

THE PLACE CALLED THERE— THE PLACE OF ABUNDANCE

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One of the interesting facts about the Scriptures is—if you are diligent and spend time in them as the Lord said we would do in John 8 *if* we were His disciples—He begins to teach you the meaning of obscure scriptures that nobody ever preaches on.

And He will use these to teach you the true meaning of things like “abundance” and prosperity. Unfortunately, thanks to the Balaam Boys, the Church has a perverted idea of what prosperity is—the Lord told me so back in the ‘90s when He said that “the Church has not been taught the true fundamentals of giving.” But if you want to know the truth—and the truth is what Jesus thinks about something—then just ask the Holy Spirit to teach you because His main mission on the earth today is to “guide the Body of Christ into all truth.”

The Word of God is about the only place today where you can find truth; we live in an age of lies and deceptions. Why is that? It’s because the stage is being set for the “man of deception” or “man of lawlessness” (also why there is so much lawlessness today) to rise to

prominence and power. So it's important that you know the truth by studying and meditating in the Word so that you will be "free" (John 8:34) as the Holy Spirit teaches you the truth about all things, because if you rely on the world, the daily news, etc., you will not know the truth. And as I said earlier, you cannot count on most of the Church to teach you the truth because there are so many false churches and ministries today.

The last 3-4 years the Lord has been teaching me the meaning of Psalm 66 which has to do with prosperity and abundance. Psalm 66:12 says, "You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water ..."

Now you should reflect on this before I continue this teaching. After all, most Christians don't believe that the Lord lets "bad" things happen to us. In fact, if you check you will find that there have been hundreds of books written with the main theme being: "Why do bad things happen to good people?"

And I've learned and have told many surprised Christians who are facing a serious disease or some adversity that "God will let you die." After all, there are many, many things worse than dying. And just because we are under a *New Covenant* based on better promises that doesn't mean that the nature of man has changed. Just as Israel perished in the desert because of a lack of faith, you also may perish if you don't "Walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7).

Fortunately for you and I, the Lord is a great God of compassion and lovingkindness. In fact, the *key* Hebrew word that defines Him in relation to those He makes a covenant (*b'rth*) with is *hesed*, translated *mercy* in the King James and *lovingkindness or faithfulness* in other translations.

So let's look at the rest of Psalm 66:12 with that in mind, "You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but You brought

us out to abundance.” Hallelujah! When you get the revelation of this as the Lord showed it to me you will shout and run around the house all day! Yes, bad things happen to good people and yes, God *allows* men “to ride over our heads” but don’t forget the last part that must be true as well. The end result is that you will be “brought out to a place of abundance.” Praise God!

And if you know the Scriptures well, you will notice that this is an Old Testament version of Romans 8:28 isn’t it? Remember, Jesus Himself stated that “The Scriptures cannot be broken” and He vowed in Jeremiah 1:12 that He was *always* watching over His word to perform it. So that means if you are in a difficult condition or situation where people at work or in the world are seeming to get the best of you remember that the Lord says the end result of this will work out for your own good and you will be brought out into a place of abundance. Remember, our part is to believe the Word by faith and expect the Lord to do His part and *confirm* the Word and bring it to pass.

Now something else about the Word is that it is eternal; it never passes away. And this principle can be seen in many of the Scriptures such as Luke 2:35 (He’s still “revealing hearts” today) as one example. But the one I want to show you today that is germane to this teaching is Acts 1:1, “...Jesus began to do and teach ...”

This is an important fact about Scripture and the Kingdom of Heaven that you need to understand because when the Lord begins to “teach” you about certain spiritual facts He will also begin to “do” certain things so that you will become aware of the truth of Scripture. So, when Jesus began to teach me *why* what we call bad things happen and that they are not really “bad” because He causes “all things” to work for our good, He began to show me the rest of Psalm 66:12 by “doing” it. Yes, praise God, He “watches over His Word to perform it” and He has brought our family out to a place of abundance!

Thirty years ago I received a most anointed personal prophecy that spoke about this yet I never seemed to understand it because the prophecy never seemed to come to pass. In fact, in every instance the very *opposite* of the personal prophecy always happened. The prophecy said, “Those who rise up against you will be as nothing; you will look for them and they won’t be found.”

Then the Lord began to reveal Psalm 66:12 to me and it all made sense. In a way, it’s also similar to one of my favorite Psalms, Psalm 1. As I always say, “What does the Word say?” It says, “Blessed is the man ... whatever he does prospers.” And every month in the Psalms I meditate on this scripture and place it in its proper context just like others such as 66:12. Just remember, if you meet the qualifications for a scripture because many if not most scriptures are conditional, then it must be true no matter how it looks to your physical senses.

And Psalm 1 says that “every thing I do prospers!” It may not look like it’s prospering to my natural mind; it may not feel like it’s prospering but whatever I set my hand to *must* prosper in the end. But to achieve the final result of the scripture, I must “walk by faith and not by sight.”

I must learn the meaning of and obey 2 Corinthians 4:17-18,

“For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

The Lord told me in 1980 that the devil “was going to put cancer on more and more Christians.” And the reason he has been able to do that is just because Christians do not obey the Word most of the time. In particular He gave me 2 Corinthians 4:18 as the reason *why* the devil is able to give more Christians cancer and kill them. He said that “They do the *opposite* of what this scripture says to do.” And you know that’s true. Instead of focusing on the Word and the promises of God,

they “look” at the cancerous tumors and say, “It’s still growing so I guess God isn’t going to heal me.” No, you have to be “a doer of the Word” as James teaches us and “look not at the things that are seen.”

Many years ago my wife was shown a vision of Satan coming to try and tear down my house. He would look at the building going on and become furious then storm away only to come back later. This happened several times and she knew what the vision meant—Satan cannot stop the things of God in my life or yours either. No, we are the only ones who can stop it through our lack of faith and the words of unbelief that we speak over our situation.

So I want to encourage you today to understand this spiritual principle that I’ve proven from the Scriptures. That the Lord is good and He cannot be tempted by or with evil. Those things in your life that may look “bad” will not turn out to be so. No, I’m not saying they don’t exist—that’s part of living in a fallen, sin-sick crying, dying world. But if you will deal with them correctly, by the Word of God and your confession, then you will see that the end result will benefit you and others in your family greatly.

Yes, men and women may “ride over your head” and you may “go through firey trials and through the water” but in the end the King of Kings will “bring you out into a place of abundance.” Praise God!

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