52 Days of Building a Second Wall with the Word and Wisdom

**Revive the Precious Stones**

Day 19 – June 1, 2013

Last Sunday, in 3pm prayer, the Lord spoke through us about something very dear to his heart. He spoke with passion and urgency for those who are lost. His heart is for the lost, for all who do not know Him. He wants to be their Loving heavenly Father, their Savior, and their comforter. As we have cried out to the Lord to know His heart and walk in His heart, we must have the same passion and compassion for those who are in spiritual darkness and death. He desires that NONE will perish; do we have that same heart?

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

**2 Peter 3:9** “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance**.”

God loves the whole world; that means every person on this planet, no matter what they believe now about God, no matter what they have done. He loves them ALL and He wants all mankind to come to Him in repentance. We are all sinners; we have all fallen short of the righteousness of God. But God, out of His love for us and His desire for us to come close to Him to minister to Him; He sent His Son Jesus to take the punishment for all of our sins. He broke the bondage of sin and set us free to shine for God’s glory.

We can all agree that we live in a world that is getting progressively darker and more evil. We should not be surprised at that. God has warned us that as the time draws near for the Lord Jesus to return, darkness will abound as never before.

**2 Timothy 3:1-4** “But realize this, that **in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be** lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.”

In **Isaiah 60:2**, He tells us again that **deep darkness will cover the earth** and the people on the earth.

What are we to do? Cower in the darkness and wait for it to pass? NO! We must understand that **we are the light in the darkness**. God has taken us out of our darkness, He has purged and cleansed our hearts, He has robed us in righteousness, and armored us with His Holy Spirit. He has put His love in our hearts, and we are to shine.

**1 Peter 2:9**    “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who **called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”**

**Please read Isaiah 60: 1-7**.

What are we to do with this light in us? **We must rise and shine**; the glory of the Lord rests upon us, and we must not hide that light. Jesus told us that we must not hide our light under a bushel basket, we must not hide it under a bed, but we must put it up on a lampstand for all to see. To see us, NO; but to **see the light of God in us and be drawn to it.**

Isaiah 60 talks about the lost, great and small, being drawn to this light. When we glorify God in all we do and say, when we live our lives for Him, and when we love Him with all of our hearts, we will shine. This light is evident to the world. Just as the aroma of God’s presence on us is like incense, a sweet smelling aroma to those around us.

**It is time for the Body of Christ, the Church, and the followers of Christ to be very noticeable to the world, to be a bright light in the darkness.** We have spent too much time trying to look like the world, and all it has done is dull the light. We are different than the world and we must be excited about that. The way of the world is death, but **the way of the Lord is life**!

**As priests, we must give out the aroma of life, the aroma of God’s presence. As kings, we must shine brightly so those in darkness can see the light and come to it.** We must not discount the light that we have. We must stop comparing ourselves to others who have great big lights. I guarantee they did not start out that way. We must know that even one tiny light dispels darkness. Think about a candlelight service. All the lights are out, and it is dark. But as soon as the first candle is lit, the darkness begins to flee. You can see; dimly, but you can see. As soon as your light ignites another light, the light is doubled, and so on, it goes all around the room. The radiance of the multiplied light is glorious to see. We must **all** shine our lights into the darkness.

**Please read 1 Kings 10:1-10**. The Queen of Sheba heard about the wisdom of King Solomon that he attributed to his God. **He was a shining light in the darkness of the world.** His kingdom was different than all the others in the world. His people were content, safe, and prosperous. The Queen of Sheba had probably sent envoys to find out what was so different about King Solomon, but she still could not believe their reports. **She was drawn to the light of King Solomon**, and she made the journey to see for herself what was different. As she spent time with the King, she was touched by his openness and his genuine wisdom. **She acknowledged the source of his “light” was Almighty God!** As a tribute to God, she gave King Solomon “a very great amount of gold, spices, and precious stones.”

Let’s go back to **Isaiah 60: 5-7**. Do you see the same thing here? As the lost are drawn to those who have the light, they offer up great treasures to the Lord, all to praise and glorify Almighty God.

Now, before our mind goes to a treasure chest full of gold and precious jewels, we must put on God’s mind, and see the treasure for what it represents. When God spoke to us last Sunday, He told us that **the “lost” are treasures to Him,** **precious jewels**. Right now they are filthy, and everyone thinks they are trash; worthless stones that have been thrown away. But God see us as living stones, coming together to be built into His temple.

**1 Peter 2:5**    “**you also, as living stones**, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

When Nehemiah was rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, he used stones that had been reduced to rubble, trash. They were heaps of dirty and burned rocks, seemingly useless. Sanballat and Tobiah mocked Nehemiah for using these worthless stones. (Nehemiah 4:1-3) But Nehemiah saw their value and used them to build the great walls of Jerusalem.

The enemy wants us to ignore the lost, those who have been discarded because of their sins or the sins of their families. These living stones do not look very good, but neither did we until the Lord picked us up out of the rubble of our lives and cleaned and polished us. Just like a diamond or a ruby, they start as ugly rocks that most of us would not even know were valuable. It isn’t until they are cut and polished that their true worth and beauty emerges. Think of a pearl, it begins with a grain of sand, something very ordinary. But over time, the irritation and discomfort of the sand, produces layer upon layer of luminous pearl. We can see the same thing in our lives. We do not become shining Christians when we ask the Lord to come into our hearts. We look the same as the ordinary rock. But when we let the Lord cut things out of our lives, tests us with irritating trials, cleanse and polish us with His Word, and then put His love and the light of His presence in us, then we shine.

**Isaiah 54: 11-12** "O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted, Behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and your foundations I will lay in sapphires. Moreover, I will make your battlements of rubies, and your gates of crystal, and **your entire wall of precious stones.** “

We have become beautiful precious jewels to the Lord, to be placed in the walls of His temple.

**1 Corinthians 3:16** “Do you not know that **you are a temple of God** and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

God has asked us to build a second wall, with His Word and wisdom. We must see that this wall is different than the one we build at the beginning of the year. **God wants us to use our God given authority as Kings and priests to bring the lost to Him.**  When we shine as His precious jewels, reflecting His light in the darkness, the lost will see it and be drawn to it. God is asking us to **position ourselves in the midst of the lost, so they can see the light.** He will bring them to us and **we must touch the lost with His love**. We must love them and tell them God loves them. We must say the words He gives us and trust Him with the results. As Kings, we must find these hidden treasures of the dark places, and set these precious stones in place on the wall. **Once they are set into the wall** (walking in obedience to His Word and walking in God’s wisdom), **they will shine**.

**What type of wall are we building these 52 days?** Let us build it with gold (faith) and precious stones (redeemed souls), that will be strong and beautiful, able to withstand the coming fire of judgment.

**1 Corinthians 3:11-13** “For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.”

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

**Please continue to read Psalm 119:25-48, and memorize Psalm 119:33**. We must hide God’s Word in our heart.

Spend some serious time alone with God with this word, and ask Him how He wants you are to walk out touching the lost with His Love, loving and valuing the discarded stones.