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THE REST OF GOD

How many of You know that God is taking us from milk to meat if we are growing in God? He's taking us from the carnal to the spiritual, from the natural to the supernatural, from death to life, from the seen to the unseen, from the temporal to the eternal, from the visible to the invisible, from immaturity to maturity, from babes to sons, and from unrest to rest. Anybody need rest today?

Turn to Matthew 11:27-30. Let's see what Jesus said about rest. In verse 28, He said, "*Come unto Me*". Turn back to Matthew 4:19. Notice what Jesus said, "*Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.*" So to come unto Him is to follow Him.

How many of you know that it says in Revelation 14, that the one hundred and forty-four thousand follow the Lamb withersoever that He goeth? You cannot follow the Lamb without being led by the Holy Ghost. You cannot follow the lamb unless there is a cross in your life. You have to deny yourself and your will, in order to follow Jesus. He said, "*Come unto Me, all you who are laboring, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*" (Matthew 11:28) It is His will today to give you rest.

Jesus is the firstborn among many brethren. Jesus was the First Fruits. Jesus was the forerunner. How many know He is raising up an army, a firstborn company? Hebrews 12 in the Greek calls it "firstborn ones". And by the grace of God we are going to press in and be those First Fruits. Pioneers are being raised up in this hour.

How many of you know that He's going to take us in a way that we have not yet been? We have all had experiences in the past, good experiences in God, but there are things ahead. There are things He wants to bring us into, that which we have not yet attained to. We have not yet arrived and I do not know of anybody who has, except Jesus. But He is the head and He's the one who's going to lead. Here He said, "*Come unto Me.*" Come to Me. How are we going to come to Jesus? By the power of the Holy Ghost. "*All you who labor and are heavy laden.*" I will do what? "*I will give you rest.*" It's a gift. You can't earn it. You can't buy it. It was by His blood. It was a gift from God. Aren't you glad it was a gift from God? He said, "*Come to Me and I will give your rest.*"

The rest has been given. As we receive that rest and as we start walking in that initial rest, given by His grace and by His blood, then He says, *“Take My yoke.”* How many of you know that you have to take it at once? And you have to take it only as you walk in that initial rest. If you try to take that yoke without walking in that rest; you’ll be like a tiger to live with. You’ve heard of the tiger in the tank? Well, you’ll be a tiger. But He said, *“Take My yoke upon you.”* It is an act of your will. We’re going to share a few minutes on the yoke.

He said, *“Take My yoke upon you,”* and do something. *“Learn of Me.”* **You cannot learn of Jesus without taking His yoke.** He was yoked with the Father and He learned. How many of you know that Jesus grew up and became the Son? Born a baby in a manger, we adore the child but ignore the man. There is no threat with the baby, but that baby grew up. He knew what sufferings and afflictions were. He went through a lot of things. How was it said? Tempted in all points yet without sin.

But I won’t go into that. I don’t mean sickness and disease now. But Jesus knew what He was to go through, what it was to be tempted of the devil in all points yet without sin. He said, *“Take My yoke.”*

Now, the yoke first of all speaks of an intimacy with Him. Turn to II Corinthians 13:14. Paul said to the church at Corinth, *“The grace of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion,”* (here’s and intimacy, here’s a union, a fellowship) *“of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.”*

So, there is to be a communion, an intimacy, a fellowship with the Holy Spirit. How many of you know that the Holy Spirit is not going to exalt you? The Holy Spirit is going to exalt Jesus. The Holy Spirit is going to lead you to Jesus. He is going to testify of Jesus. He is going to glorify Jesus. But, we have to have that union with the Holy Spirit because He is going to reveal Jesus to us.

Philippians 2:1 says, *“If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship,”* of what? *“Of the spirit, if any bowels of mercy, fulfill ye my joy that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord and of one mind.”* So there is a fellowship, there is a union, with the Holy Spirit. First of all the yoke speaks to me of an intimacy with Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Then the yoke speaks of the harness. We don't like to get in God's harness, do we? How many of you know that we like to be free and whatever goes with it? Well, you can be free in Him, but you can't be free in yourself to do what you like. And you can only be free in Him as you take His yoke and do what He says. There is a liberty in Him, but we can't use that liberty as an occasion to the flesh, can we, to do what we want to?

Now, look in Exodus 13:17. *"It came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines."* The word "Philistines" can speak of those who roll and wallow in the dust. How many of you know that dust is the serpent's meat? Isaiah says, *"Although they were near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war and return back to Egypt."* ... Back to the world, the lusts of the eyes, the lusts of the flesh, and the pride of life. *"But God led the people about."* Who did the leading? God.

How many of you know that God leads you in some places where you don't want to be if you've got a yoke? The Holy Ghost led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. How many of you have ever been in places you didn't want to be that God put you there?

Joseph said, *"I'm in the place of God."* He said, *"You meant it for evil,"* you half—brothers, *"but God led me where I'm at."* How many of you know that there are the dealings of God in our lives? *"God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the sea."* **If you are going to grow up in God, you're going to go through the wilderness.**

You're going to be tested to the hilt. You're going to know affliction. You're going to know trouble. You're going to know turmoil. It's not going to be a bed of roses all the way. You're going to be tested, if you're going to be a son. If you think anything else, you're not thinking Scripture, because *"through much tribulation we're going to enter the Kingdom of God."*

When you start preaching the Kingdom, you start moving in afflictions. Yes, He gives us the grace. He gives us the strength and the health to go through. We are not to set our eyes on the trouble. We are to set our eyes on the Lord. But I am telling you, trouble comes,

affliction comes.

So He led them. God led them THROUGH, THROUGH, THROUGH, the way of the wilderness. And the children of Israel went up harnessed, out of the land of Egypt. Some margins say, “ranks of five”, but nevertheless they were harnessed. God will put His harness over you and over me. And if you are in a harness, you can’t do what you want to do. You can’t go where you want to go. You can’t say what you want to say. You have to be, what He wants you to be, if you are going to be a Son.

Now turn to John, chapter twenty-one. Paul said, *“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ.”* There is a prison house that the devil puts people in, but God will put you in prison. I’ve said this before, and I’ll say it again, you don’t choose your cell mates, who you are going to be in prison with, because they would probably throw you out or you would throw them out. God chooses your cell mates. I’m talking about spiritual things now, not natural.

In John 21:18, Jesus said, *“Verily, verily,”* talking to Peter, or truly, truly, *“I say Unto thee, Peter, when thou wast young,”* when you were younger ... How many can remember, years ago, when you were younger in the things of God, and you seemingly had more liberty in the things you could do then, as opposed to what you can do now?

That harness is coming down over you. You are becoming a prisoner of the Lord if you are growing up in God. You don’t have that liberty to do what you want to do. He said, *“I say unto thee, Peter, when thou wast young thou girdest thyself and you walked where you wanted to go.”* I tell you, when you gird yourself, your girdle is going to be loose. You’re not going to have a tight girdle, when you walk where you want to go.

Then Jesus said, *“but when thou shall be old.”* Now I believe Peter lived an old life in the natural, but I’m not looking at the natural. *“When thou shall be mature, thou shall stretch forth thy hands.”* History says he died upside-down on a cross. He probably did. But this can also speak of worship, even in the midst of your circumstance. Notice what he said, *“But another, Peter, shall gird thee.”* How many of you know He runs a tight ship? The Holy Ghost doesn’t have a loose girdle brother, He girds you tight.

“And He’ll carry thee, Peter, whether you do not want to go.” He will take you where you don’t want to go in the flesh. *“This spake He signifying by what death,”* yes, a natural death, but how many know there is a spiritual death? Paul said, *“I die daily.”* I die daily. There is a death to our self. *“Signifying with what death He should glorify God.”* And when He had spoken this; notice what Jesus said, **“FOLLOW ME” FOLLOW ME.** And yet we follow so many things besides Jesus. If we have the union and communion of the Holy Ghost, He is leading us to Jesus.

Turn to Psalms 142:7. David is crying out to God. In verse 7 is the cry of his heart and probably the cry of your heart and my heart. He said, *“bring my soul out of prison.”* That is a wrong kind of prison. What is your Soul? It is your mind. It is your will. It is your emotions. It is your desires. *“Bring my Soul out of prison that I might praise thy Name.”*

When your soul starts being liberated and saved, renewed and changed, are you going to start praising God? *“The righteous shall compass me about.”* Not only here but even now that cloud of witnesses is around us. *“For thou shalt deal bountifully with me.”* If you and I are going to come out of the prison house of the enemy and get our souls saved or renewed, then God is going to deal with you and I. Our mind, will, emotions, and desires must be changed.

Now turn back to Matthew 11. *“Come to me, you that are laboring and are heavy laden,”* and I’m going to do something for you. *“I am going to give you rest.”* In the outer court there are workers. And there is a time to work. In the holy place there are warriors that are learning to overcome. But in the Holy of Holies there are worshipers. Thank God for the workers. And thank God for the warriors, because He is raising up an army. We must also learn to be a worshiper. We can settle down in any place that we desire.

Turn to Leviticus 16. How many know the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies once a year? On what day did he go into the Most Holy Place? On the Day of Atonement. How many of you know there are Trumpets, the day of Trumpets, blowing the Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles in this last feast? Trumpets was on the first day of the seventh month. Ten days later was the Day of Atonement. How many know ten speaks of tribulation? And from the tenth to the fifteenth there are five days to Tabernacles. Five speaks of the

grace of God but it also speaks of the five-fold ministry. You know we are not going to be perfected without apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Thank God for them.

Leviticus 16:12 says, *“And he shall take a censor full of burning coals of fire from off the altar.”* Our God is still a consuming fire today. Somebody said God lives in a three room house ... outer court, Holy place, Holy of Holies. In that third compartment is a living room, a loving room. It has one piece of furniture, a mercy seat. But there is also a fire place, because He is a consuming fire. He will give you beauty for your ashes. He said, *“Take a censor full of burning coals of fire from off the altar.”* The altar speaks of sacrifice, dedication, death, obedience and many things.

“Before the Lord, and his hands.” Notice that is both hands. This speaks of the double portion ministry. We have talked in the past on the firstborn; the one who has the right of the first—born; the double portion ministry; the one who can minister on both sides of the veil. There is a people that God is raising up who are going to be able to do that. Jesus said, *“All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth.”* And He is giving that power to the church, but we haven't come into all of it yet, have we? I would be lying if I said we had. We have received the earnest of the Spirit, but there is more to be fulfilled in our lives.

“He shall take a censor full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the Lord, his hands full of sweet, incense.” Incense speaks of intercession, prayer and worship. *“Beaten small, and bring it within the veil. And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony that he die not.”* If you are going to come into the presence of God, how many of you know that it takes some incense ... Praise... worship ... both hands full?

I want to tell you brethren, we are either going on for God towards the Holy of Holies or we are coming back out. You only have two choices. You are not going to just stay in a position where you do nothing. Either you are going on in to become a worshipper or you are going to revert back to the outer court.

How many know the outer court is going to be trampled under foot? Let's look at it in Revelation 11. We cannot remain in that position.

How many of you know that, those who know the will of God and do not do it shall be beaten with many stripes? How many of you know, that is Scripture? Those that do not know as much will be beaten with few stripes. I will tell you what stripes are! They are tribulation. And there is a tribulation coming, brother. People are blind and deaf if they do not think it is coming out there. It is approaching us from every direction. How many know we can be counted worthy if we pray and if we are watching?

Revelation 11:1 says, *“And there was given me a reed like unto a rod.”* Later John calls it a golden reed. The rod speaks of authority. How many know the Word of God is a rod, too? It’s a golden reed. God is measuring us with His nature, not just a yard stick. Notice what He said, *“the Angel stood saying, rise and measure,”* what? *“The temple of God and the altar and them that worship therein.”* There is a people being measured right here at this particular time that are worshipping the Lord.

Remember what I said? There are Workers, there are Warriors and there are Worshipers. At this time there is a people worshipping the Lord. But the court which is without the temple is left out. It was not measured at this time. It is given to the heathen, and the nations.

I believe the Holy city is not necessarily Jerusalem. How many of you know it is no holier than this city right here? It is in the natural realm I’m talking about.

Now the Holy One walked in that city; His name is Jesus. But He said, *“The Holy City shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I’ll give power unto My two witnesses”* ... and so forth. The outer court will be trampled down. We do not want to remain in the outer court.

Now go back again to Matthew 11:29. *“Take My yoke.”* **It is an act of our will.** *“Upon you and learn of Me.”* So to learn of Him you have to take the yoke. Isn’t that right?

Turn with me to Hebrews 5:7. How many of you want to be a son? How many know you need to follow the pattern of “The Son”? *“Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers.”* Notice prayers is plural. *“And supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that*

He feared, though He were a son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered."

The word "learned" is the same one we are looking at in Matthew 11:29, where He said, "Take My yoke and LEARN of Me." He was a Son yet He learned obedience through the things He suffered. There is some suffering with this yoke. **You cannot learn of Him without suffering.**

You know today we want everything quick don't we? Just speak it, and it is done. But how many know it does not always work that way? How many of you know you can blab and grab all you want to, but you will not be taken out of certain situations for a certain time. You can quote the Scripture a hundred times. You can say I confess, I confess, I confess. But it is a soulish thing; it's just confession. There is a time to confess it all right, yes. But you cannot do it in your own strength.

Revelation 14:1 says, "I looked, and lo there was a lamb." That lamb went to the cross didn't He? That lamb was a forerunner who entered in before you and I.

He is the pattern. John said here, "I looked and I saw that lamb standing on Mount Zion."

I looked the word "Zion" up and it means the church militant and triumphant. It is a militant, triumphant people.

"And with Him were an hundred and forty-four thousand." I don't believe that is a literal number. I believe that it is a symbolic number. I believe almost all numbers in Scripture are symbolic. Nevertheless, that is neither here nor there. "Having His father's name, " or nature, "written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven."

How many of you know that God is going to seal a people? In Exodus 28 there were three sealings in the high priest. There was a sealing in the breast plate in the heart. There was a sealing in the shoulders. And there was the miter that was put on his head, the turban that had HOLINESS TO THE LORD. Remember that? One in the heart, one on the shoulders, and one, of course, around the mind.

The one that said HOLINESS TO THE LORD was on blue lace. Blue speaks of the heavenlies. How many of you know that people say that

you are so heavenly minded that you are not going to be any earthly good? But, if you are going to be any earthly good, you are going to have to be a heavenly minded people. You have to learn to walk in the Holy Ghost. Isn't that right?

First, there was a sealing in the breast plate, then there was the sealing in the shoulders. "Shoulders" speak of government, power, and authority. How many know He has sealed us with His Holy Spirit? When? After you heard the Gospel and you believed. Paul said He sealed us with the earnest of our inheritance. The third sealing was on the turban; HOLINESS TO THE LORD, the mind of Christ!

Turn back to Revelation 3:12. Let us look at this triple sealing. I won't go into it, but let's just read it. To the Church of Philadelphia he writes, "*Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God.*" The pillars hold up the building. The pillars have got to be connected with the foundation. He is the foundation, isn't He? "*He shall go no more out, and I will write upon him, the name,*" or the nature, "*of my God,*" and too, "*the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem which comes down out of heaven from my God and there I will write upon him MY NEW NAME!*"

Turn to Revelation 19. John sees heaven open, and he sees the LORD. He is called the Word of God. Verse 12 says, "*His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written that no man knew, but He Himself.*" Back in Revelation 3:12, he said "*And I will write upon Him my NEW NAME.*"

Now look in Revelation 22:4 where it says, "*And they shall see His face.*" That speaks of an intimacy, fellowship or union. How many of you know that something in you is going to die when you begin to see Him? But something from God will enter you to cause you to live. They shall see His face, and His name and His nature shall be in their foreheads or their minds. Anybody want His mind?

Turn back to Revelation 14. John sees this hundred and forty-four thousand, and in verse 2 he said, "*I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters.*" This speaks of a body.

"And as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps." Here are the worshippers.

“And they sung as it were a new song,” a new message, “before the throne, and before the four beasts and elses: and no man could” ...what? What’s that word? *“No man could LEARN.”*

In himself he cannot LEARN this message ... this song. Jesus said, *“Take My yoke upon you and LEARN of Me.”* And here it says no man can learn that song but the hundred and forty-four thousand that were redeemed from the earth.

What am I saying? These people were given the initial rest like you and I by the blood of Jesus. They took His yoke and they LEARNED of Him, and they FOUND the rest.

But, He said, secondly, you have to FIND that rest. Are you hearing me? The first was given. They were YOKED with Him, they LEARNED of Him, and now they have FOUND that rest.

You say, “How do you know?” I know because they are marked in their forehead or in their souls.

That is the rest of God. These people are worshippers. They are redeemed. How many want to be in this crowd?

You have to die! You have to die to your ambitions, to those things that you desire that are not of God.

Revelation 14:4 says, *“These are they that are not defiled with women.”* God gave me a Word recently how we are being defiled. *“These are they that are not defiled with women.”* This does not include the whole church here.

I know God has had His overcomers down through the ages. I know there are overcomers in heaven today. But God is bringing a people forth in the earth isn’t He?

“These are they that are not defiled with women,” the Harlot Church ... Jezebel! She wants to defile you and me!

But God said, *“Come out of her My people.”* He did not say, stay in there. He said, *“Come out of her My people.”* Is that a command from Jesus? ... YES! Come out of Babylon.

What is Babylon? It is those who will not worship Jesus in spirit and in truth, and will not allow Him to be head over their lives. That is Babylon! Whatever name you put on the door it is still Babylon. He said, ***“COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE!”*** Thank God there is a people coming out!

A man had a vision of the harlot system. He said it was the most horrible vision he ever had.

In the vision God was telling him to destroy her. But when he went to destroy her, God said to wait. God said to shake her. He said when he began to shake her that people ran out and away from her. He said, “Oh God, I thank you, that You let me shake her first.”

God is shaking the church systems. **GOD IS SHAKING THEM!**

Why? So His people will **GET OUT OF HER**. Judgment is coming. She is going to be burnt with fire. She is going to be burnt down with the beast system.

GOD IS GOING TO BRING HER DOWN! If you are where you cannot worship Jesus in Spirit and in truth and He cannot be your head, **THEN GET OUT OF IT!** Go where you can worship God, and He can be your head.

He said, *“These are they that are not defiled with women.”* They are virgins.

There were five wise virgins at midnight prepared, with lamps full of oil. They had oil in their lamps and in their vessels.

The lamp is the Word Of God, but the lamp speaks of the inner man as well. The vessel is your soul. There had been an overshadowing of Christ at midnight in the souls of those virgins. They had the mind of Christ at midnight.

Midnight is coming! Tribulation is coming! Judgment is coming! But thank God there is going to be a people who are prepared. **I SAID THERE IS GOING TO BE A PEOPLE WHO ARE PREPARED!** Fill us, Oh God, with Your oil!

Brethren, I see in these people of Revelation 14, a pure mind. I see pure worship. I see a pure Word. We need a pure Word. I see pure hearts. I see a pure walk. I see pure maturity in these people. They are purely purged. They had a pure mouth because they did not have any guile in their mouth. God had purged them.

Revelation 14:4, *“These are they that followed the lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the First Fruits unto God and to the lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.”* A purged, pure people!

God’s chaste virgin is going to be pure, full of power, and perfected. Oh, I believe it! The Lord giveth that rest.

Let us turn back to Matthew 11:29-30 which says, *“Take My yoke upon thee and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart and you shall find.”* You shall find, ONLY after you have taken the yoke, after you have learned of Him. *“You shall find REST unto your souls.”*

How many of you know that the battle today is in the mind? I MEAN IT IS IN THE MIND! We have to cast down these imaginations ... these things that come against us. It is a warfare. *“For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”* Now, in the spirit you can say that! But, how many know that if you are in the flesh the “yoke is tough”? Jesus was speaking in the Holy Ghost.

There is a yoke. There is an intimacy. There is a harness. We must become a prisoner. There are the dealings of God. I could go into some of the things of the five—fold ministry. I could teach on the local church, and testings of all kind. There are so many things connected with this yoke.

There is a people who are going to enter that rest. Hebrews says, SOME MUST ENTER IT!

Turn to Hebrews 4:1. Notice what Paul said, *“Let us therefore ...“* What? *“Fear”*. It is a warning. *“Lest, a promise being left us entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.”* Without that yoke you will come short of it.

“For unto us was the Gospel preached, as well as unto them. But the

Word ..“ Here is another thing if you look at it. “Preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest.”

Who enters? Those that what? Those that BELIEVE!

“As I have sworn in My wrath, if they shall enter into My rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise. And God did rest the seventh day from all His works ... There remaineth therefore a REST to the people of God. For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man ..“ What? “FALL after the same example of UNBELIEF.”

Unbelief and doubt will keep us out of that rest!

Now go to Psalm 129. How many of you have ever read this Psalm? How many know there are fifteen songs of degrees? Psalms 120 through Psalms 124 speak of Passover. Psalms 125 through Psalms 129 speak of Pentecost. And Psalms 130 to Psalms 134 speak of Tabernacles. They speak of three things; purification, enlightenment, and a union.

Now in Psalms 129, this is the last Psalm in the second group. I said 120 to 124 speaks of Passover. That is 5 Psalms. Psalms 125 to 129 speaks of Pentecost ... five more Psalms. And 130 to 134 speaks of Tabernacles ... five more Psalms. Five & five and five is what? Fifteen, which is the number of rest. Are you hearing me?

Psalm 129 is the last of the second part ... 125 to 129. It speaks of testing time. It speaks of the Pentecost realm ... the 60 fold realm. I could go into a lot of things right here. But let's read verse 1 which says, *“Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say: Many a time have they afflicted me from youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.”*

Now this is the tenth Psalm of the fifteen. Ten is the number of tribulation.

When we are talking about Israel and the “youth”, it is very important. How many of you know that Jacob wrestled with the angel and

changed his nature to Israel, which means “Prince of God”. Now notice the word “youth” in Psalm 129:2. The outer court speaks of babes, the Holy place of youths and the Holy of Holies, Sons. Jesus as a babe, Jesus at twelve, Jesus what? Thirty! Twelve to thirty is how much? Eighteen. Six-Six-Six.

How many know Jesus was the first real overcomer? He overcame the world, the flesh, and the devil, and He did it for you and I. He was the example for you and I. How many of you know we have to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil? You see six out there everywhere you go, don't you? Well, thank God. You cannot get to seven unless you come through six. Here he said, *“From my youth they have afflicted me.”* He said it twice!

Now turn to 1 John 2:12. *“I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name sake.”* Are you glad your sins are forgiven? *“I write unto you, fathers, because you have known Him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because you have known the Father. I have written unto you, fathers, because you have known Him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.”*

To the children he said, *“Your sins are FORGIVEN you.”* To the young men He said, *“You are strong, the Word of God is in you and you have OVERCOME the wicked one.”* To the fathers He said, *“You have KNOWN HIM.”* Your sins are FORGIVEN. You are OVERCOMING. You KNOW HIM. Anybody want to know Him? .. YES! -

So from his youth he has been *“afflicted”*. I see in those three scriptures that there is “Forgiveness,” “Fortification,” and real “Fatherhood in God”. I am talking about in God now! He saved you; He filled you; and now He wants you to be an overcomer.

Just because we can talk it, doesn't mean we always walk it! You can have it in your mind, but it has to slide down into your heart. How many know that it is farther to your feet than it is from your head to your heart? But there is a people who are going to walk it out, because they are following the pattern. They are following the one that went before them.

Now I'll tell you what the Israel of God is. He is the new creation man. Paul, in Galatians 6 called him, "That new creation man". Jacob was an overcomer and he was called the "Prince of God", the Israel of God. He prevailed. He was one who had power with God and with man and yet he was afflicted. How many of you know that Nathaniel was called an Israelite, a Prince of God. Jesus said that He would see the heavens open with angels ascending and descending where? Upon the Son of Man. There's a revelation of the Son of Man —He has an open heaven. We can see in Genesis when Jacob wrestled with the angel, he said that He saw the Lord face to face there at Peniel. There is protection. There are a lot of things we could go into. Lets read it!

"Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say: many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me. The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows."

How many of you know that when the rains come it is time to get the ground ready for the plow? And you know what we think? Boy, this is it! Rain comes and we have it made. But God is just getting your ground ready for the plow. How many of you know the deeper you go, and the longer you plow your furrow, the more seed can be put in? David is saying the plowers plowed upon his back. How many know that it's one thing to know your brothers going through it, but when you get in it, it's another thing?

"They made long their furrows. The Lord is righteous." Notice the attitude. Even though the plowers are plowing him up, and he is in affliction, he said, *"The Lord is Righteous!"* He is not blaming God. He is not mad at God! How many know that Christians often get mad at God?

"He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.." Before you think it's out there, first look at yourself. Because the wicked one is in you and me. There is a beast in you and me. There's a beast at the feast and a liar for the fire and brother that is the old man He is cutting away and dealing with. We have to put off the old and put on what? The new man. How many know that is a daily thing? Here is some real deliverance! Notice he said He will cut the cords of the wicked. Anybody need some cords cut?

"Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion." There

is a people that hate Zion. What is Zion? It is the authority and the Government of God, in a people. How many of you know that there is Israel, Jerusalem and Zion? The Zion people are a hated people. And here he said, there is a people who are going to be turned back.

They literally hate Zion. They do not want God's authority. They do not want God's government. *"Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up."* Peter talks about that grass. It speaks of the flesh, wherewith the mower fills not his hand nor he that binds the sheaves in his bosom.

PRAYER

Father, we thank You today. We thank You for the REST that has been given to us by the Blood of Jesus.

God, I thank You for every test that we have gone through that You have directed, even though our flesh many times recoiled and did not understand.

But, Oh God, give us understanding. We pray LORD, that we may understand the very dealings of God in our lives. And then once the promise is given let us recognize there are problems that stand in our way, and that You will bring us through to the provision, to the power, to that which You've promised.

God I thank You today. I thank You for this people. I thank you for the anointing in this place today, LORD upon your people and within Your people that are arising, LORD. LORD prepare us. Get us ready for the days ahead.

LORD, I pray for this nation and the people of God especially, in this nation. I pray for the church in America. LORD, I pray for the ministries. I pray for those that are hurting today. LORD, I pray that You will awaken us. LORD that You will stir us. That You will deal with us LORD, and God that You will speak Your mind to us and through us. LORD, that You will reveal Yourself to Your people in this hour. God we want to be a people, prepared and ready to meet You, LORD. Oh Jesus, prepare us, make us ready.

LORD, not our will but Your will be done in our hearts and minds. LORD God help us to take that YOKE, by an act of our will and learn of You. God, we want to be a part of that people that is going to be

sealed in the forehead ... Hallelujah we bless you LORD.

Father, again we bless Lake Hamilton Bible Camp, LORD. God, I pray again for this Camp. I pray for the people in this meeting. I pray for the Miller's. I pray for everyone connected here, the ones that work in the kitchen, LORD. God, I pray for the grounds. I pray for everything LORD, here on this place, that every need should be met. That provision shall come in from the East, the West, the North, and the South.

God I thank You for the Angels of God that are over this place today and Your presence, Your anointing, and Your power.

Most of all Father, I thank You for Jesus who is in us. We love Him today. Glory to thy Name... Amen.

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