

Keeping Your Focus Amidst the Furore

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Hello precious ones,

Grace and peace to you from the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Since my last message on the cloud of light that overshadowed the three disciples, who were taken

up the mountain to witness the Transfiguration, I was led to do a further study on all the times that God appeared as a cloud in the Word of God, right from Genesis to Revelation - and it's a very interesting study. I was planning on sharing that with you, but as is often the case, the Lord had other plans. This morning, as I sat down to spend time with Him, He said, **“These are serious days, child. Put on your sonship hat. The manchild is under construction”**. And then He said, **“We continue with the cloud. This time it's the cloud of witnesses”**, and He took me to Hebrew chapter 12:1. Now I'm going to read the whole section for you first as a foundation for what He later shared with me, and then break it into bite sized chunks and show you what He showed me.

Hebrews 12:1 (I'm reading in the King James Version). *‘Wherefore, seeing as we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and the Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.’*

So, the first thing the Lord had me do was look up the word ‘witnesses’. It is the Greek word ‘martus’, and it means obviously ‘a witness or a martyr, or a record’, something that is written down either in heaven or on earth. So, because it says ‘wherefore’ or in other words ‘consequently’, it means that that beginning of Hebrews 12 is said as a result of what was detailed in Hebrews 11, and we know this as the faith chapter. the fame hall of those who lived and died by faith. And right at the end of Hebrews chapter 10, it speaks about persevering and fully carrying out the will of God so that we can carry away and enjoy to the full what is promised. Then it makes a statement – *‘The just shall live by faith, and if he draws back or shrinks in fear, My soul will have no pleasure in him’*, but says, we are not of those who draw back, but of those who believe, and by faith preserve the soul. This is how Hebrews 10 ends. Hebrews 11 is the faith hall of fame, and then Hebrews 12 says, *‘consequently, seeing as we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses’*(or seeing as we are surrounded by such a large number that it almost forms a cloud) of records of those who lived by faith and died by faith’... That word cloud is ‘nephos’. It's used only once in the Word and translated as ‘cloud’. It also means ‘a large, dense multitude’. In other words, there are an extremely large number of individuals who have gone before us, who are recorded in heaven as having lived by faith and not drawing back. The cloud of witnesses is the record of those

whom the Lord has pleasure in. In other words, “*This is My beloved son, in whom I am well pleased*”. They did not draw back, no matter what happened, because Hebrews chapter 11, although it has some records of people who conquered and were victorious and everything went great for them, there's also a long list of those who suffered and who died without seeing the fulfilment of the promise... And that is not a measure of whether you walked by faith. If you suffer and die, it doesn't mean that you are not recorded amongst the cloud of records of those who the Lord is well pleased with. It's not only those who display great victories in the earth in the eyes of man, or the measuring sticks of man that are recorded as the heroes of faith. It is also those that were sawn in two, that lost their loved ones, that went through all kind of terrible things like homelessness, suffering, imprisonment. *THEY* are also recorded as those who did not draw back in fear, but lived by faith in the unseen Son of God, who gave Himself for them.

So, I just wanted to lay that foundation with what Hebrews 12:1 is referring to. And then Paul is saying, because of all this incredible amount of records of lives of great faith, we must lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily besets us. The word ‘beset’ is ‘euperistatos’. It means ‘to thwart a racer or to stand around a competitor’. Now a racer or someone running in a race is thwarted either by someone in the next lane bumping them and tripping them up, or by there being an object across their lane - or as it says in the other explanation for beset ‘standing around a competitor’. You can't stand around a competitor because they're not free to fully compete. Their actions and their movement is hampered if there are those standing around them. And Paul says that it's sin that stands around us and thwarts the racer. The word ‘sin’ used there is ‘hamartia’. It means ‘offense, to miss the mark, to be mistaken, to wander from the path of uprightness, or to do or go wrong’, and it comes from the word ‘hamartano’, which means ‘to miss the mark’. In other words, if you're shooting an arrow at a target, you missed the target completely because you are not aimed right.

So, there are weights that we've got to cast off as these heroes of faith did, and they didn't allow sin to thwart their running the race. They cast off all burdens. And then Hebrews 12:2 has a key, because if you cast off your weights and the sin like an octopus wrapping itself around your legs, you also need to know where you're aiming at. And Hebrews 12:2 tells us ‘looking unto Jesus’ and that word ‘looking’ in the Greek means ‘to consider attentively’, to gaze upon steadfastly, ‘*looking unto Jesus, the author and the Finisher of our faith*’, because He was our example. And it tells us this in verse

2, *'Who for the joy that was set before Him'*, He could see the joy on the other side of the finishing line, and so He *'endured the cross, despising the shame'*. Remember Jesus said, "Take up your cross daily and follow Me if you want to be My disciples". There's shame attached to a cross. There is disgrace attached to a cross. So, when we look attentively at the way Jesus lived, at the example He set for us, we see that He DESPISED the shame - that it didn't turn Him back. He did not draw back in fear, but He lived by faith in His Father, and He's therefore now sitting at the right hand of the throne of God, which is the position of the first born. He gets the double portion inheritance.

Hebrews 12:1 tells us not only to put off things, but we are to put on 'patience'. That word in the Greek means 'endurance and patient continuance or waiting'. So, endurance is a key here. Endurance means the ability to keep going when something is difficult; to keep moving forward, focusing on the goal. What is the goal - the joy that is set before us. And then Hebrews 12 goes on to describe how God deals with those who are His true sons. He disciplines and chastens them, and it goes on to say, don't behave like Esau, who wanted to feed his flesh and gave away his birthright, which he could not get back, even though there were many tears. So, we feel sometimes like it's the enemy that chastises and chastens and punishes us. But here, Hebrews 12 just corrects our way of understanding. Sometimes it's God disciplining us because He wants us to have the fruits of righteousness in our lives, so we can inherit the blessing.

So, as you all know by now, in between the time I shared the last message, there was the attempted assassination of Trump at his rally, and, a couple of days after that, there was the political convention of the party he represents. As that closed up with him accepting the nomination, the next day, there was this massive outage of computers worldwide through some Microsoft issue. So that the planes could not take off, people were stranded in airports. Hospitals couldn't function properly. There were all sorts of things affected; trains, you name it, massive, massive outage. And of course, all sorts of reasons were given for it happening, none of which I assume are the actual truth, because usually in these days, truth has fallen in the streets. Now, I'm not really going to comment on what happened at the rally with Trump, but I do want to say this. Be quick to listen and slow to speak. It is highly unlikely that the truth about the whole episode has come fully to light yet.

Remember that years ago, when he first came to power as the president of the United States, the Lord told me that He was using him as a touchstone. A touchstone is a black

stone that is used to determine whether a metal that claims it is gold is true gold or fake gold. And the Lord told me He was using Trump as a touchstone. I just want to say He is still doing that. In other words, people's hearts are being tested. The hearts of believers are being tested, and they're not being tested as to whether they're for or against this man. What's being tested is as the events play out, is what is it that comes up in your heart? Because out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks and the touchstone is at work. A touchstone is not necessarily a servant of God. It's just someone that God uses in order to test His saints. Never, ever, ever look to a man for deliverance or help. Never, ever think that a man of flesh can be your savior out of any situation, whether it's personal or national. And please, at this time, repent if you have in any way elevated a man of flesh to a position that God alone should occupy in your heart. Please repent if you have in any way given to a man of flesh, not only this man that I'm speaking of, but any man of the flesh, if you have given any form of adulation or worship that belongs only to God, if you've given it to a man. Repent now, and return your worship and your adulation to the only One who is worthy of it, and that is God upon the throne, the God who is Light, and in whom there is no shadow of turning; the Creator of heaven and of earth, and His Son, the Lamb that was slain.

Be very, very careful what you spout forth as far as your theories of what is really going on. I have heard some dreadful things come out of the mouths of those who claim to be part of the remnant, or the tip of the spear - not necessarily in the words themselves, but the spirit in which they were spoken. Do you remember when Jesus was rejected by a certain town? His disciples wanted to call down fire upon them, and Jesus rebuked them, saying, *'you do not know what spirit you are of'*. Very few at this moment are speaking from the Spirit of Christ. Many are speaking from their own puffed-up opinions and the spirit that they're ministering out of is not the Spirit of Christ. Whatever side of the divide they standing on, remember the touchstone. That's all I'm going to say on that topic, because far too much is being said.

So, I want to get back to Hebrews 12. While I was studying this chapter, a friend of mine, who is also in ministry, sent me information about the attempted assassination that the Lord was showing her that was not connected to what is being put out in all the social media. And it was quite a lot of information that she said she had received from the Lord. But the Lord said to me, **"I don't want you to be busy with that. That is not your race or your task. You follow My lead. This is important. You speak to the remnant and THEY NEED TO PUT BLINKERS ON because the distractions at this**

time are so alluring". Now I'm going to pause there in the middle of what the Lord was saying, just to say that blinkers are put on a horse, to keep the horse looking straight ahead, so that he can only see the finish line of the race he's running in and cannot be distracted. Remember Hebrews 12:2 said, 'looking unto Jesus, the Author and the Finisher of our faith'. LOOKING UNTO JESUS, the remnant need to put blinkers on because there are distractions all around them, and the Spirit said they are so ALLURING. Alluring means 'appealing to desire', from the verb 'allure' – 'to tempt by offering something desired, to attract or to captivate'. It comes from the French word 'loirre', meaning 'a falconer's lure'. A lure is bait, and bait is used in connection with a trap.

So, the distractions at this time appeal to desires. Whether you desire this man to be in power, or maybe one of the other distractions appeals to those who desire that he be brought down. 'To tempt by offering something desired' - what is the desire of your heart, beloved remnant? Is your desire that a certain person should be elevated into a place of rule again? What is your desire? Is your desire wrapped up in the political arena? Remember, in politics, opposing parties are two wings of the same filthy bird. Behind the scenes, it is all being controlled by the elite who want to bring in the New World Order. The distractions at this time are so alluring. The remnant need to put blinkers on.

I said to the Lord, "But Lord, You are tasking my friend with this topic". And He said, **"Yes, there are those that need rescuing out of the merry-go-round ride, before it crashes and they fly to their deaths. I see all hearts and there are genuine truth seekers and God lovers in the midst of the meleé. I see them, and if they will embrace the truth, I bring their way, they will be rescued out of the merry go round ride"**. The word 'meleé' means 'a confused fight or scuffle, a confused crowd of people' and the etymology of that word means 'confused conflict amongst many people', and it comes from the Old French word meaning 'mixture and blend', from the word 'mesler', meaning 'to mix or mingle'. These words are connected to the word 'medley', which in 1300 meant 'hand to hand combat, war, or battle'. And medley comes from the same root word 'mesler' – 'to mingle or meddle together'. Medley also means 'musical entertainment consisting of diverse parts from different sources'. In other words, one song from this group, another song from that group, a musical entertainment piece from this entertainer - a whole concert, a medley of different parts of musical entertainment. Are we not seeing and hearing a MEDLEY at this time in social media

and from mainstream media concerning this whole topic? It's all musical entertainment and God calls it a merry-go-round ride, which is going to crash and people are going to lose their lives. But He sees the genuine truth seekers and God lovers amongst those that are earnestly taking part in and watching with fixed attention the musical entertainment from different sources, and if they will embrace the truth that is presented to them, they will be rescued out of the merry-go-round ride. That is the task and the assignment of my friend who's been given a revelation that she will release in the coming days concerning the whole topic.

My task is to speak to the remnant and tell them they need to put on blinkers so that they can only look straight ahead, because the distractions that are being released at this time; the frequency of the musical and sound bites being released at this time are alluring. In other words, they are saying things that you have desired to hear, whatever it is you've desired to hear. That's what the distraction is doing and saying, but it's BAIT to lead you into a trap. As I've said before, Hebrews 12:1 says 'wherefore' - it means go and read Hebrews chapter 11 and Hebrews chapter 11 follows Hebrews chapter 10, where it speaks about having need of patience, the same word translated 'endurance' that Hebrews 12:1 speaks of. We must run with patience, the race set before us. In other words, we must be those of faith, not drawing back in fear. Why do people draw back in fear? Because something that is going to be painful to the flesh is ahead, and the flesh and the spirit wrestle as to whether you're going to stand and walk by faith or whether you're going to draw back. But just remember this, that if you draw back, God's soul has no pleasure in you, and you disqualify yourself from being a beloved son in whom He is well pleased.

Don't draw back, Beloved. Put on your blinkers. Don't get distracted. And I said to the Lord, as I was pondering all this He was showing me, "Practically speaking, how do you put on blinkers?" He said, "**You press the off button!**" Whatever it is that you're about to watch and listen to, PRESS THE OFF BUTTON. Look unto Jesus. Gaze intently at Jesus and how He ran the race so that you know how to run your race. Put your faith blinkers on, remnant. Look unto Jesus - nobody else. Don't look to a man of flesh to be your saviour, to deal with the wicked. It is God who deals with the wicked in His judgments, not a man of flesh. Don't give your worship to a man of flesh. Don't elevate a man of flesh. Don't be distracted by the melody and the musical entertainment of different sounds. One person is pro, one person is against. One person says 'conspiracy'. One says the enemy wants to take him out because he's God's man for

the hour. The other person says, "Oh no, he's conjured the whole thing up to get more supporters"... Don't listen to the musical entertainment! That touchstone is in operation. Where do you stand before the Lord in the revealing light of His countenance? Jesus is calling, "**Come away with Me**". Hear the remnant melody, the frequency of heaven calling you to union. Don't be distracted by the different tunes alluring you. It's a baited trap!

Now I want to go back to the place where God was speaking about the genuine truth seekers and God lovers in the midst of the melee. He sees them, and if they will embrace the truth that He brings their way, they will be rescued out of it. And then the Lord took me to the Scripture in Hosea 4:6, which says, '*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge*'... And you know, we love to quote that. We love to quote that, but we never quote the whole verse. This is what it says.

'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge. I also will reject you from being a priest unto Me, since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your sons, even I'.

So, because people only ever quote half of the scripture, we think people are destroyed for lack of knowledge BECAUSE IT WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO THEM. This is not what God is saying! He says that the lack of knowledge is because they have REJECTED knowledge. It was made available to them and they said, "No, don't tell me that! I don't want to hear it. I don't want to know that. Don't tell me, don't tell me the truth. Let me continue in my delusion"... and your delusion will bring you to destruction. The word 'reject' used there in 'rejecting knowledge' is H3988. It means 'to spurn, to despise, to disdain, to refuse'. So, when truth is brought the way of God's people, when truth is presented to them, they despise it. They cast it away. They disdain it. "Oh, that's absolute nonsense. That person just made that up. They just trying to confuse me". No! God has seen truth your way and you are rejecting it - and so you are going to be responsible for your own destruction. And God says because you have rejected the knowledge that He sent your way, He will also reject you and you will no longer serve Him as a priest.

We've been made priests and kings unto our God, but because you reject the truth He sends your way when you're on the merry-go-round ride. With the musical entertainment, you know when you go on a merry go round, there's always this

mindless tune that plays over and over and over again. You'd rather listen to that, then listen to the frequency of truth. You despise the frequency of truth, but you find the frequency of the musical entertainment alluring and attractive and appealing to your desires. Therefore, God says, "You are disqualifying yourself from serving Me as a priest, a royal priest". You disqualifying yourself because you've said, "I disdain and cast away this knowledge that's come my way. I prefer the deception. I prefer the alluring musical entertainment. I like the merry-go-round ride", but God says to you, "It's going to crash and you're going to be cast to your own destruction":... And He's not going to remember your children either, because the sins of the fathers are visited on the sons, even to the fourth generation. So, this is a serious thing!

I want to read to you 2 Thessalonians 2:8. *'And then the lawless one will be revealed, and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of His mouth and bring him to an end by His appearing at His coming. The coming of the lawless one is through the activity and working of Satan, and will be attended by great power, and with all sorts of miracles, and signs and lying wonders, and by unlimited seduction to evil, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they did not welcome the truth, but refused to love it that they might be saved.'*

Therefore. THEREFORE, because they did not welcome the truth, but *refused it, disdained it, rejected it, despised it, cast it away, and refused to love it*, *'God sends upon them a misleading influence, a working of error and strong delusion to make them believe what is false, in order that all may be judged and condemned, who did not believe in the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness'*. What a sobering scripture, precious remnant. Beseech God to make you a lover of truth. One thing about truth is that it pierces the heart. It divides between soul and spirit. It's not a comfortable thing. Truth is not an alluring thing. Truth is a confronting thing. Truth makes you stop in your tracks, takes your breath away. And actually, your first instinct is to want to run from it. Because it's painful to embrace and welcome truth when the double-edged sword of truth pierces your heart. It takes courage to embrace it. Pray and ask God to make you a lover of truth, because the Holy Spirit leads you into all truth.

He does not lead you into all musical entertainment. He doesn't come to play you a medley of songs that soothe your flesh. When you are in a dimly lit room and the lights get switched on, you have to shade your eyes in the beginning because it's not comfortable. When light is switched on, it exposes everything that has been lurking

under cover of the dimness of the place you find yourself in - and you have a choice. At that moment you can either disdain and reject and refuse it and switch the light off again, in which case you are going to perish for the lack of knowledge because the light was switched on in your life and brought to you, so that you could see what was hiding under cover of darkness. The Lord says '*everything hidden will be revealed*' but if you disdain and reject truth, if you reject the knowledge that the Spirit of Truth brings you, you are disqualifying yourself from being a priest unto the Lord God. What a sobering thing. The fear of God grips me. I pray for all my children - as grown up and big as they are, "Father, make them lovers of truth. Give them courage to stand with truth. Give them a hatred of that which is evil. But most of all, God, let them always welcome and embrace the truth, no matter how painful it may be in its initial impact in their lives", because when you know the truth, the truth will set you free. FREE. You will not be caught in the snare of the fowler. You will not take the bait of the falconer. You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free - but before it sets you free, the knowing and the embracing and the loving of truth is painful to the flesh.

God says in 2 Thessalonians 2 that because people do not love and welcome the truth, God sends upon them that strong delusion! That is the judgment. They start believing what is false, and the thing that they are judged on is because they did not believe in and embrace and love truth.

It's important to remember some things about truth:

- Truth does not change when the culture or the fashion or the president changes.
- Truth does not need to defend itself and it is not changed one iota by lies being spoken.
- Truth is always truth, even if no one is speaking it. Lies are always lies, even if everyone is agreeing with them.
- Everything hidden will be revealed and truth cannot be suppressed indefinitely.
- Truth is a shield to those who embrace it. Psalm 91:4 says, '*under his wings you will trust and find refuge. His truth and his faithfulness are a shield and a buckler.*'
- The absorption of truth sanctifies and purifies you. John 17:17 '*Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth.*' Proverbs 16:6 says '*By mercy, truth and fidelity (or faithfulness) iniquity is purged out of the heart, and by the fear of the Lord, men depart from and avoid evil.*' Not the fear of men, not the reverence of men, but the fear and reverence of the Lord helps you to avoid evil. Proverbs 23:23 says

'Buy the truth, and sell it not. Not only that, get discernment, instruction, and understanding'.

Precious ones, my job today was to tell the remnant they need to put blinkers on, because the distractions at this time are so alluring. Do not waste your time looking at all the different points of view and all the things that are coming out the woodwork, declaring to be the facts about situations that are unfolding. It is your flesh that is finding it alluring. It's appealing to your desires when it coincides and is in union with your doctrine - but it doesn't mean that it is truth. The distractions are alluring. What is a distraction? It's something that is put in your path to cause your eyes to look away from the goal and the finish line.

What did Hebrews 12 say? Verse 1: *'Let us run with patience or endurance the race that is set before us'*. And then in verse 2, it tells you what that race is. It says, we have an example in Jesus who also had a race set before Him - and that race was the race that included the cross, the shame of the cross. And because He did not get distracted, because with patience and endurance, He ran his race; He finished his race, He is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God as a Son of the Right Hand. He is our example.

You want to be counted as a son? Endure the chastening and the discipline of the Lord. There is a great cloud of records and witnesses of those who have run the race of faith. Some of them are in the Word, others are in biographies of saints that have gone on to be with the Lord. All of these cause us to consequently cast aside weights that make us go slowly, and cast aside the things that beset us and thwart those who are trying to run the race, and with endurance, keep going, looking, gazing attentively at Jesus, who is the Author and the Finisher. If we do this, Beloved, then the joy of being sons of the right hand; those in whom He is well pleased, will be our portion. Don't get sucked into the merry-go-round. Don't get sucked into the medley of musical entertainment. Don't yield to the allurements of the distractions. Put on the blinkers, use the off button and consider attentively Jesus.

May the Lord bless you and add to what I've shared. Amen.