

New Morning Magical – for 8-2-20

Conviction brings correction (from “*Light Up the Scriptures*”)

When we are in tune with, in agreement with, and walking in the Holy Spirit, we will feel convicted any time God has to bring correction. When we are out of tune and out of agreement with the Holy Spirit; when our walk is distant from the “narrowed way” that Jesus showed, instead of feeling convicted when correction comes, we are more likely to feel condemned. Condemnation and Conviction are flip sides of one another and our responses will demonstrate the accuracy of our walk and our level of spiritual maturity and astuteness.

Conviction is what happens when discipline and correction is coming from God and we receive it from His hand, as a son or daughter whom He is loving with Agape love. Agape love, you’ll recall, has a kind of ruthless quality in that it will stop at nothing short of the total fulfillment of God’s purpose in our lives.

Condemnation is what happens when discipline and correction is still coming from God but we don’t receive it as such; instead we take it as a personal attack and we defend against it.

The Spirit of God will confirm conviction when we will receive it, and correction will be accomplished. A familiar spirit, or the adversary himself, will twist what is meant for conviction into condemnation, and correction is lost to defending and protecting the alliance with the familiar spirit.

Conviction carries the presence of God; it comes in the presence of His Spirit. Condemnation is absent of His presence and comes in the presence of a familiar spirit. Condemnation is religious; Conviction is righteous. Condemnation leaves us wounded; Conviction Heals, saves, delivers and sets us free.

As Barbara says often, “*The adversary condemns; the Holy Spirit convicts.*” Both depend on our perception and the results depend on our reception. Here is the fearful thing about discerning between condemnation and conviction: both are entirely subject to our perceptions. If our perceptions are honed by the Spirit of God living in us, we may not *like* the correction that comes, but we will *receive* it and seek its working out of us whatever is opposed to God’s purpose and to the life of Christ Jesus in us. If our perception is clouded by any other spirit that we’ve opened ourselves to at some point in our lives but just haven’t dealt with completely – knowingly or unknowingly – we will *disdain* the discipline of the Lord, whomever it comes through, and instead, defend our position stubbornly against the work that God would effect in us.

We may *feel* condemned, but refuse and rebuke it in Jesus' name, and instead, *seek* the conviction that *leads* to correction that *leads* to healing that *leads* to salvation at the throne of Grace.

[Acts 13:22](#)

He rouses David for their king, to whom He said also, in testifying, 'I found David, of Jesse, a man according to My heart, who will be doing all My will.'"

David's example of receiving discipline and correction that wins the Lords own heart is expressed over and over again throughout his story and through the psalms. Here are only two exhibits:

Psalm 51:10-11

- ¹⁰ Create in me a **clean** heart, O God,
and renew a **right** spirit within me.
¹¹ Cast me **not** away from your presence,
and take **not** your Holy Spirit **from** me.

Psalm 139:23-24

- ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way eonian!

Clean hearts, right spirits, IN His presence, and WITH His Spirit are possible WHEN we open ourselves to His searching, knowing our hearts, seeing any grievous way in us and being led by Him in the way eonian.

God has been ever faithful, kind and loving toward us. He has brought us into His land in the Spirit and by His Spirit. He calls us sons and daughters. He slayed His only begotten Son, Jesus, to bring us to Himself. Will we receive His discipline when He brings it, and His correction when He offers it?

Conviction will save us from going down what Barbara calls a "bunny trail" – a pathway that is unnecessary for us to take but which God allows us to take because He won't MAKE us do anything! He didn't MAKE Jesus give up His life. Jesus **chose** to go against His **own** will to do the will of the Father.

Jump over to Hebrews 12 for more on this. Let's read through this first, and then dive into it more:

Hebrews 12:5-8:

5...you have been **oblivious** of the **entreaty** which is **arguing** with you as with sons [*and daughters*]: My son [*My daughter*], do not **disdain** the **discipline** of the Lord, Nor yet **faint** when being **exposed** by Him.

6 For whom the Lord is **loving** He is disciplining, Yet He is **scourging** every son [*or daughter*] to whom He is **assenting**.

7 For discipline are you enduring. As to sons [*and daughters*] is God **bringing** it to you, for what son [*or daughter*] is there whom the father is not disciplining?

8 Now if you are **without** discipline, of which all have become partakers, consequently you are **bastards** and not sons [*or daughters*].

OK, Let's go over this carefully.

5...you have been **oblivious**

– It has eluded or escaped your perception, it has gone unnoticed. It's there, mind you, but you don't perceive it. God is not hiding; He's right here, but we are not noticing Him!

of the **entreaty**

"Entreaty" is a calling for: You and I are being called for, like the centurion entreated Jesus regarding His servant; He called for the Lord only to speak a word. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5, God is entreating us – calling for us – to be conciliated to Him for Christ's sake. The problem to which the Hebrews author is calling attention is that we aren't perceiving the calling of God! And He goes on...

which is **arguing** with you as with sons [*and daughters*]:

"Arguing" is speaking for AND against, as in a discussion. The word is neither negative nor positive in its implication.

So, the scripture says, "You're being called for, and the word of God is trying to have a discussion with you, but you aren't hearing it! The conversation in the Spirit is going on without you! How scary is that?"

I once said that I believed it is impossible to miss God. Clearly, that was a mistaken belief, because if I can be oblivious to being called for and, as a result, a discussion is going on in the Spirit without me, I have certainly missed God!

So, what IS the discussion: here's the second part of Hebrews 12:5...

My son [My daughter], do not disdain the discipline of the Lord,

Do not care little for, regard lightly, or make small account of the whole training and education...which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose commands, admonitions, reproof and punishment. It also cultivates the soul, esp. by correcting mistakes and curbing passions. Discipline is instruction which aims at increasing virtue.

Oh yeah, and by the way, the scripture says, this discipline is OF THE LORD! In other words, it is HIS training, education, cultivation of our minds and morals by correcting mistakes and curbing passions, and His aim is increasing our virtue. DON'T Care little for it; don't regard it lightly.

Nor yet faint when being exposed by Him.

"Faint" is a big little word: It means, don't "...be enfeebled through exhaustion, Don't grow weak, grow weary, or be tired out; don't become despondent, or become faint-hearted" when being **"exposed."**

Exposed is another big word. It means, literally, *"by conviction to bring to the light, to expose, to find fault with, correct; when exposing is "by word," it is, "to reprehend severely, chide, admonish, reprove, to call to account, show one his fault, demand an explanation"; when exposing is "by deed," it is, "to chasten, to punish."* Finally exposing is conviction, a *"refuting...generally with a suggestion of shame of the person convicted."*

When God exposes us it's not going to be pretty. We're not going to like it, for sure, and we're likely to feel ashamed of ourselves for where we've gone off the narrowed way which is the path that leads to life, Jesus said. Nevertheless, we are advised, in not to become faint-hearted, weak, weary or despondent.

So why is all this pain necessary, since we know that it is, since God is authoring it?

Hebrews 12:6

6 For whom the Lord is loving He is disciplining,

This is all because of God's love – His AGAPE – the love that will stop at nothing short of our completion and the completion of His purpose in and through our lives! Here's what the

scripture does not say, but which may be inferred by its absence: He IS NOT disciplining those whom He is not actively loving. God LOVES the world, but He is disciplining those whom he is actively – this AGAPE is present and active now.

Hang on, because we're about to jump into another level:

Yet He is scourging every son [or daughter] to whom He is assenting.

This won't be new to those of us who have been studying together for these many months. We have looked at it many times:

First: God Himself is scourging.

Second: Scourging cannot possibly feel good, and it is nothing we would ever seek out! Remember what a scourge was when this was written: it was a whip of many cords, usually of leather, which would sting like hell all by itself, but the cords had shards of bone woven within them. A scourge was designed to inflict extraordinary pain by its deliberate design to tear flesh from the back of the one being scourged. Jesus suffered this at the hands of Pilate; Peter and John did at the hand of the Sanhedrin, as did Paul three times.

Third: discipline may come to the many, but scourging comes, by God's own hand to sons and daughters "***to whom He is assenting***" – whom He is "*accepting, receiving, acknowledging as His own.*" Just like Jesus said "many are the called, but few are the chosen," so the Lord disciplines those whom He loves, but He scourges His chosen sons and daughters.

Keep going just two more verses:

Hebrews 12:7-8

7 For discipline are you enduring. As to sons *[and daughters]* is God bringing it to you, for what son *[or daughter]* is there whom the father is not disciplining?

8 Now if you are ***without*** discipline, of which all have become partakers, consequently you are ***bastards*** and not sons *[or daughters]*.

Quickly now to the good news in all this:

Philippians 1:3-6

I am thanking my God at every remembrance of you,
4 always, in every petition of mine for you all, making the petition with joy,
5 for your contribution to the evangel from the first day until now,
6 having this same confidence, that He Who undertakes a good work among you, will
be performing it until the day of Jesus Christ:

God will see His purpose accomplished, make no mistake. With us or without us, His will be done, on the Earth as it is in the Heavens.

The question is asked of us during every waking hour: Who is God? Do we know the Lord today, in the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering? We will only know Him through both of those. We have experienced both already in our spirit-filled lives.

That's a good place to stop for today, so until next time,

May Yahweh bless you and keep you;

May Yahweh light up His face toward you

and be gracious to you;

May Yahweh lift His face to you

and appoint peace for you.

AMEN