

"The Threshing Floor"

LESSON 01

"You have caused men to ride over our heads (or to crush our skulls -CEV); we went through fire and through water: but You brought us out to rich fulfillment." (Psalms 66:12 NKJV)

My precious child,

Carefully consider these words: "Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over." (John 12:24 MSG)

My child, you are exactly like one grain of wheat, a single seed. And you come to maturity by dying to yourself and coming alive to Me. This kind of obedience will reproduce, impacting the lives of others in ways you can't yet imagine. I want to greatly multiply your past effectiveness, kingdom impact, and spiritual maturity, but that can only happen as you are changed into My likeness and take on My character.

Consider the process of harvesting grain. When grain is ready for harvest, it is cut with a flint sickle, and the grain is bound into sheaves. From there, the grain is transported to the threshing floor.

At times, I will put you through a process much like the threshing of wheat. You may feel as if you have been cut down and set aside just like the sheaf of wheat. However, let Me reassure you that this process transforms you into a useful seed that I can use to feed the spiritual needs of a lost and dying world. And lest you believe otherwise,

let Me say that, unless this occurs, you will be of no use left in the fields to rot where you are, eventually withering away.

When you're sent to the threshing floor, it's natural to panic, for you're being taken to an unfamiliar place, and the unknown looms large before you. But if you're convinced of My tender love and My plan for your welfare, you can rest in Me, knowing the outcome will be amazing.

This process may seem cruel from your human perspective, but it transforms you so that you see with Heaven's eyes, and I can refine you into a pure, clear reflection of Myself. At times it will mean being hurt if that's what it takes to refine you. ("You have caused men to ride over our heads or to crush our skulls".) I know that those times aren't easy, but I will be with you there, comforting you and reminding you of My steadfast love, until you get to that "wealthy place" (or rich harvest, much fruit, big harvest).

After all the impurities are exposed I will send My Holy Spirit to convict you so that you bow to My will and yearn for Me to transform you.

And finally, I fine tune your spirit to be responsive to My still, small Voice, so that you can run when I call. I fill you with compassion, giving you a heart like Mine, so that your countenance is changed, and people can see Me in you. It is on the threshing floor where your life is transformed.

Working in harmony with Me I will use you, empower you, to go feed the spiritually hungry. Will you go?