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“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, not much more you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” (Mathew 6v33).

The scripture quoted above will be of a great help in our this pilgrim to the Heavenly City the one to come and manifest I N US (Hebrew 13v14). The perplexity and the weariness we are all bound to encounter is not only of how to survive in the natural but chiefly our spiritual security in the midst of the many corrupt fallen voices we so often hear in the name of Christ plus a world of ever increasing evil.

It will be of a great comfort to us to know that nothing is happening in this world without the Knowledge of God. He knows all the sins and perversion including the sodomy spirit which is not only polluting the world but getting a strong hold in many backslidden Christian fellowships. The high rate of divorce and remarriages, the sinfulness of the youthful generation of our day who drink iniquity like water are all before HIS eyes. HE is still in control, still long suffering, merciful, and compassionate yet HE have a day of wrath reserved for the eternal destruction and perdition of the ungodly and backsliders.

Let us Live all this in HIS hands for the authority to save or destroy men Lives is not for us only as HE do it in us. When we walk and daily wait on HIM, HE will sure manifest HIS strength in us and we will daily mount like eagles high above all the distraction, trials and the challenges that will keep us walking in the lower fallen earthly realms.

“Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him. For he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be?” (Ecclesiastes 8v6-7).

STEPS WE MUST LEARN

1. We must be satisfied with HIS present will in us. HE will keep us ignorant about the next thing HE will manifest in us as we cling on HIM that we might know that it is HIS work and not ours.
2. He will come in a majority of cases when we do not the least expect HIM that we might learn to be always ready and faithful even in little things through HIS life in us.
3. He comes against our expectation that we might learn not to form a doctrines about HIS ways.

4. He manifest HIS power more in our weakness than in our day of strength that we might learn to be justify by Faith in HIS strength and not of our natural strength.

5. He sometimes uses trials to teach us without an audible voice, scriptures, dream, vision etc that we might learn to hear HIS voice in all situation even when HE seems to be silent.

6. He manifest HIS mercy when we think we reserve HIS wrath that we might recognize that it is by HIS mercy and grace we are what we are.

7. He chastises us so that we will not take HIS mercy for granted.

All this do Christ work in us that we might learn to know HIM in the present tense. The memory of the past can either bring condemnation or a false security because of former victories. The present Christ is the only hope of the sinner, backslider and the saint. The taught of the future which is not in knowing the reveal will of God will only bring doubt, fret and a path to sin.

If we are going to enter the Kingdom Christ came to establish here and reign with HIM while on earth (Revelation 5v10) we must seek it in the present tense forgetting the past and living the future in HIS hands.

When Christ work in us in the present tense this brings in a security of the future, because as long as HE is manifesting HIS nature in us we are abiding in the eternal; where the past, present and the future is working in harmony for our eternal good.

All the natural wound or bitterness we are all bound to receive from men it could be in our marriages, circular work, communities etc becomes a hindrance and closed the doors of the kingdom because of living on the taught of the past.

The spirit of Christ in us will empowered us to be daily cleanse from all the past wounds as we submit our will, emotion to HIS authority. When we refuse to submit to the authority of Christ to manifest HIS life in us and cleanse us from all past wounds it is a denial of the cross. The fruit of which in our communities will be rampant divorce and remarriage, crime, broken homes, adultery etc.

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In our daily walk with Christ we must learn to know there is a purpose and a time for the manifestation of everything God reveal to us, even as quoted above. God will only manifest at the right time as we cling on HIM not before the time. For example it is God will for us to preach the Gospel to the sinners around us but if we are to make impact we must walk in the timing and purpose of God. It is not enough to know the will of God, we must wait for HIS time, doing what HE will have us do now is our foundation, not what HE will do in some future to come. HE wills to manifest HIS nature in us now and to this we must daily submit without reservation, faithfulness in that which we called little things is what will bring a more manifestation of HIS life in us to conquer our other many enemies of the other nations that will try to hinder our progress to Canaan.

We must Seek God will in all things but if we did not allow HIM to manifest HIS will in HIS timing we will be like the backslider who went back to the world because the Lord did not come according to HIS own expectation. He complains that the LORD delayed HIS coming.

We have heard of stories of Christian whose devotion and love for the Lord grew cold because their expectation of a rapacious coming of the LORD in their expectation was not fulfilled. Like the Pharisees they taught the Kingdom of God will appear immediately. They did not recognize the fact that they cannot partake in the kingdom of God for eternity if HE did not build it within them.

Think about how many prophecies were given to the Old Testament prophets from Moses concerning the work of Calvary and the duration it took because before the Savior came. It is very possible that the Old Testament prophets like Moses never taught it will take so much time for the Savior to come. You see when God reveal HIS will to HIS children, it is a

lways fresh and does look like it will happen immediately, yet that is not always the case.

Let us conclude the fact that Christ is not more powerful in the past or the future but HE is the same yesterday, today and forever. Our hope in Christ is not futuristic but HIS present abiding in us. We have nothing to fret or fear about the future if HE is making HIS abode in us today. When we surrender all our understanding, emotion, doubt and fears and allow HIM to work HIS will in us without a desire to know or do anything but that which HE will have us know and do, we are sure to be safe IN HIM for eternity. Amen.