IN IT BUT NOT OF IT! - June 14, 2020

Takeaways from the 2020 Quarantine

Intro

The Foundation for Truth – How Does God See Us?

1. God Remains Unchanged
2. We Can Trust Him

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. - Hebrews 13:8

1. For Our Own Good

For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed. - Malachi 3:6

1. We are His People –
2. After salvation, we become a new people with a new identity and with a new perspective.

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; who were once not a people but now are the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10

1. We are His children and we can call Him our Father!

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1 John 3:1-3

1. We have a whole Bible to learn from!

Because we have been “grafted in” to Biblical Israel (Romans 11), we can learn from all the things they went through throughout the Bible and embrace the promises God made to them as our own!

1. Our Mission Has Not Changed

 What is the most important goal that you could ever have on this earth?
 - To learn to carry the Holy Spirit as Jesus Christ Himself did.

3 Things the LORD is highlighting to me during this lockdown.

1. What does the Bible teach us about the difference between stocking up provisions and hoarding?

 Stocking Up - God gave Joseph supernatural insight to prepare for a famine.

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. - Genesis 41:39

The Hebrew words for wise and wisdom (hakham and hokhmah) denote a high level of mental perceptivity, but also are used of a wide range of practical skills including craftsmanship of wood, precious stones, and metal (Exodus 31:3-5; 35:31-33), tailoring (Exodus 28:3; 35:26, 35), as well as administration (Deut. 34:9; 2 Chr. 1:10) and legal justice (1 Kings 3:28). These skills are found among unbelievers as well, but the wise in the Bible enjoy the special blessing of God who intends Israel to display God’s ways to the nations (Deut. 4:6). (from [www.theologyofwork.org](http://www.theologyofwork.org))

Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. Now in the seven plentiful years the ground brought forth abundantly. So, he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them. Joseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for it was immeasurable. - Genesis 41:46-49

 Hoarding - God told Moses to tell the people to only take what they needed.

This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’”

The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

Then Moses said to them, “No one is to keep any of it until morning.”

However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them. - Exodus 16:16-20

1. Who’s voice are you listening to?

“Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,

And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

‘I am the First and I am the Last;

Besides Me there is no God.

And who can proclaim as I do?

Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me,

Since I appointed the ancient people.

And the things that are coming and shall come,

Let them show these to them.

Do not fear, nor be afraid;

Have I not told you from that time, and declared it?

You are My witnesses.

Is there a God besides Me?

Indeed there is no other Rock;

I know not one.’ ”

Isaiah 44:6-8

1. Living a Life or Grace and Mercy

We are not of this world

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.  - John 17:14-16

Never forget that enemy wants to suck the anointing right out of you!

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. - Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Amen! The LORD be praised.

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