

THE MAN IN THE CLAY JAR



There is a man inside you that is the hope of glory, the hope of glory not just for you but for the whole world. When this man is revealed, He will deliver the creation from the hand of the wicked and wipe away all tears from their faces. That man is the solution to the problems of man, only in Him can problems be solved. The whole world is seeking this deliverance but we are now understanding that the only solution is in that man hidden in us. It was a mystery up till now, but it is being brought forth in the sight of the nations and all who hear and understand it will be healed.

Colossians 1:25-28

26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

The solution to our problems will never be in hospitals and research for better drugs, the solution is not in moral ethics of government, it is not in women's lib movements, it is not in religion, it is not in getting physical healing at Pentecostal crusades, it is not in education nor is it in Family values. The solution is in the man within, the man is called Christ and is the one that was with the Father in the beginning before we came forth in flesh form.

Romans 8:18-22

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Is it not wonderful to realize that as you awake to the realization of that man within, not only will you be healed but those who hear you and behold you will also be saved. That man within is light, He is the beloved of God, He is the love of God, He is eternal

life, He is one with the Father. Up till now the man was hidden in clay vessels so that all we saw and thought after was after that clay vessel. The revelation and understanding that is coming now will break this clay vessel so that what is hidden in it will come forth. Before now we identified ourselves with that external man of the flesh which is the clay vessel. We identified ourselves as male or female, as Black or white, as rich or poor, as American or African. Those believes are not true, the truth about it, is that our true identity is heavenly and not earthly, before the flesh or world was, we were with the Father. We are not that flesh body, we are not that vessel of clay. We are supposed to use the flesh to declare and manifest our true identity, We are supposed to use our vessels of clay to reveal the contents within it.

Gideon's army

Just like in the days of Gideon, God is raising up an army that will bring to null the princes of darkness and all their powers that war against the light. Remember that God manipulated all the old testament characters to show forth His eternal purposes of Love towards His people. The army that God is raising up might not be as many as one might have expected, very few will qualify to be in that company likened to that which Gideon raised up in His day.

Judges 7:1-23

7:1 Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the well of Harod, so that the camp of the Midianites was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley. 2 And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' 3 "Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.' " And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained. 4 But the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, that of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go." 5 So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink." 6 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. 7 Then the LORD said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand.

The Midianites, the Amalekites and the nations of the east are types of the powers of darkness that encompass the world today, the chief of it is the power of death. We know that the problems are innumerable like the sand of the sea, try to number the sicknesses, demons, fears, poverty, tears and sorrow if you can. No wonder the bible carefully records the fact that the midianites were innumerable.

Judges 7:12

12 Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude.

There is a tendency to feel that it is possible to completely overcome the powers of the evil one but we will find out how God is going to do this.

God will use certain vessels that have been predestined unto honor from the foundation of the world. These ones will be people who will not fear the contradictions and the persecution that will arise from standing for the truth. Just like Gideon sent back 22,000 people who feared to lose their life so also those who fear and do not trust the living God will be disqualified. Fear of persecution and lack of trust and faith in God is a major cause of stumbling in most people who hear the message of the kingdom. They fear their families will call them weird, they are afraid that their Church brethren will cast them out, some are afraid that they will lose their position in Church. Some are afraid of how they will be clothed, how they will feed and how they will be housed, but they ignore the fact that God who by His power holds the universe together and can accomplish the work He started in them. They forget that God is not unrighteous so that He abandons those who seek Him. Man has forgotten God is not a man that lies, they therefore see God in the light of man who is not trustworthy. We have to shake off fear and realize that the more they persecute you the more God elevates and glorifies you in His kingdom so that it only becomes a matter of joy. We have to realize that God will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory. As He supplied for the thousands in the wilderness for forty years, as He supplied for Elijah through Ravens, as He supplied bread for the thousands through Jesus so will He supply us according to His riches in glory. As He protected Abram to the Israelites through the wilderness so will He protect and care for us, so never let fear and unbelief cause you to turn back like the multitudes.

The Second category of people who were turned back are those knelt down at the river bank to drink water. They were sent back because they were not in a watching position, by kneeling down and drinking the way did they let down their guard and concentrated on the water losing consciousness of the surroundings. 300 fetched water with their palms and lapped the water like dogs, these ones were in a watching position as they drank their water not losing consciousness of their surroundings. These group of three hundred are watchmen who are not carried away with this world but constantly watching and listening in the spirit. Watching is a must for Christians who want to be glorified. Watching is the art of being God conscious and seeing all things after the truth. If you are not watching you are asleep spiritually and this can lead to only death. The moment we fail to watch remember you only give room for the Devil to come and operate with you like He did to Adam. For Adam to have heard the voice of the serpent, He must have slept, He for a moment slipped from God's view, that is why He heard the Devil. The voice of God never left the garden it was Adam who left the presence of God, He simply was not watching. So if we are to be in the company of over comers let us always be in the position of the watchman always walking in the spirit and see things after the light of God.

God was now ready with the three hundred, He told them to do something that sounds foolish in the sight of man. They divided themselves into three companies and each had a trumpet and a pitcher in their hands. The pitchers had torches in them and God directed that at midnight they should sound the trumpets and broke the pitches. At midnight they blew the trumpets and broke the pitches therefore causing the torches hidden in the pitchers to shine forth. We know what happened afterwards, the Midianites were scattered in confusion, they were beaten by three hundred men. God by the spirit is saying that all we have to do is break our pitches of clay so that the light man within shines forth. We have to cry out with the message of redemption of the Lord and of Jesus Christ and cause the Christ within us to be revealed. That man within us is light, it is that light that shone in the beginning with the Father. That light was first manifested in the flesh through Jesus and now is manifested through we who get the revelation of that man hidden in the clay pitchers. As the pitchers of clay jars

are broken all the power of darkness will fade away, because darkness can not comprehend the light, it can not resist the light. If you shine light in darkness, what happens ? The darkness disappears. So the answer to all the problems of humanity lies in the revelation of that light man hidden within the clay vessels.

Judges 7:19-23 19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands. 20 Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers--they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing--and they cried, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!" 21 And every man stood in his place all around the camp; and the whole army ran and cried out and fled. 22 When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the LORD set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp; and the army fled to Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath. 23 And the men of Israel gathered together from Naphtali, Asher, and all Manasseh, and pursued the Midianites.

That light man hidden within that clay jar is also the bread of life that comes down as a free gift to the whole world. No wonder the night before the attack a man in the enemy camp had a vision of a loaf of bread that tumbled into the camp of the medianites and knocked down a tent. God was through this vision confirming that He would knock out the medianites through Gideon. Prophetically speaking that bread is Christ. We who come to the true knowledge of ourselves and walk in that knowledge are that bread from heaven, we are one bread with Jesus being His Body. The world has to eat this bread to live, they have to eat this bread if they want to be healed from the wounds inflicted on them by the Devil.

Judges 7:9-14 9 It happened on the same night that the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand. 10 But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant, 11 and you shall hear what they say; and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp." Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outpost of the armed men who were in the camp. 12 Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude. 13 And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a dream to his companion. He said, "I have had a dream: To my surprise, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed." 14 Then his companion answered and said, "This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole camp."

1 Corinthians 10:17

17 For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

As we hear this mysteries let it be like the vision assuring us of the end of our faith in Christ. God is revealing to us in this hour that the solution to the problems of mankind is that man in us. All we have to do to win this battle is to allow that inner man in us to grow. How does it grow ? by coming into fellowship with the Father and son. It is a sacred inner fellowship that occurs for those who true seek the kingdom. As we shed the out man of Clay with it's thoughts and self will and allow the inner man with it's knowledge of God the Father and awareness of the true kingdom of God we pass the midnight point. Midnight prophetically is the turning point from night to day, the sun begins to rise and rises till it reaches it's peak at noonday. where there is no darkness at all.

The Apostle Paul spoke about the man in the clay Jar in a letter to the Corinthians, I want you to read Chapter 4 of 2 Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 4

4:1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. 2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed-- 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death is working in us, but life in you. 13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, 14 knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. 15 For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Paul talks clearly of that inner man in earthen vessels he classified that inner man as a treasure. He then talks about the dying process that destroys the out man which is the earthly flesh man and the revelation of the life of that hidden man in us. The hidden man which is Christ can only shine forth from within us if that outer vessel of Clay is destroyed. We have to fight this fight of faith by standing our ground even in tempting situations that try to war against the revelation of the inner man. The wisdom and knowledge of that outer carnal man has to be nailed to the cross so that the wisdom and knowledge of the inner man which is after God takes a hold of our whole being. It might be a bit difficult initially but the difficulty can not be compared to the glory of God that is to be revealed in us when that man that was hidden in us breaks forth in it's fullness.

Jesus Christ likened the inner man to a treasure that a man found in the ground, the man knowing the value of the treasure sold all that He had to obtain and watch over the treasure. Brethren let the Lord open our eyes to this mystery

Matthew 13:44

44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Those who hear this message and understand it sell off all they have obtained in this vain world. All the knowledge of self and the knowledge after the wisdom of the world goes down the drain so that they can obtain this treasure that is hidden in us. The message of the kingdom has come to enlighten us and show us that treasure hidden within, so be stirred up brethren. Let us allow the old Jar of clay to be broken up so that the Christ within Shines forth to the Glory of God the Father.

Glory to His name.

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