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“And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.” (Luke 17:11-19)

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Returning back to thank our Lord for cleansing us may become clouded by other legitimate duties. The nine lepers who were healed along with the one who returned evidently continued on to show themselves to the priest. Yes, this is what was told them to do before their healing but only one realized after his healing that it was not some earthly institution which brought about his healing but a man called Jesus! Jesus states that his “faith” made him whole! Were the other nine healed but not made whole?

Making Jesus Lord in one’s life is to put Him first and foremost. The human institutions are always present around us but Jesus only passes by during those special times when He chooses and to miss an opportunity to thank Him for what he has done for us in our life may hinder our faith and allow us to not be made whole. Brothers and Sisters if Jesus is near, run to Him and fall at His feet thanking Him for what no other can do for you or those around you. To be made whole is to put Him first. To be made whole is to fall at His feet. To be made whole is to have faith in Him and not in any other representation of God’s true Gift. When Jesus is present all others become secondary even ourselves. If you have not sensed His nearness for some time, go looking for Him! *“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)* And when you find Him (you will IF you search with all your heart) fall down and worship Him and thank Him and remain with Him as long as you can. Forget about everything else and everyone else. Be Thankful to the one who deserves it!

The parable which Jesus related in Luke 14 was about a feast and those who gave excuses not to attend. When the Master bids come we must drop all and attend His feast. Amen! *“For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.” (Luke 14:24)* And what about the Parable He spoke in chapter 10 of Luke about the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan; two were too occupied with their duties but one stopped and ministered to His God through this wounded stranger showing his thankfulness to His God. *“Which now of these three,*

thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.” (Luke 10:36-37) “When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” (Matthew 25:38-40) Do not miss stopping in life to give Him thanks when opportunity presents itself which may be totally deemed unimportant by most of Christendom. True Thanksgiving is hidden from carnal eyes!

Brother Skinner wants to thank each one of you personally for your concern and support for God’s work here at International Bible Association. Thank you for your understanding during these times when I have not been able to fulfill orders and answer the telephone. The Prison ministry, the mission work in Madagascar and the Miracles & Missions Digest keeps me busy. I am no more important than any of you and we all work together for Him who is worth of all praise. Let us all pause and listen closely for His voice and never be too busy with our work to stop, search for Him, and fall at His feet thanking Him for His sacrifice on Calvary; for His healing of the leprosy of sin in our own lives!

I have included in this November Thank You Letter, a call to fasting and prayer during the month of December. Please read it and consider joining me and others for four Wednesdays to fast and pray. Some can do more and others may be limited to less but if we all contribute what we can I believe God will grant us our petitions in these evil days we now endure here in the USA. I know the Bible declares the evil days will come but God has promised also in His Word to respond if we, His children, afflict ourselves and cry out to Him. *“If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.” (2 Chronicles 7:13-15)*

Brother and Sister Daoud never depended on talent or fanfare to establish what they did in Madagascar, here in the States, and around the world. They prayed and fasted and attempted to teach others to fast and pray as well. The work continues in Madagascar because they pray and fast. It is not because of talent or human inelegance which keeps revival alive in this impoverished island. I attempt to expose the revival in Madagascar to our readers with the pictures I print in the Digest but it is impossible to show the travail of the people before God for hours which has brought the presence of God down in their midst with conviction, (yes conviction first), then with blessings and then with healings. These impoverished believers have discovered that in order to reap in joy they must sow in tears. I have not seen this in our nation although God is not a respecter of individuals or nations, He does honor true repentance. We in America have been programed to go to church to get (blessings) and these have been programed to go to church to give. Give, not in a financial sense only but to give of themselves totally. What has happen in America?



Thank you for all you do for God. Please join me in fasting and prayer in December.

Jack M. Skinner

“Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”

(Matthew 22:29) Please **read** all the Scriptures listed. They are the Words of life!

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24)

“And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” (Mark 8:34)

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” (Luke 9:23)

In the Scriptures listed above our Lord declared that denial of self was a necessary requirement to follow in His footsteps. To follow Him in obedience to achieve the Father’s will; to put God’s commandments in front of our human nature. We must please Him rather than our flesh. Fasting and prayer is one part of following the Lord. We must deny ourselves and devote the time spent on feeding the flesh to seeking a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father. We must deny not only food but other fleshly appetites as well. Jesus devoted all to pleasing the Father and we, as His disciples, are to follow His example. *“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”* (1 John 2:15-16) Self-denial is the only pathway which will lead a hungry seeker to the Father’s throne where true peace resides. (**Matthew 26:40-41**)^{Read} (**John 14:1-3**)^{Read}

In Matthew it is stated: *“Then said Jesus unto his **disciples**, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself.”* In Mark He included the people: *“And when he had called **the people** unto him **with his disciples** also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself.”* And in Luke the Bible becomes more explicated towards the individual: *“And he said to **them all**, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself.”* God is seeking individuals to follow Him, obey Him, and deny self. I cannot deny your desires for you. You cannot deny my desires for me. We “must” deny our own human tendencies on our own. Only I can crucify my flesh to please my Father. I must enter into my own closet, shut my door and create a personal relationship with my Father. We need to hang a sign on the door: “Do not disturb, I am in church!” *“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”* (Matthew 6:6) God desires and seeks to personally have a meeting with His children alone in private. He is waiting for His own to find that place which is away from worldly influences and social distractions! (**Mark 4:34**)^{Read} (**Job 7:17-18**)^{Read} (**Exodus 33:17-23**)^{Read}

Jesus, in these Scriptures, not only instructed His disciples, the people, and all individuals to deny themselves but added that there was a cross to bear daily. Not a wooden cross as He bore but bearing the weight of a crucified life. It was not easy for Jesus to bear His cross. I assure you my friend that if you deny yourself you will feel the load of a crucified life bearing upon you. You must follow Him down that forsaken holiness pathway of life. (**Matthew 7:13-27**)^{Read}

These days which we have set aside to fast and pray are just to encourage us to develop a life of secret devotion with our Father. Fellowship with other humans may be enjoyable but fellowship with the Father alone surpasses any association one could ever experience with other humans.

“Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.” (Matthew 6:16-18) Do not disturb, I am in church! Do not run to the crowds to pray but seek a solitude place, waiting for Him to come! (**Matthew 6:33-34**)^{Read} (**Luke 24:1-5**)^{Read}

I encourage you Brothers and Sisters, kneel in secret prayer, seeking Him no matter what the cost until He arrives. When He is come you will never regret the price paid.

The blind preacher, W. W. Walford, penned the words of that great song which is sung so frequently but seldom WE practice: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” (Matthew 21:13)^{Read} (Luke 21:33-36)^{Read}

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father’s throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share,
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
Where God my Savior shows His face,
And gladly take my station there,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word and trust His grace,
I’ll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
May I thy consolation share,
Till, from Mount Pisgah’s lofty height,
I view my home and take my flight:
This robe of flesh I’ll drop and rise
To seize the everlasting prize;
And shout, while passing through the air,
“Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!”

It is not just in the praying but also in the tarrying as well; tarrying for that Sweet Hour of Prayer! Waiting for Him to arrive; waiting by denying self, by practicing the presence of God. You will never reach the height of His presence until He joins you personally on life’s lonely pathway. (Luke 24:13-32)^{Read} (Luke 11:1-4)^{Read} Lord, help us to wait and teach me to PRAY!

*“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross daily, and follow me.** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?”* (Luke 9:23-25) (Matthew 22:1-14)^{Read}

*“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”* (Matthew 7:21-23) Jesus declared: “You were in my house but I was not welcome at yours!” (Luke 19:1-7)^{Read} (Romans 8:1-18)^{Read}

Please read **Philippians 3:7-21** and pray for one another as we shut our closet door and declare to those around us: “Please do not disturb, I am in church, alone with my Father!” (John 4:19-26)^{Read} (Mark 14:37-38)^{Read} (Jeremiah 29:13)^{Read}

“Let us Pray!”

Jack M. Skinner

“Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden. Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” (Galatians 6:2-8)