

EYES TO SEE

Hello I'm Jim Fuller. I'd like to share a few thoughts and a bunch of scriptures from the amplified Bible with you.

In Colossians 1.9 Paul prayed for the Colossian believers, for this reason we also, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased to pray and make special requests for you, asking THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH THE FULL, DEEP AND CLEAR, KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL IN ALL SPIRITUAL WISDOM, AND COMPREHENSIVE INSIGHT INTO THE WAYS AND PURPOSES OF GOD, AND IN UNDERSTANDING AND DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITUAL THINGS.

THAT YOU MAY WALK, LIVE AND CONDUCT YOURSELF IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE LORD, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and STEADILY GROWING AND INCREASING IN AND BY THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, with fuller, deeper, and clearer insight.

WE PRAY THAT YOU MAY BE INVIGORATED AND STRENGTHENED WITH ALL POWER ACCORDING TO THE MIGHT OF HIS GLORY, to exercise every kind of endurance and patience, perseverance and forbearance with joy, GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER WHO HAS QUALIFIED AND MADE US FIT TO SHARE THE PORTION WHICH IS THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS, God's holy people in the light.

THE FATHER HAS DELIVERED AND DRAWN US TO HIMSELF OUT OF THE CONTROL AND DOMMINION OF DARKNESS AND HAS TRANSFERRED US INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE SON OF HIS LOVE, in whom we have our redemption through His blood which means the forgiveness of our sins.

Please note, that Paul is praying here for believers. Those who have accepted Jesus as their Savior.

It's also obvious from his prayer that he believes that there is more to living the Christian life than praying the sinners prayer, attending a church that we like, trying to be really nice people, and waiting for the rapture.

In Ephesians 1.17 Paul also prayed the following for the Ephesian believers.

For I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, THAT HE MAY GRANT YOU A SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION, INSIGHT INTO THE MYSTERIES AND SECRETS, IN THE DEEP AND INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM, BY HAVING THE EYES OF YOUR HEART FLOODED WITH LIGHT, SO THAT YOU CAN KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE HOPE TO WHICH HE HAS CALLED YOU, AND HOW RICH IS HIS GLORIOUS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS, his set aprt ones.

AND SO YOU CAN KNOW AND UNDERSTAND WHAT IS THE IMMEASURABLE AND UNLIMITED AND SURPASSING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER IN AND FOR US WHO BELIEVE,

as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand in the Heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named, above every title that can be conferred, not only in this age and in this world but also in the age and the world, which are to come, and he has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme head of the church, a headship exercised throughout THE CHURCH, WHICH IS HIS BODY, THE FULLNESS OF HIM WHO FILLS ALL AND IN ALL, FOR IN THAT BODY LIVES THE FULL MEASURE OF HIM WHO MAKES EVERYTHING COMPLETE, AND WHO FILLS EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE WITH HIMSELF.

Again, Paul makes it very clear that the mere natural understanding of our senses is totally inadequate to perceive God's awesome, supernatural, work on our behalf and the eternal destiny that He restored for us, as His children.

The perception of our senses and even the studying of the Bible without the revelation of God's Holy Spirit only creates religion. God is the only one Who can redeem us back into the oneness of our original relationship with Him as members of His family.

Paul's prayer for these believers was that they would receive revelation from the Holy Spirit to perceive and know what God's incredible love made available for them, in them, and through them.

Let me share a couple stories from the old covenant that show the drastic difference between natural reason and perception and spiritual sight.

In 2nd Kings chapter 6, the king of Syria was warring against Israel. Elisha the prophet was telling the Israelites where the king of Syria was going to be and how to avoid him.

The king of Syria thought he had a mole in his ranks. But one of his servants said it's not us, it's Elisha the Prophet who's telling the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bed chamber.

When the king of Syria found out that Elisha was in Dothan he sent, by night, a large army with horses and chariots to surround the city.

When Elisha's servant rose early in the morning and saw the armies surrounding Dothan, he asked Elisha, Master what shall we do?

Elisha answered, fear not, for those with us are more than those with them.

Then Elisha prayed, Lord I pray You, open his eyes that he may see. And the Lord open the young man's eyes and he saw and behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elijah.

Elijah spoke God's word and struck the army blind. They led them right into the garrison of the Israelite army.

The commander asked Elisha shall we kill them?

He said no. Feed them and send them home.

The result of hearing God's word and speaking it, the armies of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

Our natural perception of negative circumstances only produces fear. Hearing God's voice and trusting His character and His covenant Love for us, produces results that only He can create.

Look for a moment at Exodus chapter 14. After their miraculous deliverance from Egypt, God told His people to camp by the Red Sea. God said, I will harden Pharaoh's heart that he will pursue them, and I will gain Honor and Glory over Pharaoh and all of his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord.

Pharaoh chose his 600 best chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them, and sent them after the children of Israel at the Red Sea.

When the Israelites saw Pharaoh's army approaching they complained to Moses, is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you've taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you treated us this way and brought us out of Egypt?

Did we not tell you in Egypt, let us alone, let us serve the Egyptians? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.

Moses said to the people, fear not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord which he will work for you today. These Egyptians you have seen today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall be silent and remain at rest.

Then the pillar of fire that was leading them moved behind them to block the Egyptians from advancing. They crossed the Red Sea on dry land, and when they reached the other side, Moses spoke God's word, and the waters returned to their place and killed Pharaoh's entire army.

It is really incredible, and hard to comprehend, how after the Israelites saw and experienced the miraculous judgments on the gods of Egypt and their deliverance from 430 years of bondage in one day, that their natural senses and reason determined that bondage in Egypt was better than freedom with the physical presence of the Living God fighting for them.

1 Corinthians 10.11 states that

Now these things happened to them as an EXAMPLE AND THEY WERE WRITTEN FOR OUR INSTRUCTION, upon whom the ends of the ages have come

We really need to pay attention.

Here's what I believe God is saying to us today.

All over this planet people are doing everything they know to avoid getting covid-19, to get rid of it quickly if they do contract it, trying to use every bit of wisdom and intelligence to keep it from spreading, and applying every bit of medical knowledge to come up with effective vaccines.

Most of the church is praying that God would help the drug companies come up with new vaccines, so we can get back to normal.

It's a sad situation that the church is just as powerless against this pandemic as the the world of unbelievers is.

In the two examples that I shared from the old Covenant, it shows that when we don't focus on the circumstances, and employ our own reason, but as we look to God, hearing His voice, and doing what He says to do, they experienced the kind of deliverance that only God can bring.

Under the old covenant these unbelieving survivors experienced supernatural deliverance and victory by God's power.

Satan is powerless against God's total victory, but he will bring resistance, by circumstances, by people, by the government, and even by religion.

Today as God's children who have been born of God and are members of His family, we are under a new and better covenant. As Hebrews 7.25 states, Christ has saved us to the uttermost.(completely, perfectly and eternally).

Yet modern Christians have thousands of reasons why God's perfect sacrifice only helps a little, or that God can't or won't do these things anymore. When the scriptures are clear that Christ's one time sacrifice over 2000 years ago, already redeemed us into the Father's family, as His children, His heirs and joint heirs with Christ of everything that God has and has delivered us from Satan's authority over us.

(See Colossians 1.12+13, Romans 8.16, John 16.15, Hebrews 9.12+15, Hebrews 10.10+14).

Here is what the Holy Spirit is speaking to me personally.

You have been transferred out of Satan's authority and are now under God's Kingdom authority.

Do not ever accept from Satan, any thoughts of fear, doubt, condemnation, or unbelief in God's faithfulness. Do not ever accept any sickness, weakness, pain, or lack of health from him as your portion. Even if you've had to receive medical treatment, this is not your portion from the Father. Our Father has a much greater inheritance for His children.

Because as Romans 8.1 states,

[THERE IS] NOW NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, *who live [and] walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit.*

FOR THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE [WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS] the law of our new being] HAS FREED ME FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH.

FOR GOD HAS DONE WHAT THE LAW COULD NOT DO, [it's power] being weakened by the flesh [the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, GOD CONDEMNED SIN IN THE FLESH [SUBDUED, OVERCAME DEPRIVED IT OF IT'S POWER OVER ALL WHO ACCEPT THAT SACRIFICE].

God believes that Christ's sacrifice completely set us free. He's asking us to accept it as our reality by faith in His supernatural work on our behalf.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you in the scriptures everything that God has made available to His children and then hang on to them as if your life depends on it, because it does.

And as Paul told the Colossian believers in chapter 3.1 in the amplified version.

IF THEN YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST, [TO A NEW LIFE, THUS SHARING HIS RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD], AIM AT AND SEEK THE [RICH, ETERNAL TREASURES] THAT ARE ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS, SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.

AND SET YOUR MINDS AND KEEP THEM SET ON WHAT IS ABOVE (THE HIGHER THINGS) NOT ON THE THINGS THAT ARE ON THE EARTH.

FOR [as far as this world is concerned] YOU HAVE DIED, AND YOUR [NEW, REAL] LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD. WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS OUR LIFE, APPEARS, THEN YOU ALSO WILL APPEAR WITH HIM IN [THE SPLendor OF HIS] GLORY. THESE SCRIPTURES ARE NOT RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS.

THEY ARE STATEMENTS OF REALITY FROM THE ONLY ONE IN THE UNIVERSE WHO CAN MAKE THEM OUR REALTY.

Let's ask the Holy Spirit to give us eyes to see the reality of these revelations.

God bless you.

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