

Quite a teaching last night! One thing that Paige stressed is the importance of guarding the anointing. It really is necessary because the anointing is exactly what the enemy wants to destroy. When I think about it, Christ means Anointed. He, the Anointed (Christ), lives in us, so it just makes sense that the enemy is after the anointing. This was convicting to me, and I intend to guard this precious One in me the best I know how from now on. Paige also reminded us that the anointing breaks the yoke. “And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, **and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.**” (Isaiah 10:27)



In studying this verse, I ran across this quote from The Murray Ledger and Times, November 3, 2018: **“Isaiah 10:27 defines the anointing as the burden-removing, yoke-destroying power of God. The anointing is what delivers God’s people and sets the captives free. The anointing is literally God on flesh doing what flesh can’t do.”** *“God on flesh doing what flesh can’t do!”* I love the way the author put that. With God all things are possible. Our flesh is impotent, but His anointing makes us conquerors. In 1 John 2:20 it says, **“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.”** (CSB) The Amplified Bible expands this, **“But you have an anointing from the Holy One [you have been set apart, specially gifted and prepared by the Holy Spirit]....”**

This morning when I asked the Holy Spirit to speak to me. This is what I heard: “The sound of abundance of rain is coming. It will fill all the open places. It will not enter anything that isn’t open. Open wide and I will fill. The water always comes before the wine. Don’t try to analyze, just receive. I am the giver of every good and perfect gift. There is no other. My love is perfect. My gifts are perfect. You taste so little of what I have for you. I will remove the hindrances. Do you question Me? Will you trust Me? Do you know the One who you profess to believe in? He is in you. Nourish that relationship with the Holy Spirit. It is the anointing that breaks every yoke. I want to free you to follow the good heart that I have placed in you. A donkey can be used, but you are much more than a donkey to Me...It is Christ in you that I am after. Let Him rise. The spirit can be so much stronger than the flesh. Let your pride go. Be willing to be mocked for Me. Be willing to be a fool for Me. Remember what Paul said about himself looking crazy. It didn’t stop him. If my people aren’t willing to take risks, what will ever be accomplished that brings me glory? If you just go along the lines of what is humanly possible with education and development of natural talents, how is it any different from what many people accomplish without honoring or crediting Me? With God all things are possible—the impossible is possible. When I do the impossible through My people, I show Myself strong. Many have opportunity to recognize Me through this. To be sure, the enemy knows this, and will be using his powers and deceptions attempting to usurp Me. Remember, he is a defeated foe. You are a super-conqueror through Him that is in you.”

Most of this was meant as a rebuke to me as my self-abasement actually reflects poorly on Him; which certainly isn’t what I want to do. God is so good to me everyday. But He wants more from us than a

thankful heart. He wants all that He has designed for our lives; and I am sure it is not for selfishness (*He has proved His sacrificial love*), but that we enjoy the glory He has for each of us—Christ in us is the hope of glory. He withheld nothing from us—Christ is all and in all. Although I was told not to analyze, just receive, I think that He was saying that I shouldn't interrupt while He was speaking, as my mind was already engaging in what didn't seem to be making sense to me. Now, looking back, when He said the water always comes before the wine— He was referring to His first miracle at the wedding feast. **“This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.”** (John 2:11)

What should we do?

Do you remember when God acted in a big way through Elijah the prophet on Mount Carmel to destroy/kill all the prophets of Baal? Before this miraculous revealing of His power, Elijah received a word from the Lord, **“And it came to pass *after many days*, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show yourself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.”** (1Kings 18:1) In verse 37 **Elijah prays for the necessary miracle** after setting up the altar, and mocking the prophets of Baal who spent hours appealing to their false God for a miracle, **“Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that you *are* the LORD God, and *that* you have turned their heart back again.”** (1Kings 18:37) The Lord showed up powerfully, answering Elijah's prayer. There was still the issue of the rain. While Elijah instructed Ahab to eat, he went up Mt. Carmel and prostrated himself before the Lord, ***presumably humbly praying*** until he received the report of the small cloud. He then knew the abundance of rain was on the way. When the people's hearts were turned back to God, The Lord sent the promised rain. Can you imagine what a blessing it was to the people after three years of drought? I am not sure what this blessing to God's people *then* means to us *now*. Perhaps this time, after God's people's hearts turn toward Him it will be time for Him to set up His Millennial Kingdom.

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