

BOLD AS A LION

Part 2

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 AMPC

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): *neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality,*

10 Nor cheats (swindlers and thieves), nor greedy graspers, nor drunkards, nor foulmouthed revilers and slanderers, nor extortioners and robbers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God.

*11 **And such some of you were [once].** But you were washed clean (purified by a complete atonement for sin and made free from the guilt of sin), and you were consecrated (set apart, hallowed), and you were justified [pronounced righteous, by trusting] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God.*

Righteousness is: a right standing with God or doing what is right in the sight of God according to HIS WORD. This is speaking about divine nature, a nature change. Having the nature of God and doing what He said we can do take a hold of us and be us. Righteousness will give us the ability to stand before God without guilt shame, condemnation or any sense of unworthiness.

2 Peter 1:1-4 AMPC

1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle (special messenger) of Jesus Christ, to those who have received (obtained an equal privilege of) like precious faith with ourselves in and through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2 May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is [a]perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and [b]freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, [c]precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

3 For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [[d]full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

4 By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

2 Peter 1:1-4 KJV

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

The word of God tells us in Proverbs chapter 28...

Proverbs 28:1 KJV

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Why are they bold?

2 Peter 1:1 KJV

1...they have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

We become more righteous through the knowledge of God and before we even read the Word of God this evening, I'm not trying to appeal to someone's natural knowledge. I don't want you to go through your intellectual reasoning to see if God's Word might be correct.

I want you to stay with the Bible, the uncompromising Word of God. Because, if you don't have the Word of God, you have dark knowledge and you won't even be able to identify with what I'm saying and won't even be able to evaluate what I'm saying or even start to think if I'm telling you the truth or not because you won't know what the truth is.

John 14:6 AMPC

*6 Jesus said to him, **I am the Way and the Truth and the Life**; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.*

John 1:1 AMPC

*1 In the beginning **[before all time] was the Word (Christ)**, and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God Himself**.*

There is a story in 2nd Kings about the Syrian army coming after Elisha, why? They were coming after him because he was telling secrets to the Israel army about how the Syrian army was going to attack them. This was a tremendous advantage. So the king found out it was the Prophet Elisha down there in the valley that was getting revelation knowledge (true prophecy, not guessing, not I think so, could be, not sure) from God.

The "Never Wrong" Prophet Elisha was being told by God advanced information so the king sent his army to capture Elisha. He must of sent quite a few soldiers because it says they surrounded the whole city where The Prophet Elisha was. He wanted to make sure Elisha didn't escape and bring him back to his palace and do whatever with him. The Bible say they came down by night, thinking they were being sneaky and tricky which is really dumb. Because, if the Prophet Elisha knew which way they were coming to get Israel don't you think he knew when and which way they were coming for him?

Scripture says they surrounded the city and Prophet Elisha's servant got up that morning and went into town to get Elisha his morning low carb 300mg of caffeine cherry c4 with a habanero beef stick and protein bar— so let's pick this up at verse 15...

2 Kings 6:15-17 AMPC

15 When the servant of the man of God rose early and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was around the city. Elisha's servant said to him, Alas, my master! What shall we do?

Now that's a panic, anxiety driven statement. Sound familiar to anyone hear? Fear has taken him over!

*16 [Elisha] answered, **Fear not;***

Why? Because if you don't cut the fear out you ain't going anywhere – you are frozen, you won't think straight, look straight or talk straight. You won't be able to reason anymore like God wants you to. You have to cut the fear off first.

*16 [Elisha] answered, **Fear not;** for those with us are more than those with them.*

This was a statement based on the knowledge of who? God. His Word, His Promises, His instructions to cast or hand off all your cares, worries, fears, on Him— are you with me on this? This was based on the knowledge of God not based on the knowledge in the class room (dark knowledge). Because the classroom will tell you that statement doesn't make any sense. So you have to couple the knowledge of the classroom with the knowledge of God.

You can have knowledge but it will be dark knowledge, it will be knowledge with ignorance in it. It's designed to keep you in bondage, it's designed to keep you on the Titanic (partying and carrying on thinking everything is fine because in the flesh it all makes sense) without a life boat. All my financial, medical, etc needs are in order...

That's what you need is a life boat, when you're on the Titanic, the world way of living, the Babylonian system that the Bible refers to. With the reports of an economy going down (or up - false sense of security), governments getting away from God's Laws.... I'm telling you what GOD's Word says, you better get your life boat ready. Because I'm going to stay afloat – how about you?

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

Let me say this first, when Elisha prayed to the Lord to open the servant's eyes, as soon as the servant saw the angels what do you think happened to his fear? It left. So the way to get fear out of your life is knowledge. Knowledge will get you back in right standing with God.

Let me also tell you another way to cast fear out of your life – perfect love.

1 John 4:18 KJV

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment.

1 John 4:18 AMPC

18 There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love [a]turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear [b]brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection].

1 John 4:16 AMPC

16 And we know (understand, recognize, are conscious of, by observation and by experience) and believe (adhere to and put faith in and rely on) the love God cherishes for us. God is love, and he who dwells and continues in love dwells and continues in God, and God dwells and continues in him.

We have all kinds of fears and I told you last week (Part 1) that another type is a fear of rejection. Fear that you won't be accepted. Rejection is not based on inferiority, it is based on superiority.

Ephesians 1:3-4 KJV

*3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **blessed us** with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:*

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

When were you and I chosen? (Before the foundation of the world)...

Because we are chosen, the world or the people of this world who don't know Christ (or didn't choose Him) will try and reject you. They want to reject you not because of inferiority as most think, that is a deception, their rejection is based on superiority.

That's the key and what happens is that you and I have something in us that God will use to keep them from going to hell. So the devil wants you out of his way so he makes them reject you and persecute you. But it's not based on your inferiority – amen, it's based on your superiority. Who's going to heaven? If you got something that I ain't got – I'm going to go after you, verbally, with my thoughts, scheme, gossip against the righteous.

Joseph was rejected by his brothers but notice what happened when he finally reunited with them, he was one of the richest men in the world. What did he say?

Genesis 50:20 KJV

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

How about Jesus, they rejected him didn't they? But what does he say in Mark 12...

Mark 12:10 KJV

The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:

We need to read this in the Amplified...

Mark 12:10-11 AMPC

10 Have you not even read this [passage of] Scripture: The very Stone which [[a]fter putting It to the test] the builders rejected has become the Head of the corner [Cornerstone];

11 This is from the Lord and is His doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

Even though they might reject you, look what Paul wrote to the true church in Ephesus...

Ephesians 1:6 KJV

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (his son Jesus)

Even though they rejected you, God accepted you. Why? Because he has chosen you, when? Before the foundations of the world....and, you have received Him. This is key to understand we all have free will to accept and not accept even though we were chosen.

HE didn't choose you to say look what I got, HE chose you so you won't let your family go to hell.

HE chose you so that you would keep your city from going to hell.

HE chose you so that you would send someone to teach and preach the gospel so people could here and wouldn't go to hell.

He chose you to go to **(your sphere of influence):** _____
_____ so that they won't go to hell – that's why you were chosen. To bring the Blessing !

You and I have something in us that will keep every man women and child from going to hell. I know that the principalities and powers combined with natural knowledge might seem powerful but it's no match for a Kingdom minded Ambassador.

Everyone is chosen, but will they, will you and I choose HIM?

We need to get the revelation of this, you and I were in a group, a group of friends, a place in life that was not right, living in a way that was dark and HE saw something in you and chose you and you said yes.

Ecclesiastes 10:3-7 AMPC

3 Even when he who is a fool walks along the road, his heart and understanding fail him, and he says of everyone and to everyone that he is a fool.

4 If the temper of the ruler rises up against you, do not leave your place [or show a resisting spirit]; for gentleness and calmness prevent or put a stop to great offenses.

5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, like an error which proceeds from the ruler:

6 Folly is set in great dignity and in high places, and the rich sit in low places.

7 I have seen slaves on horses, and princes walking like slaves on the earth.

Ecclesiastes 10:3-7 GNT

3 Their stupidity will be evident even to strangers they meet along the way; they let everyone know that they are fools.

4 If your ruler becomes angry with you, do not hand in your resignation; serious wrongs may be pardoned if you keep calm.[a]

5 Here is an injustice I have seen in the world—an injustice caused by rulers.

6 Stupid people are given positions of authority while the rich are ignored.

7 I have seen slaves on horseback while noblemen go on foot like slaves.

What's Solomon talking about here? He is talking about God's People, the true church. God is speaking through Solomon talking about people like you and me. He's saying the one that is supposed to be the head is acting like the tail and those who are supposed to be the tail are acting like the head.

Deuteronomy 28:13 AMPC

13 And the Lord shall make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day and are watchful to do them.

From this day forward I want you to receive an aristocratic mind set. What am I saying here? having the manners, values, or qualities associated with the King. When you are born again, you are born a child of God. In other words, you are born into a Royal Family, you are Royalty. It's a Family of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Understand you have been given the holy spirit who is your tutor, who is your teacher, who is the one who gives you proof, who gives you understanding, so He will teach you how to walk in Royalty and what Royalty means.

Royalty defined: character or nature of the King!

This goes back to our foundational passage in 2 Peter 1 where Peter tells the Church that we : have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ (v.1) 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, (v.2) hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (v.3) given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (v.4)

So the first thing HE will tell you is who you are, He's not only going to tell you that but...

- o He's going to tell you that you're not a chicken you're an eagle.

Isaiah 40:31 AMPC

31 But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change and renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired.

- o He's going to tell you that you're not underneath but your above

Deuteronomy 28:13 AMPC

13 And the Lord shall make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day and are watchful to do them.

- o He's going to tell you that you have the nature of your heavenly father, and that the dna you have is a dna of miracles.
- o He's going to tell you how to act and how to sit, to get your shoulders back and how to behave, how to speak and how to say things to people and speak the truth in love.
- o He's going to tell you to speak faith, to speak life.
- o He's going to tell you how to act (what to do and not to do)
- o He's going to tell you what's expected of you as a Royal Child.

This does not develop automatically this is taught. He is going to teach you how to be an aristocrat or royalty. I'm not talking about someone who is snooty, stuck up and won't speak to anybody. I'm talking about servant leadership, those who serve God by being obedient to His Word shown by our conduct (word and deed) to not just the those who don't got to church but those who attend church.

Aristocrat defined: a noble. a person who has the manners or qualities of a member of a privileged or superior class.

God has said something about you and I need to tell you what HE said.

Ecclesiastes 8:4 KJV

4 Where the word of a king is, there is Power.

Job 22:28 KJV

28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee:

We forget or we don't even know, God goes before us, He is protecting us as we stay under His Wings. Many times the follower's of Jesus Christ don't know who they are because the dont have the knowledge and are ignorant to the do's and especially the don'ts. As a result God's People are in bondage to the world's system of resource, fear and anxiety. The church is conforming to the world.

But, this is a new day! From now on, envision an entourage traveling angels with you just like what happened to the "Never Wrong" Prophet Elisha. I'm talking about a host from heaven that will secure you and go before you just like the secret service goes before the president of the United States. They will secure the area from when you walk in there so nothing will harm you so God's Will and Purpose can work through you as you are habitually righteous.

This is a New day – aristocratic mindset – you are royalty – God said this, not me, God did.

Micah 4:9 KJV

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee?

Micah 4:9 GNT

9 Why do you cry out so loudly? Why are you suffering like a woman in labor? Is it because you have no king,

1 John 4:4 KJV

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

There are so many people who are not able to reason “things”, the Promises in God’s Word because there is no King in them. There’s things royalty can receive that dark knowledge people can’t receive – it’s too high for them. They can’t digest it, cant’ process it. But you, you are royalty. It’s time to start acting like it.

2 Timothy 1:7 KJV

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Proverbs 28:1 AMPC

*28 The wicked flee when no man pursues them, **but the [uncompromisingly] righteous are bold as a lion.***

In the flesh Elisha and his servant looked inferior but with the knowledge of who they were in God and being in right standing with God they were superior to the Syrian army.