**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 28 May 2017**

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**Theme : The LORD Has Need of Them**

**Luke 19: 29 – 30**

And it came to pass, when HE drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet,

that HE SENT two of HIS disciples.

Saying, “Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which

no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here.”

**Luke 19: 31**

And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you loosing it? ’

thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the LORD has need of it.’ ”

**~ JESUS was Fully Committed to the FATHER’S Plan and Purpose.**

 **READ Zechariah 9: 9 – 10**

**~ Disciples of JESUS :**

* **Un-named Disciples, who are Connected and are Fully COMMITED to JESUS.**
* **They Trust and Obey HIS Spoken Word.**
* **Whenever they are disconnected with HIM, their commitment decreased, and**

**many even left HIM.**

**John 6: 60, 66**

Therefore many of HIS disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?”

From that time many of HIS disciples went back and walked with HIM no more.

**One of the Most Important Principles of Biblical Discipleship is**

**Stewardship over What GOD has Entrusted to us with Faith, Willingness and Obedience.**

**1 Corinthians 4: 2**

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

**GOD Entrusts HIS creations to Men created in HIS Image, To Act as Responsible Stewards :**

**~ Over HIS Creations.**

**Genesis 1: 28 (AMP)**

“Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subjugate it [putting it under your power]; and rule over

(dominate) the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

**~ Over their own walk with the LORD According to HIS Word.**

**Genesis 2: 16 – 17**

And the LORD GOD commanded the man, saying,

“Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

**When they failed, GOD’s Purpose Remain Un-changed.**

**Reference Matthew 25: 1 – 13.**

**10 Virgins – 5 Wise Virgins, 5 Foolish Virgins.**

**The Wise, over time, has learned Commitment and Took Responsibility over their own**

**Spiritual Stewardship; but the Foolish NOT.**

**Ephesians 5: 15 (AMP)**

Therefore see that you walk carefully [living life with honor, purpose, and courage; shunning those

who tolerate and enable evil], not as the unwise, but as wise [sensible, intelligent, discerning people].

**Ephesians 5: 16 (AMP)**

Making the very most of your time [on earth, recognizing and taking advantage of each opportunity and using it with wisdom and diligence], because the days are [filled with] evil.

**Psalms 90: 12 (AMP)**

So teach us to number our days, that we may cultivate and bring to YOU a heart of wisdom.

**Times are not ours to kill or to do as we like. Time is Given to us, so we Know the fragility of Life.**

**Ephesians 5: 17 (AMP)**

Therefore do not be foolish and thoughtless, but understand and firmly grasp what the WILL of the LORD is.

**Psalms 90: 10 – 11**

The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years,

Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knows the power of YOUR anger ? For as the fear of YOU, so is YOUR wrath.

**Galatians 6: 7 – 8**

Do not be deceived, GOD is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but

he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap Everlasting Life.

**Important to Recognize GOD as the Rightful Owner of All.**

**Psalms 24: 1**

The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.

**Psalms 50: 12**

“If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.”

**1 Corinthians 6: 19 – 20**

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the HOLY SPIRIT Who is in you,

Whom you have from GOD, and you are not your own ?

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify GOD in your body and in your spirit, which are GOD's.

**There are times the enemy put lies in our mind. Many believed the Lies and are Deceived.**

**The Psalmist Cried Out – To Confirm it is really the Work of GOD.**

**Psalms 90: 17 (AMP)**

And let the [Gracious] Favor of the LORD our GOD be on us;

Confirm for us the work of our hands – Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

**Do not seek greatness for yourself, seek GOD’s Greatness.**

**Jeremiah 45: 5**

“And do you seek great things for yourself ? Do not seek them; for behold, I will bring adversity on all flesh,” says the LORD. “But I will give your life to you as a prize in all places, wherever you go.”

**SPIRIT LED Lifestyle.**

**Ephesians 5: 18 (AMP)**

Do not get drunk with wine, for that is wickedness (corruption, stupidity), but

be filled with the [HOLY] SPIRIT and constantly guided by HIM.

**Hebrews writer spoke of Esau, who lived with a low-view of the Sacred Promises of GOD.**

**He became ripened for temptation to “sell his birthright.”**

**Hebrews 12: 16 (AMP)**

And [see to it] that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.

**Hebrews 12: 17**

For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for

he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

**As a Local Church, Local Body of CHRIST, we are HIS Disciples who have Spiritual Authority to Allow or Dis-allow.**

**Matthew 28: 18**

And JESUS came and spoke to them, saying, “All Authority has been given to ME in heaven and on earth.”

**~ The Disciples Un-tie the Donkey – In CHRIST Given Word and Authority.**

**Disciples are to Disciple Others that we Un-tie, for the LORD Has Need of Them.**

**Matthew 28: 19 – 20**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the FATHER and

of the SON and of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo,

I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

**Fellowship with one another in the Light and in the Truth.**

**Ephesians 5: 21 (AMP)**

Being subject to one another out of reverence for CHRIST.

**Unity of Faith and Spirit - not because someone is good and deserving, but because**

**someone is Willing and Obedient to be Used, for the LORD Has Need of Them.**

**Reference Matthew 25: 14 – 30.**

**Parables of the Talents - Stewardship of what has been Entrusted to them according to their Ability –**

**5 talents, 2 Talents, 1 Talent.**

**Matthew 25: 29**

‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but

from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.’

**Mark 4: 24 – 25**

Then HE said to them, “Take heed what you HEAR.

With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who HEAR, more will be given.

For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has

will be taken away from him.”

**GOD Expects Returns in HIS Investment in our Lives.**

**John 15: 16**

You did not choose ME, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that

your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the FATHER in MY Name HE may give you.

**30, 60, 100 Fold.**

**Mark 4: 20**

“But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit:

some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

**Same Ground ~ the Seed Sown is the Word of GOD, and the Objective is to**

**See the WORD Produce to its Fullest Potential – 100 fold.**

**GOD Gives More Abundantly According to How we Respond; and Takes Away According to Neglect.**

**It is our Responsibility to Move Out of the 30 fold realm into the 100 fold realm,**

**Individually and Corporately as the Local Body.**