

New Morning Magical – for 7-16-20

The massive blessing of Yeshua's words in John 14

We're looking at Yeshua's parting words to His disciples in the garden of Gethsemane before the mob comes to get Him and after He ended His private travail over what He was about to suffer to death, literally. Yeshua is really intent in John 14 through 17, on giving His disciples everything they'll need to keep going after He's gone. Two of the most important impartations from Yeshua were the introduction of the consoler, or the spirit of truth, AND when He says, *"My peace I am giving to you,"* in John 14:27.

It hit me this morning what an incredible statement to make right after he had sweated blood over His impending death; here He is saying *"My peace I am giving to you."* Man, if you can have peace to leave with others at a time like that, what kind of man are you? Well, of course we know the answer, but it seems astonishing that Yeshua would have the attitude He had at this unbelievably stressful time, doesn't it?

The last part of reviewing what we went through yesterday is to list the critically important principles He gave in **John 14**:

Right away in verse 1, Yeshua says, *"Let not your heart be disturbed. Believe in God, and believe in Me."* You want to know how not to be disturbed in your heart? *"Believe in God, and believe in Me."* How simple is that, and why? Because The Father and His Son have you and the world covered. God is sovereign. Nothing and no one supersedes Him or delays His purpose. This is similar to His instruction in Mark 5:36, when the Chief of the synagogue was just told that his daughter had died, Yeshua says, *"Do not fear! Only believe!"* He says the same thing in Luke 8:50. *"Only believe."*

You know, we have a tendency to complicate things that are simple. We do it in practically every area of life, but the truth is utterly simple: *"Believe in God, and believe in Me."*

That's essentially what Yeshua said to Barbara in the doctor's office at big MDA clinic in NYC: *"Barbara! When are you just going to trust Me?"*

In John 14:6, Yeshua says, *"I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one is coming to the Father except through Me."* Again, utterly simple, direct, clear; there are NOT many ways to the Father; there is one. Why don't we just trust Him? Do we think He didn't know what He was talking about?

In verse 11, Yeshua says, *"Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me."* Yeshua was a man, for sure, just as unwilling to die as you and I would be; but He was also divine and if you saw Him, you were seeing the Father – not literally, but figuratively, because He went nowhere, did nothing, and spoke nothing that the Father hadn't directed Him. A man speaking and acting in such concert with the Father that the Two were one with One Another.

In verse 14, He says, *"If you should ever be requesting anything of Me in My name, this I will be doing."* When we locate ourselves IN HIM – that is, inside His character and His nature, because we are as one with Him as He is with the Father – He will act on our behalf. We're not going to give Him some kind of flippant wish list, or ask for what we're having trouble with because we neglected our part. Any request we make, we will KNOW that it is righteous.

During the fall of 2011 I was having a real struggle because someone was trying to come after me legally and it caused me such anguish over a period of weeks that one day, I cried out to God in bed, *"How did I get here? Please show me how I got here."* And all of a sudden, in a complete instantaneous realization, The Lord showed me the answer and healed me at the same time, and the trouble inside me dissolved just like that. WOW! I was so grateful and so relieved all at once! What happened? I located myself inside Him and He answered my request, which was not to take this trouble away, but to show me what I had done or not done. What was the way back to sanity over this? That's all it took. He answered, and it was over.

In verse 16, Yeshua says, *"And I shall be asking the Father, and He will be giving you another consoler, that it, indeed, may be with you for the eon --*
17 the spirit of truth, which the world can not get, for it is not beholding it, neither is knowing it. Yet you know it, for it is remaining with you and will be in you."
Here, we learn about *"another consoler"* that is to say, *"I've been your consoler, your comforter up to now, but after I'm gone, there will be **another** to be **with you** – with us – **for** or into **the eon – the spirit of truth.**"* In other words, *"Here's what's coming when I'm gone: a **consoler, the spirit of truth, and it'll be with you and INSIDE you** until this eon ends and the new one begins, meaning, until I return."*

If you wonder why I may seem obsessed with the necessity of being filled with holy spirit, the spirit of truth, this is only partly why: In this present wicked eon, how badly do you and I need a consoler? How beneficial is it to have alive and active inside you the spirit of truth? You'll never be sorrowful or uncertain until the Lord Himself returns and delivers your mortal body out from its dying condition and into an immortal body! Why in Heaven's name would we refuse that?

We'll learn much more about this consoler later on in our journey through these four chapters in John's gospel. And when we get to what Paul says about the Holy Spirit, I pray that you become persuaded mightily to request and receive the Ruach Hakodesh into your own life and express the language of your own spirit that becomes energized through the operation of God's spirit in you, so that you experience the literal, intimate relationship with the Father and with Yeshua that is far more magnificent and sweet than any church service you could ever attend, or any or Scripture reading we could ever do together. All I can say is that the Spirit of God dwelling and operating inside you, energizing your own spirit, will set you free from the burden of living in this present wicked eon like nothing else, and I can't exaggerate my passion for this aspect of living IN Yeshua today.

In verse 23, Yeshua says, *"If anyone should be loving Me, he [or she] will be keeping My word, and My Father will be loving him, and We shall be coming to him and making an abode with him."* This is one of those great if-then statements that appear all through the Scriptures: *"IF anyone should be loving me, THEN he [or she] will be keeping my word, AND My Father will be loving him [or her], AND We shall be coming to him [or her] and making an abode with him [or her]."* We're going to make Our home with you – all around you and INSIDE you! You do your part and We'll do ours. Now, if it feels like the Father and Yeshua aren't all around you, let alone inside you, then something is missing from your part, which is, **loving Yeshua and keeping His word** – His precepts – His principles and instructions – as He said earlier.

In verse 26, Yeshua says, *"Now the consoler, the holy spirit, which the Father will be sending in My name, that will be teaching you all, and reminding you of all that I said to you."* Here, we learn about *the consoler, the holy spirit*; we learn its source, which is the Father, Who sends it on behalf of Yeshua; and we learn its function, *"Teaching you all, and reminding you of all that I said to you."*

In verse 27, Yeshua says *"Peace I am leaving with you. My peace I am giving to you. Not according as the world is giving to you, am I giving to you. Let not your heart be disturbed, neither let it be timid."* Yeshua demonstrated a kind of peace throughout His life, and even now during His last hours of life, that leaves me speechless. This is what He gave the guys, and He is giving it to us today. Peace in the world comes and goes; Yeshua's remains unchanged, and as a result, our hearts need not be disturbed; indeed, our hearts can be encouraged and not timid, but bold. How much do we need encouragement and boldness today?!

Two more pieces here, as we conclude our review of the ground we covered yesterday:

In verse 30, Yeshua says, *"The Chief of the world is coming, and in Me it has not anything."*

When you get close enough to Yeshua and to the Father in your spirit, heart, mind, and soul, no one and nothing, spirit or otherwise, can find anything in you to pull on or pollute. That's a good place to be and it is not only possible, but doable when we do what Yeshua said throughout this chapter and the three that follow.

Finally, in verse 31, He says, *"That the world may know that I am loving the Father, and according as the Father directs Me, thus I am doing, rouse!"* In other words, "I am laying down My will and My life, knowingly and deliberately, precisely to show the world My love for the Father, and my obedience to His direction, even though I know I'll die in the process.

In Galatians 3:22 and in Romans 3:22, Paul writes this phrase: *"Jesus Christ's faith."* Your Bible may read, *"the faith of Christ, or the faith of Jesus Christ."* I never hear anyone speak about what "Jesus Christ's faith" means. What is His faith? It's odd isn't it, that the Son of God had to resort to faith – in Hebrew, TRUST? He was always in contact with the Father; He was divine; no one could lay hand on Him until His time came; He could speak a word and a child would be healed whom He never laid eyes on, let alone touched! Why in the world does He need faith?

Well, you won't read this anywhere, but stay with me: Yeshua LOST communication with the Father, maybe from the time He prayed three times in the garden to be spared the fate that awaited Him until His last breath. The Father did not speak to Him or with Him during that whole time, which is what Christians call His "passion." Yeshua had only one piece of knowledge to hang on to during this entire time: His faith – His trust in His Father's promise not to leave Him dead. His faith or trust, that His Father would raise Him on the third day. That's all that Yeshua had left. And because He trusted God to make good on His word, He became God's own righteousness; so when we likewise trust God THROUGH Yeshua's example, His faith and His righteousness becomes ours.

Isn't this a wonderful picture that is laid out for us in John 14? I'm so grateful for John's faithful recording of this most special and precious time with the Lord. Aren't you?

And All God's children said ... AMEN!

I hope that you'll review the notes for this Morning Magical session, especially, because I think you'll be really blessed by all that is revealed in it.

Lord willing, we'll move on tomorrow to John 15. Until then, as Barbara says, *"Make today matter!"*