

Resting in God
"Trusting in His heart rather than yours"

Study 23

John 14:12 (Amplified Bible) I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

Can you walk on water? Can you raise someone from the dead? Can you the heal lepers, the physically challenged, the broken, and the blind? Are you supposed to be able to love those who hate you and desire to kill you? Are you called to live above the lower kingdoms and with God in Christ?

The answer to all of these questions is yes, if you have given your life to the Lordship of Jesus. If the power to do all of these things and more is not ours, then Jesus lied to us.

Obviously most of us do not function in these capacities. Our religion is far from the powerful way that Jesus lived. Few of us have done the things that the first disciples did. We even make excuses for our fruitlessness by saying that those things only happened for us to observe and hope, not really function in.

I am convinced that God is rebuilding His church for the seasons ahead and for His glory. He is calling forth those of His followers who dare to trust Him and His Word completely, without question. That would be you and me.

I am convinced that if we respond to this present calling to sell out to Him and move into God's final frontier, Jesus will posture us to be present as He works His miracle producing life through us. We will be present when He chooses to astound the world once again. We will see, and hear and participate in wonderful works to glorify Himself and the work that He did in us because of the cross.

Without question perilous times are coming. The world is changing at what seems to be an accelerated rate. I believe that the Lord is simply fulfilling what He has promised long ago, and has been warning this generation for years. Soon, all of the typical places of safety will disappear. Soon, most of the ease in which we have lived will be distant memories. Soon, all of the handles we have relied upon to steady our lives will have become ineffective. We will be facing challenges never seen in this generation. We will be forced to enter situations we are not prepared for if we haven't submitted ourselves to His invitation into His final frontier.

In generations past, there has always been some reasonable thinking society to deliver those under persecution or in some form of terror. That is not available to this generation, for the whole world will be under the influence of the powers of the lower kingdoms as predicted. There will be no physical place to go except for cities and places of supernatural refuge. The only place of total freedom will be with God in Christ, even in the middle of tremendous upheaval. He will be our only safety.

In that place with Him, we will have access to the unlimited power of the Kingdom of Heaven. We will move in the same kind of power that Jesus and His first century church moved in. We will be hidden in plain sight if need be. We will have supernatural health, wisdom, insight, and strength if it serves the work of the cross. We may even be told to walk across the water or part the sea or be moved from one place to another supernaturally if it will benefit the purposes of God.

As God expands our limited insight of who He is and moves through those willing to move with Him, we will be pioneers of God's final frontier, functioning in His Kingdom with Him. We will be fulfilling His will, moving with Him and in Him as He changes circumstances around us.

Matthew 11:12 (New International Version) From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

To lay hold of God's kingdom, we must let go of this one. There is no in between. There is no half way if we are going to be used to further the purposes of God in our lives and in our immediate circle of influence. If we say that we are His, then our confession will be our acceptance by God and will soon be our sentence of guilt by the lower kingdoms. There will be no reprieve from either kingdom for the half hearted.

Double-mindedness only advances the lower kingdoms. It has no place in God's presence. Anyone unsure about Who God is, and where He stands is unstable in all of their ways. Even though they might be in Christ, they have not allowed Him to be fully formed in them by the power of the Holy Spirit. The lower kingdoms are as big or bigger to them than God and His Kingdom.

Today you need to ask God to remove your limited perspective about Who He is and what He chooses to do through you. You need to ask Him to reveal who you really serve so you can repent of your mistrust of Him and His Word. Remain in His presence until He forms the life of Christ fully in you. Ask Him to use you in His plans.

Aggressively pursue His perspective on all things and submit to His ability to change you. Determine in your heart to stop limiting Him. Begin again to remember His love for you and His love for others. Ask Him to use you in whatever way He chooses to so that those you come in contact with can see Jesus. Cease this very moment from restraining Him from advancing His Kingdom any way He chooses.

Hebrews 4:9-10 (New International Version) There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10) for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.

In every interaction with God there two entities present. The first is our puny heart with its limited perspective, its carnal desires and its lower kingdom habits. This heart, if it is untrained and cannot see beyond the lower kingdoms, advances nothing and cannot be used by God. In fact, most of God's time is used to bring this heart to the understanding of Who He is and what Jesus has done.

The second involvement is God himself with His unlimited heart, almighty power and eternal perspective in all things. His involvement changes everything if we submit to Him. He holds no audience with our fears and limitations. He has created everything and functions only in His eternal truth. Nothing or no one can sway His perspective or move Him from His Holy place over everything that ever lived or will live in the future. He is the God of all things.

In our interaction with the challenges of the lower kingdoms, which perspective would be best for us to have? Which life flow would seem to bring the most peace, and the most opportunity to be on the winning side of any situation? The answer is obvious.

God has called us to Himself so that we can be removed from our limited form of life and placed with Him in His limitless presence, all day, every day until He takes us home to be with Him for all of eternity. He has called us to rest in His incomprehensible majesty, power and wealth. He has called us to flow with Him past our limited perspective of what we think is possible, and into His unlimited potential of what He is capable of doing through us and around us. He owns it all. He has called everything into existence. He can do whatever He chooses to do, anytime He chooses to do it. What is so amazing is that we can rest in the fact that He has chosen to be our God if we have made Jesus the true Lord of our lives.

For thought or discussion:

Have you ever desired to see God glorified through supernatural wonders - Why not