

Fresh Oil Releases

Servants and Sons

Greetings in the glorious Name of Jesus

Thank-you to all who have emailed me with encouragement and news of your location. I have been blessed beyond measure in realizing the extent of God's workings. May I encourage all of you to share what the Lord puts on your heart whenever He prompts you - you have no realization of how far that Word can travel, whether by word of mouth or in written form. A living Word has resurrection life within it and moves at heaven's direction beyond the reaches of our narrow vision. It is true that He upholds everything with His mighty Word of power!

After sharing the 3 visions, I have been pondering much on them and want to share with you a passage of scripture which, I believe, has application. Let's go to Genesis 22 and the account of Abraham obeying God's command to sacrifice his son.

*Gen 22:4 On the **third day** he looked up and saw the place in the distance. Abraham told his two young servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I are going over there to worship; then we'll come back to you." Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and gave it to Isaac his son to carry. He carried the flint and the knife. The two of them went off together.*

Here we have a prophetic picture of what is happening at present. It was on the third day that Abraham lifted his vision and saw his destination. In this Third Day we too are beginning to lift our vision and see in the Spirit where God is desiring us to go. What I find significant here is that a separation occurs. Abraham tells his servants to remain behind with the donkey at the foot of the mountain and takes his son with him on the rest of the journey. Right here at the foot of the mountain, servants are separated from sons by the Father. A servant can never inherit from the Father. Only a son has a legal right to the inheritance. Only a son can be a vessel which receives a trans-generational blessing. Beloved, God has dealings that are only applied to sons. He carries these out away from the eyes of servants, on the top of the mountain where you are alone with Him. Servants are assigned stewardship of the ass and the baggage. They will return from this journey to their various tasks within the house. A son is assigned stewardship of the inheritance. After this journey, he will be forever changed. This mountain journey is for the shaping and forging of a mature sonship. The father describes it as a journey of worship. In actual fact, it is a depiction of the following verse:

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to God, which is your reasonable worship.

It is interesting what Abraham does next. He lays the wood for the sacrifice on Isaac's back. This wood represents the cross. Beloved, have you been journeying up the mountain, carrying your cross? Have you felt the weight of it and been reminded by the Holy Spirit that this is a requirement if you want to walk in the footsteps of Jesus?

Mat 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. Mat 16:25 For whoever desires to save his life shall lose it, and whoever desires to lose his life for My sake shall find it.

Remember that it is the Father who has laid it on you. It is your assigned portion of the burden of preparation for the destination. What does the Father take on this journey which you and He are going on together?

Gen 22:6And he took the fire in his hand, and a knife. And they both went together.

The Father brings fire and knife. This speaks to me of refining and circumcision. This journey which the sons of God are taking is for the purpose of refining and removing of all dross and secondly, it is for the circumcision of the heart. Moses too went on a journey up the mountain on the seventh day and while he was there, God wrote on the tablets of stone. Beloved, this journey you are on is for the purpose of making you a living letter, written by the hand of God and not man. The fire and the knife are to put to death the flesh in you. The flesh is a parallel of the son of man, son of the earth. The son of man must be sacrificed that you may return with a revelation of the Son of God. The time for earthly revelation is over. The time for relating to Jesus as the Son of Man is over. You are in the process of receiving a revelation of Jesus as the Son of God, full of resurrection power, seated at the right hand of the Father.

Notice that at the beginning of the journey, Abraham refers to Isaac as a lad. This speaks of immaturity. However, after walking with the wood on his back for a while this changes. Isaac still has no personal revelation of Christ as the slain lamb. Yet when he asks, Abraham calls him 'son'.

Gen 22:7 And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, My father. And he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood. But where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering. So they both went together.

Here we see a close relationship developing. The son has a question and the Father is right there to answer it. Isaac sees some of the details, but does not have full revelation. Everything doesn't make sense to him but he is reassured that God will take care of everything. For a second time we are told that they journeyed on together. Beloved, the Father is right there with you, every step of the way. Receive His comfort when you don't understand what is happening. Keep walking.

When they reach the appointed place, an altar is built and Isaac is bound upon it. God is determined to deal with the fleshly in you, son of God. He will bind you to the altar until He sees what He desires coming forth in you. What is this thing that God is looking for?

Gen 22:12 And He said, Do not lay your hand on the lad, nor do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only one, from Me.

God is looking of the fear of God in you. He is using the fire and the knife to deliver from the fear of man and to impart to you the fear of God. This is one of the endowments of the sevenfold Spirit of God - the Spirit of the fear of the Lord. When you have this within your heart, you have reached the beginning of wisdom.

Gen 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. Gen 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

In this place Isaac sees with his own eyes the substitute sacrifice, the one who takes his place. The sons of God receive revelation for themselves of the One who took their place. They receive a revelation of Christ the slain Lamb through what they experience in this place of the fire and the knife. *In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen!*

The result of obedience and the fear of the Lord is a release of blessing and multiplication to all nations:

Gen 22:17 that in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is upon the seashore. And your Seed shall possess the gate of His enemies. And in your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

This experience at the top of the mountain marks a turning point in the journey of the sons of God. They then descend and return to the place they started out. In other words they have come full-circle. It is here that the vision of the number seven being written on the foreheads comes in. God's purpose in taking his sons on this journey is completed.

The painful journey of the fire and the knife has an appointed end. It is followed by descending and returning - this speaks of a humbling of self which brings one to the journey's end. Jesus humbled himself:

*Phi 2:5 For let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, He **humbled** Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him, and has given Him a name which is above every name...*

The time of preparation is over when you have come full-circle. Until then, endure and receive the Father's dealing with meekness.

Heb 12:5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons, "My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and He scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons, for what son is he whom the father does not chasten?

The word 'chastening' means 'teaching, training' and is to equip you to carry out His purposes. God brings His sons to this mountain because He has to remove from them the things that can be shaken :

*Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are written in Heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men **made perfect**(consecrated, fulfilled, completed), and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape, those who refused him that spoke on earth, much more we shall not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from Heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will not only shake the earth, but also the heavens." And this word, "Yet once more," signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, so that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since **we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken**, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear, for also, "Our God is a consuming fire."*

Gen 22:19 Then Abraham went back to his young servants. They rose up and returned to Beersheba. Abraham settled down in Beersheba.

Beersheba means 'well of the sevenfold oath'. Do you remember the Lord whispered 'you have been sevensensed' concerning the sealing on the forehead? An oath has been taken concerning you. It is an oath concerning the blessing. The Seed of Christ is going to bless the nations of the earth through you! This unfolding promise is a kingdom that cannot be shaken. A sevenfold oath cannot be broken!! We are destined to be conformed to the image of the Son. The word 'image' means 'resemblance, likeness'. Christ is to be seen in and through us! The number seven speaks of a completing of a process. The Message Bible puts it well;

*Rom 8:28 That's why we can be so sure that **every detail** in our lives of love for God is worked into something good. God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, **gloriously completing what He had begun.***

Abraham and Isaac dwelt at Beersheba. It was a permanent place to stay. Beloved, after the completion of the preparation, you are to dwell in this place of the seven-fold oath in the presence of the Father. This is the place of tasting and seeing that God is good; the place of experiencing the manifestation of His promises to you. Mature sonship is required to receive the fullness of the inheritance held in store for us. This trip up the mountain is worth it. It is here that Christ will be seen in us. Complete the journey, Beloved, a new chapter awaits!