

ACCESS

I'd like to share a couple of thoughts and quite a few scriptures with you about access.

Hebrew 10.19

Enter boldly with full assurance of faith into the Holy of Holies because of a New and Living Way that's been made available by Christ.

When Christ was risen from the dead, the veil of the temple, that concealed access to God's presence, was torn from the top to the bottom allowing access into the Holy of Holies.

After His resurrection, in John 20, Jesus told Mary, tell my brothers that I'm going to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God. It created a completely new relationship for them. They were no longer His disciples, they had become His brothers.

Romans 8.16

The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, If children, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ, of all things. Because of this new relationship and oneness with God, that Christ made available to us, our entire life and way of living has changed.

Jesus said in John 16.15 that,

Everything that the Father has is Mine, that's what I meant when I said, the Holy Spirit will come and give it to you.

Jesus taught a whole new way of living life on this planet. He showed us by example that we can live from the presence of God and manifest His eternal life in this natural world.

Matthew 6.25

Give no thought to what you will eat, what you will drink, and what you will wear, for is not life greater than these things?

Under the curse of separation from God, men had become obsessed with just getting by in this world. Life had become the process of just meeting their own needs.

Jesus taught another way to live. He said, seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you.

Here's an example from the Old Testament.

God provided Manna in the wilderness, to see whether His people would actually trust Him. They had to get up every morning and evening, respond to His word and gather it themselves.

They had to believe that it would be there by the promise of God. They had never seen it ever before in their whole life. But God said, it would be there and He wanted them to trust Him to get up every day and go and gather it.

He told them not to store it up overnight, or else it would rot and create worms and stink. He wanted them to trust Him. If they gathered up more than they needed for today, they really didn't believe that He'd be there with it for them.

In Genesis, God created man in His image. Man did not own the world, he just had access to everything in it by a word from God. He said, you can eat from any tree and every tree in the garden as you need it.

They had access to the provision of God.

After the fall from the garden, because of Adam's disobedience, he no longer had access. He had to scratch and claw by his own effort, by his own sweat, and his own labor to provide for himself. In the garden, he was one with God. God was the source that provided everything for Him. It was an effortless relationship for him.

Let me give an illustration of the difference between our resources and access to God's provision.

Two young boys go to college. One boy's father said, here is \$75,000 for tuition, books and expenses. The other boy's father was a wealthy Saudi Arabian Sheik. His dad said, here is my credit card to use for whatever you need. The boy with the \$75,000 said to the boy with the credit card, I've got \$75,000 in my bank account, how much do you have?

The Sheik's son said, my bank balance is zero, but I have access to everything my father has, whenever I need it.

That's the difference between our own resources and access to our inheritance as God's children.

One of the problems with religion is that people have been taught to continually ask God to help support and maintain THEIR OWN NATURAL LIFE.

In God's plan, the Gospel, He says, I WANT TO BE YOUR LIFE, AND BECAUSE I AM YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL HAVE NO LACK, because I AM Jehovah-Jireh, the God Who provides.

The Kingdom way is a complete contrast to the world's way of doing things.

Mark 11.24

When you pray, ask, believing that you have already received it and you shall have the very thing that you have asked.

This scripture puzzled me for many years, because my mind couldn't comprehend how I could ask for something as though I already had it and then expect to receive it.

When I asked the Holy Spirit to reveal it to me, His answer made perfect sense. He said that everything we receive in the Kingdom from God is by inheritance. The Father has already made provision for you.

And HE ACTUALLY IS THE PROVISION FOR YOU.

When you pray, you are not wishing and hoping that God might supply your need. HE ALREADY IS THE SUPPLY. You are just making a withdrawal on your inheritance, because you have been qualified to share in the inheritance of the saints. You are a son, an heir, and a joint heir with Christ, of all things.

A great example of this was when Peter and John saw the lame man at the gate beautiful. They said, silver and gold we do not have, but WHAT WE DO HAVE, WE GIVE TO YOU. Get up and walk.

Please note, that they did not stop and petition God to heal the man. They actually didn't pray at all.

They made a withdrawal on their inheritance that God had made available to them by the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ on their behalf and they spoke the word of God to the man by the Holy Spirit.

And then in Acts chapter 4, when the religious authorities threatened them not to speak in Jesus' name again. They went back to their brothers and they all prayed, Lord let us speak your word boldly, while you send your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place. Then the place where they were was shaken, and THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

2 Corinthians 9.8 states,

God is able to make ALL grace abound to you that you having ALL sufficiency in everything will have and abundance for every good work.

We will be able to minister according to God's abundance rather than according to our own resources, by God's empowering Grace.

2 Corinthians 3.5

Not that we are adequate in ourselves to think that anything is coming from ourselves, but OUR ADEQUACY IS FROM GOD, WHO HAS MADE US ADEQUATE as Ministers of the New Covenant in the Spirit.

Jesus said, It's the Spirit Who gives life, YOUR FLESH PROFITS NOTHING.

HE has given us the Holy Spirit, that we would know the things freely given to us by God. For the Holy Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

Jesus came saying, repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is here. He was telling us to repent of the life that we inherited from Adam and Eve, because the life that we were created for was actually here.

I believe what God is saying to me is, that He wants us to quit trying to minister to people with our own resources and our own natural lives inherited from Adam and Eve.

He wants us to surrender our lives to Him, receive Him as our supply and our inheritance, and then, sow that into the world for His benefit.

God bless you.

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