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"Ears that hear and Eyes that see"

LESSON 3

WE GET OUR BASIC EQUIPMENT FROM GOD! (Proverbs 20:12)

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS @ 9:30AM

Today theme is: *"Holy Spirit's favorite subject"* (part 2)

By Michael Koulianos, an author of the book "Holy Spirit the One who makes Jesus real" in Chapter 5.

Now, let's get back to the Holy Spirit. It's so important for us to remember that there is only one member of the Trinity on earth. His Name is the Holy Spirit. As I said earlier, He has one job: 'to reveal Jesus to us' Jesus said, *"He will testify of Me"*. (John 15:26) That means the Holy Spirit wants to have a conversation with you and you can bet that it's going to be about JESUS! I'm often asked, "Michael, what's your fixation with Jesus all about? Don't you think you talk about Him too much? Maybe you should change the subject, man. There is more to the Christian life than Jesus." My response as to why I am so into Jesus is **SIMPLE**: it's because I've been touched by the Holy Spirit. You see, Jesus said, *"...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."* (Matthew 12:34) In a nutshell, that verse means that whatever is in your heart will eventually come out of your mouth. You will speak what's on the inside of you. Some talk about money non-stop, and others about politics, because politics and love of money flow through their hearts. Some fills the corridors of their hearts. Well, the Holy Spirit speaks of Jesus because Jesus is on His heart. And when the Holy Spirit comes to live in my heart and I yield to His passion and voice, His passion becomes my passion. His voice marries my voice. What He says, I say. Or should I say, 'Who He says is who I say'.

So, if you're wondering whether or not you have been rocked by the Holy Spirit, the barometer is very simple: 'Are you crazy about Jesus?' I'll never forget the tender whisper of the Spirit in 2009 at our little apartment in Orlando, Florida. At the time, Jesus Image was small, unknown ministry. I was preaching in home churches, storefront churches, Bible studies, prisons, women's meetings...you name it, and I was preaching there. To be honest, I still preach in small settings that most of the world has never heard of or acknowledges, and I love it. Back to the story. There I was, waiting on the Lord, and the Holy Spirit spoke these words to me: He said, "Michael, if the people in your meetings leave with a greater understanding of your ministry than they do of Jesus, it's proof that I have not led the meeting." WOW! What a statement. I began to connect with and understand the passion of the Holy Spirit and His feelings. He is passionate about Jesus. He is doing His job, which is to point our hearts to the beautiful face of the Son of God, gladly on the earth.

Why such a focus on the simplicity of Jesus Christ? Why doesn't the Holy Spirit just bypass Jesus and point us directly to the Father? Can't He just tell us about Himself the entire time? The answer is simple: a man can only know God through the God-Man. God's nature and ways are beyond our reach as humans unless we see Him in the Son. God basically said, "Look, I'm going to make this so simple for you now. I have been without form for thousands of years. My grace and love are causing Me to come to earth and warp Myself in a body. I will literally be seen, heard, felt, touched, and followed. I am going to reveal Myself to you as the perfect and visible will of God with a body. You will never ask this question again: 'What is God like?' Simply look at Jesus." My friend, never again do we have to wonder about the ways of God. If you are confused about God's perspective on sickness and healing, look at Jesus. Is God merciful? Look at Jesus. Is God bold? Look at Jesus. Should we pray? Look at Jesus. The point is simple: Jesus is perfect doctrine and our literal life source and model. (See John 1) On top of these amazing truths, He holds all things together, and *'in Him all things consist'*. (Colossians 1:17) So,

when the Holy Spirit points you to Jesus. He is point you to the **ANSWER** to your every need.

THIS WEEK: Your intimacy with the Holy Spirit. Two way journaling response: Holy Spirit, what do You want to say to me about this subject or this experience in my own life?

DAY 1: Meditate on the subject: "...He has one job: 'to reveal Jesus to us'...that means the Holy Spirit wants to have conversation with you and you can bet that it's going to be about JESUS!" I ask Holy Spirit to reveal **REAL JESUS** to me! Holy Spirit You want to talk with me about **JESUS**? Can You show me highlights in some verses about **JESUS**?

DAY 2: Meditate on the subject: "...what's your fixation with Jesus all about? Don't you think you talk about Him too much? Maybe you should change the subject, man. There is more to the Christian life than Jesus". Am I fixation with Jesus all times? Am I talk about Jesus too much or too little? Should I change different subject? Which subject can I talk? If I talk too much about Jesus, will I hurt God's feeling? Which is important to talk about my Christian life or Jesus here in my church?

DAY 3: Meditate on the subject: "...the Holy Spirit speaks of Jesus because Jesus is on His heart. And when the Holy Spirit comes to live in my heart and I yield to His passion and voice, His passion becomes my passion. His voice marries my voice. What He says, I say. Or should I say, 'Who He says is who I say'." Am I speak of Jesus because Jesus is in my heart? How often do I speak of Jesus? Am I willing to yield (surrender) myself to Holy Spirit's passion and voice? Holy Spirit, my desire is that Your passion become mine and Your voice become mine? I am willing?

DAY 4: Meditate on the subject: "Are you crazy about Jesus?"... "if the people in your meetings leave with a greater understanding of your ministry than they do of Jesus, it's proof that I have not led the meeting." Challenge myself: Am I crazy about Jesus? Is my church impressed by my pastor's sermon or Jesus? If not, I want my church meeting led by Holy Spirit, not my pastor, Holy Spirit, what should I do? Please guide me in prayer?

DAY 5: Meditate on the subject: "...understand the passion of the Holy Spirit and His feelings. He is passionate about JESUS. He is doing His job, which is to point our hearts to the beautiful face of the Son of God, gladly on the earth." Holy Spirit, can you show me how do I passionate my feeling about Jesus as You did Your passion and feeling about Jesus? Like Jesus said, "Yet there is one thing wrong; you don't love Me as at first!" (Rev. 2:4 TLB) Examine and search my heart if I have not put Jesus first place in my life. Please bring me back to Jesus' feet as I humbly before Him. Holy Spirit open the heart of my eyes to see the beautiful Son of God? Am I glad or sad here?

DAY 6: Meditate on the subject: "What is God like?" Simply look at Jesus. Holy Spirit, show me how deep, how wide, how long, and how height Jesus is? Holy Spirit, anytime, I face crisis, circumstance, situation, or problem, remind me to keep eyes simply on Jesus—His Word in the Bible.