"Ears that hear and Eyes that see"

LESSON 4

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 3)

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Beyond the Holy Spirit's motive to save you with a revelation of the One He loves, Jesus, it is also for the Father's sake that He does so. Perhaps you've never seen His ministry from this angle. Have you ever stopped to think about the incredible price that the Father paid as He offered up His only Son for a world that hated Him? Yes, Jesus paid the ultimate price, but so did the Father. He watched His Son get tortured and mocked. He offered Jesus to those that tied Him to a post and stripped Him naked before tearing His precious back open with the Roman whip, a whip covered in sharp bones for the tearing of flesh and lead balls for deep bruising. Imagine the heart of the Father as sinners assaulted His precious Son. A songwriter refers to Jesus as the 'Darling of Heaven'. I love that because it paints a beautiful picture of Jesus' value from Heaven's perspective and, more importantly, from the Father's perspective. Not to mention that it was by the Father's design that His Son suffered. Jesus prayed, "If there is another way, let this cup pass from Me." (Matthew 26:39) Clearly, if there was another way, the Father would have chosen it, but this was His perfect will—that Jesus die the death of the Cross and be tortured brutally. Again, the Bible says, "It pleased the Lord to crush Him". (Isaiah 53:10)

This is a price that we cannot imagine. The Father offered His Son to the world willingly and watched Him get tortured so that you and I would belong to Him forever. I will never forget holding my son Theo up as I played with him. He was under 1 yr. old, and he used to love it when I held him up high. There we were, in my small apartment in Orange County, California. There was a small hallway outside the guest bedroom, and that is where I was playing with Theo. As I held him up high, I had an internal vision of the crucifixion. Holding my son over my head, I clearly heard the Lord say, "I gave My Son to be lifted up on the Cross and to die. Could you give yours?" My spirit responded, "No! No way! I could never do that". The Lord said, "I gave My Son. I even gave Him for My enemies." WOW. The revelation of love that pierced me came wrapped in a picture of the price that the Father paid. I pray the Holy Spirit will open your eyes to see that the Father paid the ultimate price when Jesus died.

Well, what does that have to do with the work and heart of the Holy Spirit? What does the price the Father paid have to do with Holy Spirit's obsession with Jesus? It's quiet simple: He is bring the Father a reward for the price He paid when He sacrificed His beloved Son. The reward is a people who love His Son forever and who will be the eternal children of the Father. The Father sowed His Son, and the Holy Spirit is glorifying Jesus so that the Father will receive His harvest...you and me.

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: "Beyond the Holy Spirit's motive to save me with a revelation of the One He loves, Jesus, it is also for the Father's sake that He does so". Holy Spirit, can You describe me what's Your motive? To save me? How? To reveal me about Jesus? How? Read Galatians 1:12: "For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."

DAY 2: Meditate on the subject: "...Jesus, it is also for the Father's sake that He does so". Read 2 Peter 3:9 TPT: "This means that, contrary to man's perspective, the Lord is not late with His promise to return, as some measure lateness, but rather His 'delay' simply reveals His loving patience toward you, because He does not want any to perish but all to come to repentance." Holy Spirit, I see my Father's 'delay' simply reveals His loving patience toward me, that means my Father does not want me to perish but I just come to repentance. Holy Spirit, show me if there any wicked or evil in me. Then please correct me and bring me back into intimacy with my Father and restore me fellowship with Him. I surrender myself to You Holy Spirit who is working in my life. I am longing to be closer to You.

DAY 3: Meditate on the subject: Have you ever stopped to think about the incredible price that the Father paid as He offered up His only Son for a world that hated Him? Holy Spirit, I am just take a moment to ponder on this 'incredible price'. Can you show me in the revelation of His suffering at the Cross?

DAY 4: Meditate on the subject: "It pleased the Lord to crush Him". (Isaiah 53:10) Holy Spirit, all I know that my heavenly Father said, "This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased". (Matthew 3:17) I am puzzle with this "It pleased the Lord to crush Him" means "it pleased my heavenly Father to crush Jesus His Beloved Son?" Can you explain to me?

DAY 5: "...Could you give yours?" My spirit responded, "No! No way! I could never do that". The Lord said, "I gave My Son. I even gave Him for My enemies." WOW. The revelation of love that pierced me came wrapped in a picture of the price that the Father paid. I pray the Holy Spirit will open your eyes to see that the Father paid the ultimate price when Jesus died." Holy Spirit, I ask You to open my eyes to see that the Father paid the ultimate price when Jesus died now in my quiet time.

DAY 6: "..what does that have to do with the work and heart of the Holy Spirit? ...The Father sowed His Son, and the Holy Spirit is glorifying Jesus so that the Father will receive His harvest...you and me." Holy Spirit, my Teacher, I not getting clearly what does this "Father sowed His Son, You Holy Spirit is glorifying Jesus then Father will receive His harvest—that's me? Explain to me.