethargy" *[and the hierarchy of "oppressing spirits" that work under that evil spirit]* is definitely a major tactic of the Enemy - one that is widespread in this hour in the midst of all those who are truly seeking God. He has a great fear of a Christian continuing on in a diligent pursuit of God's Word because he knows that, at some point, they will be used greatly against both himself and his vile schemes. It is the pushing against his "resistance" *[through our own resisting - by continuing to do and say the things that we know to do and say]* that truly forges the Word of God *[and the revelation thereof]* in our heart.

These seasons of seeming apathy and lethargy do not last forever. However, it is of the utmost importance to resist the Enemy's schemes against us by keeping both our priorities and our spiritual perspective in order. If we are faithful to do this THEN it is certain that not only will we be found rising above the attack, we will also gain much "revelation" *[both for now and for the future]* in the process.

Sometimes, we don't have that "on fire" feeling in our pursuit of the Lord but a true and faithful Love towards the Father continues to pursue the goal *[which, in this case, is to love God with ALL of our heart]* at all cost to oneself, regardless. Many do not realize this *[yet]*, but it is in those times of "seeming" dryness that we really, truly, have the perfect opportunity to love the Father and Jesus *[and, of course, others]* - and it is certain that this "holding fast" to a steadfast love of *[and obedience to]* God *[and His Will]* in spite of any "feelings" of dryness will bear much fruit - both in this age and throughout Eternity.

The Father, in these days, is raising up a faithful and holy people whose "final authority" is the "revealed" Word *[Will]* of God *[without exception]* - and, thus, we *[both individually and corporately]* are entering into the place of "abiding" in a spiritual positioning *[Ephesians 2:6]* that is far, far above the "sense realm" *[what one hears, feels, thinks or sees {in the natural}]*.

...."Now faith is the assurance *[the confirmation, the title deed]* of the things *[we]* hope for, being the proof of things *[we]* do not see and the conviction of their reality *[faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]*".... Hebrews 11:1 The Amplified Translation

...."For our light, momentary affliction *[this slight distress of the passing hour]* is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight

of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!], Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal [brief and fleeting], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting".... 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 The Amplified Translation

...."And He [the Father] raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus [the Messiah, the Anointed One]".... Ephesians 2:6 The Amplified Translation

MAINTAINING A VERY STRONG ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

One of the most important principles that each one of us must continue to hold to daily is to continually do everything possible *[with the instruction and guidance of the Holy Spirit]* to keep our eyes fixed on the "big picture" *[and believe me it is a VERY big {and glorious} picture]*.

In other words, we must nurture *[again, on a daily basis]* a "clear focus" *[through an abiding faith/trust]* on the "fullness" of the Father's Will and Plan *[something that has been ALREADY established from before the foundation of the earth]* by keeping our eyes "fixed" on a revelation of Jesus *[the Word of God]* - the spontaneous fruit of which is an ever clearer perception of the spiritual reality of the Kingdom *[and the life we are called to live therein]*.

...."See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is".... Ephesians 5:15-17 KJV

This word from the Father below expresses a very important aspect of His desire *[divine restoration]* for His children in this hour - and it certainly has very much to do with us maintaining a VERY strong Eternal perspective:

...."I know everything each and every one of My faithful ones have gone through, and it is certain that, I, according to My Word, will MOST CERTAINLY restore ALL that the Enemy has stolen [time, finances, relationships etc.] to them in ways that are exceeding abundantly beyond all they can even imagine"....

*...."rejoice, O sons/daughters of Zion, and be glad in the LORD your God; For He has given you the early rain for [your] vindication. And He has poured down for you the rain, The early and latter rain as before. The threshing floors will be full of grain, and the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil. **Then I will make up to you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten...** You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you".... Joel 2:23-26 NASB*

"It [the vision] hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it;

For it will certainly come, it will not delay. Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith".... Habakkuk 2:3-4 NASB

"GO HIGHER"

One of the most exciting things happening in these days is that many children of God are beginning to really, truly set themselves to "go higher" - and this is "allowing" the Father to establish things in an "accelerated" manner. The spontaneous fruit of this "acceleration" will be *[and I believe simultaneously]* the entrance of many into the place of "abiding" in perfect liberty AND, again, the restoration of everything that the Enemy has stolen from us *[both individually and corporately]* - which will then be used against him in ways that will absolutely devastate the strongholds and schemes that, up until this time *[of the advent of the Glorious Church]*, seemed impossible *[impenetrable]*.

One thing for certain, the Lordship of Jesus Christ will now begin to be both seen and experienced by many in this most glorious hour. Our main task, as the remnant Church, is to simply continue to believe *[trust in]* ALL that the Father has spoken *[revealed to our hearts]*.

...."Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God".... Colossians 3:1-3 NASB

WE MUST CONTINUALLY BE FOUND RISING ABOVE FEAR

One of the greatest temptations of the Enemy in this hour is to lead those who are truly seeking God into some form of "presumption" *[getting out ahead of the Father's perfect plan for restoration - and, for that matter, all other things]*. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that we continue to exercise an absolute faith and trust in the Father - in even the smallest details *[on a daily basis]* - taking NO preconceived notions about anything *[how things should manifest]* or anyone.

Anything less than a perfect diligence on our part in this matter of faith *[trust]* and patience would only serve to hinder the "fullness" of the flow of God's blessings into our lives that He planned *[established]* from before the foundations of the earth. Because of these things, we must continually be found "rising above" fear *[especially any "fear of loss" the Enemy attempts to afflict one with]* - and, in doing so, continually release the various Kingdom-forces *[Love, Truth, Wisdom, Righteousness, Faith etc.]* into every facet of our lives *[and, thus, into the lives of all those in our "sphere of existence"]*.

...."In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death [no death can remain standing]".... Proverbs 12:28 NASB

...."For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus,

[born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]".... Ephesians 2:10 The Amplified Translation

.... "When the LORD brought back the captive ones of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with joyful shouting; Then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The LORD has done great things for us; We are glad..... Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting. He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying [his] bag of seed, shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves [with him.]".... Psalms 126:1-6 NASB

NUGGETS FROM THE INNER CHAMBER

* If something is "harmful" in any way to one's spiritual health then it will most certainly harm one's "mental" health and "physical" health as well!

.... "Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, 'I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate, says the Lord. 'and do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you. And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me', says the Lord Almighty. Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God".... 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 NASB

* Sin "always" complicates things but obedience "never" complicates things!

.... "whatever is not from faith is sin".... Romans 14:23b NASB

.... "God is not the author of confusion".... 1 Corinthians 14:33 KJV

* When one is striving for perfection then one cannot settle for imperfection!

.... "you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect".... Matthew 5:48 NASB

* A "spirit of independence" [*self-sufficiency*] works from the "ground" of ungodly and selfish desire!

.... "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In

all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil".... Proverbs 3:5-7 NASB

...."My Grace is sufficient for you, for [My] power is perfected in weakness [a true leaning of one's entire being upon God and His Word]".... 2 Corinthians 12:9 NASB

* Fear and unbelief block the "Way"!

...."Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to [enters into the Will of] the Father but through Me".... John 14:6 NASB

...."So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest - an absolute faith and trust in Him], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]".... [Num. 14:1-35]".... Hebrews 3:19 The Amplified Translation

* There is no room for the "fullness" of God's blessing in a self-indulgent lifestyle.

...."But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do".... Galatians 5:16-17 The Amplified Translation

* One reaches their full potential in Christ through abiding [dwelling] in perfect obedience.

"perfect obedience" - receiving a revelation of the Father's Will, and then carrying out that Will in the timing [unction] and power of the Holy Spirit - alone [through the continual exercising of an absolute faith working through a perfect love];

...."Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, BEHOLDING as in a mirror [through the continual exercising of a steadfast faith, love and obedience] the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit".... 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NASB

* Do not "allow" yourself to grow weary and do not faint for great reward is just around the corner!

"weary" - physically or mentally exhausted by hard word, exertion, strain etc.; fatigued; tired; impatient or dissatisfied with something;

...."And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who

through faith and patience inherit the promises".... Hebrews 6:11-12 NASB

* Being "touched" by the Evil One and being "influenced" by the Evil One are one and the same thing!

.... "We know [absolutely] that anyone born of God does not [deliberately and knowingly] practice committing sin, but the One Who was begotten of God carefully watches over and protects him [Christ's divine presence within him preserves him against the evil], and the wicked one does not lay hold [get a grip] on him or touch [him]".... 1 John 5:18 The Amplified Translation

* All faithfulness is from God!

.... "Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it".... Psalm 37:3-5 NASB

.... "I have chosen the faithful way; I have placed Your ordinances before me.".... Psalm 119:30 NASB

* "Mammon" is the root [*spirit*] by which self-indulgence has its outlet!

.... "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise and be against the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions, or whatever is trusted in)".... Matthew 6:24 The Amplified Translation

.... "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal".... Matthew 6:19-20 NASB
