

BOLD AS A LION

Part 5

Ecclesiastes 8:4 KJV

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

Micah 4:9 KJV

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

Job 22:28 KJV

*28 Thou shalt also decree a **thing**, and it shall be **established** unto thee: **and the light shall shine upon thy ways.***

Psalms 119:105 KJV

*105 **Thy word is a lamp** unto my feet, **and a light** unto my path.*

Matthew 5:14-16 AMPC

*14 **You are the light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a peck measure, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

*16 **Let your light so shine** before men that **they may see your [a]moral excellence** and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and [b]recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven.*

Psalms 45:1 KJV

*1 my tongue is the pen of a **ready writer.***

Over the last couple of weeks we have been going through the scriptures understanding who we are in Christ - we are royalty. That comes through the knowledge of Him and today if I were to title this other than Part 5 it would be “Occupy till I come”.

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.***

Over the past several weeks we have talked briefly on the word, divine or divinity. Basically that has to do with God or pertaining to God. It has to do with the nature of God, the highest degree, the most excellent – divinity. Now, we need to understand our royalty or divinity.

Verse 1 of 2 Peter says “***we obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God.***” God’s Word says righteousness and faith are related. Why is faith so important? For one, without faith you can’t please God, without faith you can’t overcome the world. The Bible says in 1 John 5....

1 John 5:4 KJV

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

If you want to overcome the world, then you are going to need some faith. The bible says that we, the just and the righteous, shall live how? **BY FAITH.**

Hebrews 10:38 KJV

38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Romans 1:17 KJV

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:17 AMPC

17 For in the Gospel a righteousness which God ascribes is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed through the way of faith that arouses to more faith]. As it is written, The man who through faith is just and upright shall live and shall live by faith.

Galatians 3:11 KJV

11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Faith isn't a parachute, faith is the way to fly. We have talked about faith in all of our studies and faith is what we need to access the Promises of God. So you can have everything that God has promised you but you will have to use faith to access it. You might say I don't have faith – well you better get in the Word and get it because the way God gives out his Promises is by faith.

Faith is God's lifestyle – it is the way that we have to live!

Many of God's people struggle with living by faith or don't know how to live by faith so that's what we need to learn. People try to work on their faith in their own way – don't lean on your own understanding... God's Word says that faith cometh by what? Hearing and hearing what? The Word of God.

Romans 10:17 KJV

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Proverbs 3:5 KJV

5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

We have learned that faith is established by righteousness. So now we have to find out what righteousness is.

What did we say righteousness is? It is a right standing with God. Righteousness is the life and the nature of God taking possession of us. Righteousness is the ability to stand in the presence of God without a sense of guilt, or condemnation, or shame, or unworthiness, or inferiority, or anything like that - That is righteousness.

How do you get righteousness? When you get born again. When you're born again you are born the righteousness of God, you receive a clean slate. When you get this righteousness and confess you want this new nature inside of you, you have to learn how to walk in this new nature by a conduct change and this is done by the renewing of our minds.

Romans 12:2 AMPC

2 Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

Romans 12:2 KJV

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

When you get born again you have the same nature as God has in Him. So you have to learn how to walk in that nature. Because the old mind is programmed to the old nature.

Jesus was the Word in heaven with the father, yet HE was born in the earth.

Hebrews 10:5 KJV

5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

God prepared a body for HIS son. So He came into this earth and was born into this earth and they called his name JESUS.

The body came from Mary, a human, but He came from God. So the body was prepared for Him and He was put in that body. The body started to grow and He started learning things as a person.

My body maybe falling apart but my spirit man doesn't care about that. It is growing and growing Say amen to that!

Hebrews 5:8-10 AMPC

*8 Although He was a Son, **He learned [active, special] obedience through what He suffered***

9 And, [His completed experience] making Him perfectly [equipped], He became the Author and Source of eternal salvation to all those who give heed and obey Him,

10 Being [a]designated and recognized and saluted by God as High Priest after the order (with the rank) of Melchizedek.

1 Peter 1:3-19 AMPC

3 Praised (honored, blessed) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)! By His boundless mercy we have been born again to an ever-living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 [Born anew] into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay [imperishable], unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are being guarded (garrisoned) by God's power through [your] faith [till you fully inherit that [a]final] salvation that is ready to be revealed [for you] in the last time.

6 [You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials and suffer temptations,

7 So that [the genuineness] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested and purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to redound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is revealed.

8 Without having seen Him, you love Him; though you do not [even] now see Him, you believe in Him and exult and thrill with inexpressible and glorious (triumphant, heavenly) joy.

9 [At the same time] you receive the result (outcome, consummation) of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

10 The prophets, who prophesied of the grace (divine blessing) which was intended for you, searched and inquired earnestly about this salvation.

11 They sought [to find out] to whom or when this was to come which the Spirit of Christ working within them was indicating when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that should follow [them].

12 It was then disclosed to them that the services they were rendering were not meant for themselves and their period of time, but for you. [It is these very] things which have now already been made known plainly to you by those who preached the good news (the Gospel) to you by the [same] Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Into these things [the very] angels long to look!

13 So brace up your minds; be sober (circumspect, morally alert); set your hope wholly and unchangeably on the grace (divine favor) that is coming to you when Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is revealed.

14 [Live] as children of obedience [to God]; do not conform yourselves to the evil desires [that governed you] in your former ignorance [when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel].

15 But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living.

16 For it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy.

17 And if you call upon Him as [your] Father Who judges each one impartially according to what he does, [then] you should conduct yourselves with true reverence throughout the time of your temporary residence [on the earth, whether long or short].

18 You must know (recognize) that you were redeemed (ransomed) from the useless (fruitless) way of living inherited by tradition from [your] forefathers, not with corruptible things [such as] silver and gold,

19 But [you were purchased] with the precious blood of Christ (the Messiah), like that of a [sacrificial] lamb without blemish or spot.

Paul wrote that Jesus had to learn obedience, that's no different than you and I. I'm telling you this because Jesus did something here...most of us have been religiously trained into thinking Jesus did things that we can't do. But that's religion. Jesus was the son of God but He put his God head aside and got anointed by God. So if He was going to be anointed by God and was God then why would He have to be anointed by God if He was God.

The reason He had to get anointed is that He to come as a man. Now, this is the first thing that you have to overcome. You have to rewrite the script in your mind, 'well I've been taught that only Jesus could do miracles' no, Jesus said "the things that I do you can do to". Stop limiting what Jesus did to miracles...He lived righteous, He was obedient to God, He learned obedience but what he suffered... so do we.

John 14:12 KJV

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

John 14:12 AMPC

12 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

This is what He's trying to tell us; once you get born again you have a new you in that body. Anyone who is in Christ Jesus becomes what? A NEW CREATURE. So there's a new you in there.

The mind doesn't know that's the "new you", cause the mind still thinks with the old program...that's the "old you". The mind is trying to hold the "new you" captive, it doesn't want to learn anything new. As a result, the "new you" can't express itself, it's paralyzed. The "new you" wants to go to church on Sunday to hear a Word but "old you" wants to sit at home and crack open a cool one and wait for the game to start!

The “new you” has no limits - all things are possible, while the “old you” has limits, it’s impossible. The “new you” is connected to the ability of God and God has no limits. But, the “old you” is hard to change even for the better, so we need to get to the point where the pain of staying the same outweighs the benefits of changing to be more holy.

John 10:30-33 KJV

30 I and my Father are one.

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

They wanted to stone Him and He said why are you doing this? They said “for blasphemy” – you’re bringing God down to your own level. Whether it’s down to ours or up to His they said, that’s blasphemy.

Remember when Jesus finished ministering to the people and He sends HIS disciples in the boat to go the other side. As they were going out into the water, the Bible said, the wind was contrary, meaning the forces were against him. But then He came to them walking on the water and they cried out for fear saying, “this is a spirit”. That was a revelation because HE was walking in the spirit, HE wasn’t walking by the limitations of HIS flesh because being in the flesh He would sink.

Your mind has been programmed for the most part by what people say you “can” and “can not” do. Jesus is coming to rewrite the script...HE’s saying you can do “all things” or “any-thing” through Christ. So, we need to reprogram ourselves back up to where we are supposed to be.

Isaiah 55:8 KJV

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Proverbs 23:7 KJV

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

Proverbs 23:7 GNT

7 ...What he thinks is what he really is.

We can't climb any higher than we think we can. I have to find out what God thinks and says that I can do and take that and reprogram my mind with it because for me to walk on the water I'm going to have to get my mind in harmony with my spirit. If I don't, my mind will hold my spirit captive and I can't walk on water, part the red sea, make it through another day.

What is your Red Sea today? _____

God has told me some things in my own life and I can't let my old mind, "old Grant" talk me out of it. Because once I start comparing it and rationalizing it and go on my feelings which change from hour to hour with what this person says or the situations in my life, I'll go crazy.

What the devil does with the dark knowledge man, the man of this world, the man who doesn't understand he is royalty and a child of the king - is shrink his thinking. As a result of thinking small he acts small.

Well everyone is losing their job – I guess I'm next. Gas is going to go up again, I just know it. I will never be able to afford anything – sell our cars and lets walk everywhere - stop thinking small.

I'm not saying be irresponsible, God wants us to be a good steward with what HE has given us. But stop thinking small – like this is it, things will never change. God doesn't run out of supply, you just need to be patient, obedient and know how to ask and wait for what is promised to you.

This is about esteem, esteem is your estimate, estimate of you and estimate of God. So before we came to Christ we came from condemnation.

When Adam sinned condemnation came in so then what happened? It separated him from God. So now, he and God aren't one anymore, he and God can't talk together anymore. God still speaks but Adam isn't listening, he's hiding from God and HE's the one that made him. But when Jesus came, HE came to reconnect us with God, but the problem is we were all in Adam, part of his line, so when he sinned, we sinned.

When condemnation came into him, condemnation passed onto all men. So that's why Jesus said, ***why do you want to condemn them, they are condemned already (John 3:18)***. So when you and I were born again we got that new nature inside of us. That nature isn't condemnation anymore it is the nature of righteousness, a clean slate.

With that new nature we can think new because the thoughts are no longer are thoughts, we have the Word in us so, if we think and act on God's Word, our thinking is righteous or right. When Peter saw Jesus walking to him on the water he said, ***"If that be you, tell me to come to you on the water."*** Most people aren't like that...that's a new way of thinking and talking.

Peter was thinking outside of the natural, a new way of thinking, he wasn't letting people in the boat influence him to what he could and couldn't do. I'm telling you that there are people in your boat (circle of influence) that are trying to talk you out of the big life that God has called you to. (The devil makes you think small) So what you need to do is get out of the boat or kick them out so you can do what God has called you to do. It is time to get to the other side....

God doesn't call you to do small things (He needs to trust us with the small things so HE knows we are ready for the big things). God is a big God, if you would just hook into His ability you could do big things.

That's the problem with some people who try to shrink God down to some small project. HE doesn't think small and He's got a problem with you thinking like that – *have you no king in you? Micah 4:9*

Do you have a friend that you can call if you needed a big favor, a party planned or something big done? But then there's the other friend who you don't call because they think small with a tight budget even though it's your money and you say make it big?

It is very important for us to start thinking bigger...God, I don't just want my son to get saved, I want him to be passionate for you and do great things where ever his feet go. I don't want to just get by, you are the God of the abundance in everything.

I just hope my wife and I can just stay together...no, He wants you to be an example of what a man and a wife Biblically is supposed to look like with honoring and respecting one another.

We need to think big to get up on that level – start thinking big with everything – Jesus didn't mind Peter asking Him is that you who bid me to come? He didn't mind that Peter wanted to walk on water just like HIM. **What you feed on (meat) is where your feet will go!**

Peter got out of that boat and started walking on the water to go to Jesus... I can just hear his buddies saying, "Get back in the boat Peter, get back right now. That's the problem with you, you're always trying to show off or be somebody you're not".

Come on now, you know how people are when you start getting out from under their control. They just want you to wake up, go to work, get your paycheck come home, pay your bills and smile while you're doing it.

You know what? at some point that horse won't ride anymore – that dog won't hunt. You need to sell that dog and get one that will hunt – one who is ready to go after it. If you're hanging around some friends and they ain't going anywhere - someone is going to have to go overboard. Either you are becoming like them or they are becoming like you.

There is no middle road, you're not just associating, you are becoming - you are becoming like them or they are becoming like you. If they haven't changed then you must have changed.

Church isn't a place to go hide, it's a place to come regroup. We need to walk out of here to go take something over for the Kingdom. We need to start acting like royalty and we need to go after it and if something is wrong royalty doesn't say "oh no now what" - it says "oh yeah, I'm going to decree a thing." If someone wants to talk about you, they're going to do it whether you go or stay so you might as well go.

So, get up and do what God has called you to do! Who cares what anyone else says. I told you a couple of months ago that I used to care what people thought of me...I'm talking about the scoffers and the ones who told me I was crazy for leaving my job/career to do what I'm doing. Then there's pastors and people telling me I was crazy to rent a church during covid and meet together as the Bible command us to do... Then there's those pastors and church attendees who say I shouldn't take about sin, judgment, righteousness, things to come, what's going on tin the world...BUT,] I don't care anymore. I can't tell you how much I don't care because God has something for me to go do – something big.

You have a purpose and that purpose isn't to sit down and be worrying about what everyone else is saying and thinking. That purpose is to get going and being about your Fathers' business.

My job and the reason God made the church is to be an training center and not a entertainment center. I am to preach/teach the entire gospel speaking to who you are and who HE is, what HE has and how to get it.

You are training for reigning!

It's time for the church to rise up and be an influence in the world. God never intended us to go into a society and not influence it. There's to many self professing Christians who act like the world, think like the world and speak like the world. He said...

Matthew 5:12-16 AMPC

*12 Be glad and supremely joyful, for your reward in heaven is great (strong and intense), **for in this same way people persecuted the prophets who were before you.***

*13 You are the salt of the earth, **but if salt has lost its taste (its strength, its quality), how can its saltiness be restored?** It is not good for anything any longer but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men.*

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The Bible says if everyone loves you beware, salt stings but it preserves. We need to expand the Kingdom of God because God is relying on us, the Church to do this. Our anointing is to change who we are so other's may see we are different. That anointing is the burden lifting, yoke breaking, power of God. If we don't like what's happening, it's up to you and me to put a stop to it through the power of God – because where the Word of a king is, there is POWER.

Ecclesiastes 8:4 KJV

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