

New Morning Magical

Vulnerable in flesh, but not in spirit

We may face people – flesh and blood – who are in some way “on the attack,” however subtle and undermining, with looks and comments to you and others in and out of your presence.

When our own temper rises; when our emotions are triggered (our blood) and we speak or act in retaliation (our flesh), we have stepped out of spiritual authority and given it, along with our power, to those whom we are fearing more than God.

Hebrews 13:6

6 So that we have courage to say, "The Lord is my Helper, and I shall not be afraid of what man shall be doing to me!"

Matthew 10...Be careful here as to how you apply this. Jesus was sending out his disciples, specifically. However, there are great teachings, principles, and patterns from which we can learn today.

16 "Lo! I am dispatching you as sheep in the midst of wolves. Become, then, prudent as serpents and artless as doves.

17 Now take heed of men, for they will be giving you up to Sanhedrins, and in their synagogues will they be scourging you."

21 "Now brother shall be giving up brother to death, and father, child, and children shall be rising up against parents, and shall be putting them to death.

22 And you shall be hated by all because of My name. Yet he who endures to the consummation, he shall be saved."

28 "And do not fear those who are killing the body, yet are not able to kill the soul. Yet be fearing Him, rather, Who is able to destroy the soul as well as the body in Gehenna."

34 "You should not be inferring that I came to be casting peace on the earth. I did not come to be casting peace, but a sword.

35 For I came to pit a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

36 And the enemies of a man are those of his household.

37 He who is fond of father or mother above Me is not worthy of Me. And he who is fond of son or daughter above Me is not worthy of Me.

38 And he who is not taking his cross and following after Me is not worthy of Me.

39 He who is finding his soul will be destroying it, and he who destroys his soul on My account will be finding it.

40 He who is receiving you is receiving Me, and he who is receiving Me is receiving Him
Who commissions Me.”

I believe Jesus was instructing His disciples regarding how to wrestle not with blood and flesh, but with sovereignties, authorities, world-mights of this darkness, and spiritual forces of wickedness among the celestials.

Flesh and blood are just people; blood and flesh is our stuff: our minds, emotions, habits of thinking and acting and the stuff that shows up in our physical bodies as a result.

In the flesh we have no protection and no weapons for offensive warfare except our arms, legs and mouths. We are exceedingly vulnerable.

2 Corinthians 10:

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but powerful to God toward the pulling down of bulwarks;

5 pulling down reckonings and every height elevating itself against the knowledge of God, and leading into captivity every apprehension into the obedience of Christ,

6 and having all in readiness to avenge every disobedience, whenever your obedience may be completed.

7 Are you looking at that on the surface?

Isaiah 54:17:

No weapon forged against you will prevail,
and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.

This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,
and this is their vindication from me,”
declares the LORD.

2 Corinthians 6:

1 Now, working together, we are also entreating you not to receive the grace of God for naught.

2 For He is saying, "In a season acceptable I reply to you, And in a day of salvation I help you." Lo! Now is a most acceptable era! Lo! Now is a day of salvation!

3 We are giving no one cause to stumble in anything, lest flaws be found with the service,

4 but in everything we are commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 in blows, in jails, in turbulences, in toil, in vigils, in fasts,

6 in pureness, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in holy spirit, in love unfeigned,
7 in the word of truth, in the power of God, through the implements of righteousness of
the right hand and of the left,
8 through glory and dishonor, through defamation and renown, as deceivers and true,
9 as unknown and recognized, as dying, and lo! we are living, as disciplined and not put to
death,
10 as sorrowing, yet ever rejoicing, as poor, yet enriching many, as having nothing, and
retaining all.

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