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## "Cleave To Him III"

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**The first two pages by John Morris:** Sherry made me realize just how precious each of you are. For the last twenty two years I have been in the Fire service and have been truly blessed because of it. The good Lord has really blessed. You know it is first the spiritual and then the natural. They are parallel. It is amazing how it really works. I am always fascinated in realizing how that works. The accident reminded me of just how precious everybody is; those of you in this room. I just wanted to make sure you remember that.

A while back the Lord gave me a vision, and I don't get too many visions, but this particular one was very clear. We have mentioned this before. What I saw was a devastating event which happened in this area. It was catastrophic and something I have never seen before in this field, in my line of work. I had never seen anything or witnessed anything like this before. It was an incredible event that was even worse than nine eleven. You know if we think about nine eleven it should remind us why we need to totally depend on God.

We are the largest Fire and Rescue department in Fairfax, Va. but to put it in perspective the

Pentagon was one building and the loss of life was terrible but it was less than two hundred people yet it overwhelmed every fire department in this region. That is not to scare you but just too let you know how it really is. I have been doing this work for a very long time. We were talking about these types of events and actually preparing for them way before nine eleven ever occurred. We have been studying weapons of mass destruction and many other things for several years and from my perspective the more I know about preparedness and the like, I know only the good Lord is going to save you on this one because we cannot do it. It is impossible for man to do it. We are going to need God's help. I can assure you of that.

I have gone to the National Fire Academy and we have worked these events. The study included hurricanes among other catastrophes. That is when you see how powerless we really are. The fire companies have all of this great equipment and millions of dollars worth of equipment but when disaster hits there is not really much we can do about it. You are on your own. I hate to tell you that but it is true, you are on your own. We can save a few but we can't do it all. There are

about three hundred and eighty on duty right now protecting one point three million in this county alone. The World Trade Center had two buildings, fifty thousand people. They had the largest fire department in the world and they were overwhelmed, devastated. I am not trying to promote fear here but to tell it like it is and to give you a better understanding.

What I saw in the vision was basically the scorching of the earth and the blackness and intense darkness. The interesting thing about that is, which brings me back to the natural and the spiritual, a very close friend of mine has a farm down in Nelson County and he called me one day and I could hear a noise in the back ground. He said, you are not going to believe this but a helicopter is using my pond to pick up water to use in putting out a forest fire. I thought, oh no this is terrible. We are going to lose this beautiful, spectacular farm that we have enjoyed for twenty five years. My friend though did not seem too worried about it. I was kind of surprised at that because his farm was being devastated by the fire. Hundreds of acres were on fire. It was essentially a whole mountain. But he had more understanding of the situation

than I did. Even though I am a fire fighter I am a structural guy. I don't do much wild land stuff, that is totally different from what I do. They think we are crazy for running into burning buildings and we think they are crazy for fighting forest fires.

My friend had a clear understanding of what was going to happen and that good was going to come out of the fire. As it turned out the Forest Department cut out all the little roads so he did not have to do that. It would have cost him thousands of dollars to clear the roads. Also he knew that the forest would be renewed. It would be even better than it had been and it would be great for the wild life. He didn't want to see his mountain burn but he knew that he would eventually benefit from the change. Prior to the 1960's the government had a different view of wild land fires. They did not understand that the fires can be beneficial. What I find fascinating is that when a forest burns it does not regenerate the weeds and the brush. But pines and the Great Sequoias need fire. They can't reproduce without it. It actually releases the seed to reproduce and rebirth.

This fire cleaned up all the garbage, all the vines and weeds that choke out the trees and what ever is trying to grow. It effects germination and irrigation as well.

So back to the vision, my station was the first to respond to the Pentagon. I was not there but I do not look forward to seeing anymore people die. I have seen enough in the last twenty two years. It is a terrible thing to witness and be a part of. But if

that is the way it is going to be then it was meant to be. We have talked about the big one but we have joked and said we want to be off that duty. But the bottom line is, as catastrophic as that event is going to be a lot of good is going to come out of it. I believe that everything that is chocking out the Word and the Light will be burned up. That is another thing about the fire burning all this underbrush away. The light can not get to the plants and trees in order for them to grow. With all the garbage in the world, the carnality, the light is not shining. We are so concerned about petty things and not concerned with what really counts. Some things bring you back to a balance. That is what Sherry did to me an hour ago I reference to the accident. She brought back to realize why I work as a fireman.

I am a captain and I have seen so many people hurt when I go to a scene. I sometimes remove myself from the scene so that I can focus on my work. It is not that I don't care but I have to focus and think clearly. I have to make decisions and save my own people too. Our safety comes first so that we can protect and save people. I told Sherry that the worst thing happened was seeing her. I had all these other things that I was supposed to be doing but it made a difference because I knew her. For Sherry it was a huge event and very traumatic. When you have to deal with a lot of bad stuff you tend to get hard because it helps you to cope.

The bottom line is that good is going to come out of it. The only thing that came to me scripturally in reference to what I

am speaking here is Psalms 50:3. It says **"Our God shall come and shall not keep silence; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him; a mighty tempest rages.** A tempest is a violent storm. This is not to promote fear but to remind you to daily count on Him for everything you do. I think all of us have seen enough of government failures to realize that the government is not going to be there for you and we do the best we can Only God can do it. Put all your trust in Him.

**Sister Joyce starts here:** Prophecy is something that the Father gives us. He says things even though they are not. The Lord gives those that are seeking Him knowledge of what will happen in the future. He always prepares His people. He has been preparing those who are seeking Him and showing them that it is the hour to draw close to Him. Lately He has been giving us a word and telling us to cleave to Him and depend on and rely on HIM like never before. He wants us to walk with Him daily in the realm of the Spirit and to let Christ lead you.

The Lord gave us a vision of the stock market falling about fifteen years ago. We saw a thermometer and people were looking up and down as they watched the indicators. I asked the Lord what it represented and He answered and said, "The stock market, it will fall and man will try to put it back together again."

God is establishing His kingdom in the earth. His word says that His kingdom is going to crush the nations and bring the systems down. This is happening

all over the world and most do not realize that this is the Father bringing down the systems which man has built and which have brought about corruption and greed. There is a mixture in all of the governments in the world. There is carnality and so much of the flesh man and not the peace of God. God's kingdom is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit and also the Kingdom of God is without observation.

We have been teaching for the last two weeks that what actually happened in the Garden of Eden is what is happening to you and me today. The good news is that God brought Christ so that you and I could have life and life more abundantly. He wants us to have that abundant life. I don't know if you all remember recently when the stock market was way down and the numbers that came up. Those numbers were a sign from God. It was 7776.8 which means complete and perfection. When God is finished creating everything the number seven meant complete and perfection. There were three sevens meaning that God will bring down and he will build up again. He is going to build up His Kingdom for His glory. Also .8 means new beginnings and bringing about change. He does not want us to be afraid but He wants us to depend on Him. The harvest is getting ready to come in. The Father wants us to know that there is a great harvest that will be brought in for His glory.

People will submit to the authority of the King our Lord and Savior because He is going to be supreme in our lives. He

wants to be Lord of every area of your life. He wants to be Lord over your decisions. He doesn't want you to do anything apart from Him. This is what we have been teaching for the past few weeks. Sometimes God will tell us about an event or happening and it will not even happen for perhaps years. He can warn us but it does not mean that it will happen right away. I am reminded of the O.J. Simpson trial. We were in the Spirit and the Lord used us bringing about judgment. He was judging the O.J. Simpson case. He said that he would get caught. He revealed to us that he was the one who did it. You see he sometimes says things as though they are not. Sometimes when God shows you something it does not happen right away. Things happen at His appointed time. No one gets away with anything. Whatever you sow you reap. They pronounced him guilty and sentenced him to jail. They are saying that it is a possibility he will get life. It was thirteen years ago from the time that he did it until the judgment was brought on him. Thirteen is the number of rebellion. God does give us signs.

Several years ago when we were in the Spirit we saw God judge Bin Laden. We saw him get caught by our soldiers and they brought him in. **It has not happened yet but God has already judged it in the realm of the Spirit.** Whatever you bind in heaven is bound in earth. It may not manifest immediately but it will manifest in God's timing. He gave us a vision of Saddam hiding in a hole. The Lord brought that about quickly. He was caught a week or two after

the Lord judged it. God is a good God. He is a wonderful Father. I am so thankful that he is in control. I thank God for wanting us to publish the good news.

I want to talk about life. I want to tell you that Christ wants us to choose life everyday. He does not want us to choose death. He has put before you life or death. If we choose life it means that we have decided to come into total submission to His authority. You have to yield completely to Him. HELLO! You have to reckon yourself to be dead. **Romans 6:11** Christ went to the cross to give you a brand new life. He came that you may have life and have it more abundantly.

Now what really gets me is that this man Adam was actually a corporate man whom God was creating. He was creating a one new man made up of many. He created a carnal man first. The carnal man is the natural man. That natural man is still here today. That is the first man Adam. We were all born into that nature. But now we have been born again and that birthing continues with the fire. You may want to get the CD on The Farmer. The Lord gave me a vision not so long ago. The Lord is a consuming fire and He has to burn your field. He has to burn your earth. It is not fun but He gives you beauty for ashes. **Isaiah 61:3** for all the things he consumes in you He replaces with beauty. The beauty that He gives you is Himself and His nature. He will purge everything in your life that is not like Him with His consuming fire.

Knowing this you are not afraid of the fire if you are willing to let Him have His way. The fire

reproduces Him. It is what brings forth the nature and glory of Christ in our life. If we still have some parts remaining there that are not like Him then the Father will be busy. He will put you in the fire now and then and every once in a while He will bring you out to cool you off. He does this all with His compassion and love. Now as long as they obey the Father they stay in the realm of the Spirit.

We can see that when you don't yield to the Father you have taken His seat and then you become that serpent nature. The serpent nature is a people who are against the Christ and refuse to submit and yield to the Christ and His word. They want to take that position and to gain recognition and a reputation. The Father wants us to understand that we are to put on the mind of Christ. We are to esteem others better than ourselves. We are to walk in humility just as He did. He is the pattern that we are to follow. He is the way, the truth and the life. Now Adam made the decision to leave His mother and father, it was all in the plan of God. If you look at **Ezekiel 28**, it talks about being in the Garden of Eden and being perfect in beauty and full of wisdom. He was covered with the stones which was the nature and the glory of Christ. He was perfect in beauty until iniquity was found in him. That iniquity is found when you don't want to be where the Father wants you. You don't want to be where the Father placed you. A place where He has placed you so you can grow. We rebel and want to make our own decisions so therefore we really don't let Him have His way

in our life. We go through various fires, situations and trials until we finally say....ok I am ready, have your way Lord. Adam had so much life in him that it took 930 years for him to die. If you fed off of Gods word everyday and let His word cover your soul and you did not give in to your emotions and your five senses, something will happen to us. There will be a total transformation taking place in your mind. There is a mountain that the Lord wants us to reside on and that is Mount Zion. It is where people are walking in the Spirit and in the presence of God and they are allowing Christ to have His way.

When He really becomes supreme, more supreme in all of our lives, you are going to see what the Father wants to do. Jesus said **"I came that you might have life and life more abundantly"**. He has to consume that which is in you that is not like Him. Then there will be a transformation. He has to transform your mind by the word and the Spirit. It is not about you and me coming here and getting more and more knowledge and revelation so you can have your own ministry or for you to gain a reputation. It is all about God's purpose. What is God's purpose? He wants some people to be like Him, to talk like Him and to become one with Him. That is what Christ did for you. He wants us to come into a place where we do not break ranks but we work together as a team. This is a place where we have one purpose and one goal.

You are here to edify the Lord Jesus Christ and to give God all the Glory! You are here with

the willingness, to let God change you. Let Him deal with your ego and pride. You are here to humble yourself before the Lord. He wants to give you life everyday. He wants you to grow in the fullness of Him. I asked the Lord why He says the same thing over again to some of His people who come here. He said that He has to keep saying the same thing over and over again as long as they do not do what I have told them to do.

Some of you are waiting for God to do something in your life. You would like for Him to change something in your life but if you don't do what He told you to do then He is not going to do anything. He is waiting for you to obey and do what He told you to do. There are many times in the Word, were God says "obey my voice". He wants you to obey His voice. That is the one thing that Adam didn't do. He did not obey the one thing that God asked Him to do. So he missed it. He sold his birthright and basically the world was given over to the carnal man. This carnal man is the beast that has been riding the world all this time. That is why the world is in such a mess. How I wish we could get people to come here and be changed into the nature of Christ.

Several years ago I would count how many came to the meetings. How come I only have a few people here?" He answered and said "Not many people want to pay the price; Joyce I only had twelve. Don't look at the numbers. If you get only a few here who will listen to what I have to say and do what I say, I will use the people here and you are going to work together as a

team and affect the whole world.” **COME ON HERE...HEAR WHAT I AM SAYING!** God is raising up His government. He is raising up a people with His power and with His word and His authority; a people who will rule and reign with Him. Not in the future but to rule and reign now.

I want to tell you that David's thrones are set. Psalm 89:4 His thrones are set and God is not going to move or change it. Note, it is more than one throne. It is many thrones that He has set. The purpose for these thrones is to continue to sing the mercies of the Lord forever to all generations! God is trying to reach creation with His love and compassion and His grace and mercy. That is why you see everything now in the world being turned upside down. The Lord is pleading and saying “When will you honor me? When will you repent to me?” OH JESUS!

Adam did not honor the Lord and that is why he fell. You need to honor your leaders. You need to honor the Lord. You need to respect the Father. We also need to be submissive, one to another. We need to submit to those in authority in Christ. Sometimes that is hard because the flesh doesn't want to submit to one another. The greatest thing is to be controlled by God's love. I don't want anyone else to control me. I don't want the flesh man to control me. Sometimes we let others make decisions for us and we don't seek the Lord with all our hearts. We have such a fear of speaking up, when we know that God wants us to, because we want to keep everything calm

and not ruffle any feathers. I used to do that. I used to walk softly and I would submit to the control of that flesh man. I don't like to think of all the things that I would do to keep peace in the home. LORD HAVE MERCY! I don't know why I am saying this but it must be for someone who is here. My trying to keep peace didn't change a thing, in fact things got worse. When I started listening and obeying my heavenly Father, it brought change for the better. God's control is better.

As we have said before, the Father has to put you in the fire a little bit to make good ground. The seed cannot come up unless it is in good ground. We have the thirty fold, sixty fold and one hundred fold. I want the one hundred fold. What do you want? The one hundred fold is where we can come into the fullness of the Father and all that He is and has for us. Paul said, “I press on to the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus.” He knew what that high calling was. He knew that he wanted to receive the crown of life. He wanted to enter into all that the Father had for him. God has chosen us that we might grow up and mature and be called His son's for His glory.

It is very interesting that Adam said that Eve made him disobey. It looks like Adam and Eve are still arguing today. Eve was taken out of Adam's side. Now if the woman was taken out of his feet it would mean that the man was to walk on top of her and control her. But no! He took Eve out of Adam's side which meant that they were to walk together in oneness and reign

together. Through the fall the curse came upon the woman. The woman had to come in submission to the man. But Jesus Christ went to the cross for the woman and the man. In **I Timothy 2:15**, it says that the woman would be delivered. So God has delivered the woman and the man's supposed to be the head of the house. But he will never be the head of the house until Christ is the head of him. When Christ becomes head of the man, then man will love the woman even as Christ has loved the church. **Ephes. 5:22-25**

I have asked the Lord “Why so many men do not love their wives? He said, because they do not love themselves” Actually you can not love your mate unless you love yourself. The husband cannot love his wife unless he loves God and loves himself. We have carried so much in our lives and through adulthood of what we received from our parents. A lot of what we have become is from the way we were raised. But thank God, Jesus has undone a lot of that for you and me, and he will continue to undo as long as we stay in the place where He wants us. He wants you to feed off of the Tree of Life all the time. What does that really mean? To feed off of the Tree of Life means that you can not bring the old with the new. I see this happening many times. I see people trying to bring in the doctrines and traditions of men and bring religion into the Kingdom of God. The bible says that the fire is going to burn everything out that offends the Kingdom of God. It says that He is going to send His angels (messengers) that have the word,

who will burn those things out. When you try to bring in the old with the new, God cannot bless you or prosper you. Sometimes we slow God down because we are not listening to Him. **Matt. 13:40-43**

The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. There is one tree in the Kingdom of God and that is the Tree of Life. The other tree is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and it is the carnal mind. The Tree of Life is the mind of Christ. We need to feed off the word that is covered by the Holy Spirit. Religion has blinded so many people. The law of the letter blinds you so that you can not see the truth. When your heart fully turns to the Lord it brings life to you and me. God desires for our hearts to turn to Him fully right now.

We must depend on Him, and cleave to Him. **II Cor. 3:14-17.**

That was what He was telling Adam in the very beginning. He was telling His sons to walk with Him in the cool of the day. Walk with me in the Kingdom of God; walk out everything that I have given you. It is His good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. It is God's pleasure to give you everything that is in His Kingdom. He has given it all to you. But you have to possess it. In order to possess it you must be not only a hearer of the word but a doer of the word. Notice if you read **James 1:23**, it talks about when you hear the word and you don't do the word you are like a man who looks in the mirror and forgets who you are. Adam forgot who he was. He looked in the mirror of the

tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When you do that you are looking at this word without God. That tree is your self will, your own desires and the way you think things should be. The letter will kill you. The letter kills but the Spirit brings life. It brings change.

I remember when I would hear new ideas or explanations, I would get upset. I would go home and say that can't be right. There is no way that can't be right. But it was right and the religion in me kept me from seeing the truth. The Lord has burned most of it out of me. If there is anymore I say, "God please take it all out." I don't want any of it. I don't want a mixture. I want the pureness of Christ. I want to feed off of the Tree of Life. I want a word that will change me and bring me into the nature of the Lord Jesus Christ. I used to read the scriptures and find what used to be contradictions. I asked the Lord why this was and He said, "I am trying to teach my people to go within, to go to the author and finisher of your faith." Jesus Christ is in you, the book of Life is within you. You can not contaminate that book. That book of life is God's word which is the Tree of Life. When you go within and seek God, he will speak to you. A lot of people don't want to take the time. They just want to get all the scriptures and all the knowledge they can get. But they are going to be just like the people when Jesus came and they had the scriptures and they knew the word but Jesus was standing right in front of them and they did not recognize Him. They did

not know who he was. Lord have mercy!

So I am not doing away with the word but I am saying to go within, commune with Him. Have a relationship with Him and He will quicken your mind where to go in the word if you have a question and the answer will be right there. A word that God gives you will sustain you. It will help you through whatever you are experiencing or suffering through. I have been told many things; even that I wouldn't live and that I would be dead because of an illness. But I knew I couldn't listen to other voices, I had to get a word from the Lord. I knew that was what I had to stand on. That is what we have to stand on. God's Word will sustain you every time! It is that incorruptible seed that the carnal man has not contaminated. Some people go from one person to another for answers. We have all been guilty of that one time or another. When you do that you bring about confusion in your mind. We need the mind of Christ. We need to hear from God. God is your counselor; He is your peace, your joy and your righteousness. He is waiting to give you advice, always. If you don't get an answer right away, He may give you the answer through a person; someone perhaps who did not know about your problem. It could be a total stranger. It could be from a little child. God answers us in different ways.

A long time ago my son and his friends were in rock music. I would come home and the music would be blasting away. On one occasion it really got to me and I attempted to take the needle off

the record that was playing but in doing so I scratched the record. My son was very upset and we had a few words. I left feeling so hurt and went to my room crying. A little later my three year old came to me with daisies. She said, "Mommy, Jesus told me to pick these flowers for you; and He said if you love him first then he will love you back some day." That was from a three year old. God spoke through her and I understood that I was to accept my son. You have got to keep your ears open and listen to that still small voice. You never know when He is going to speak to you or through someone. Recognize that it is Him and thank the Lord. My son is here and all is well. And we have my beautiful daughter in law, and God has made us one in the Spirit.

Lets go to **Genesis 3:12**, and the man said, "the woman whom thou gavest to me, she gave me the fruit from the tree and I did eat." Just as today everybody is playing the blame game. As long as you can blame someone else, you don't have to change and take a look at yourself. **Gen: 3:13 The Lord God said to the woman, what is this that thou hast done? And the woman said the serpent beguiled me and I did eat. So the serpent comes in many forms. He comes in people. There are times when you have been the serpent too. It is when you fall down into that carnal mind; that serpent nature. Serpent and satan are one in the same. The spirit of satan works in the mind. Verse 14, and the Lord said to the serpent because thou hast done this thou art cursed above all cattle and every beast of the field and upon thy belly shalt thou go and dust**

**shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. Verse 15, and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, between thy seed and her seed and He shall bruise thy head and thou shall bruise His heel.** So what does all that mean? Let's translate this! The belly is the appetites of the flesh. Remember I told you last week what happens when you don't allow Jesus to take His seat in your life and let Him be supreme in your life. You become independent without Him. You cease to rely and do not cleave to Him. You begin to do your own thing. You make your own decisions. You say "I'll make my own decisions without you." He says seek the Kingdom of God first. He wants you to be in tune with him all the time so that He can lead you and guide you. **Verse 15**, he said, I will put enmity between the woman and the seed that came out of the woman. That seed was Christ Himself. God needed the woman. He needs the soul in order to reproduce. Mary was a virgin. He said that her seed would bruise his head. When Christ went to the cross, He took the carnal mind to the cross; He bruised the head. Do you see that? He told Adam, because he came down to a lower realm; he had come down to a lower place, what Adam became was a natural man. He was one who went asleep. That is what happens, the fall takes place in the mind.

The fall takes place when we do not trust and we do not believe what God has told us and we don't obey Him. We don't obey His voice. That's when we decline and it starts in the mind.

You have got to really guard your mind these days.

There is so much stress and fear. So many are emotional basket cases. There are so many wrecked lives. It is happening because so many people are seeing that the systems are not working. They see the economy falling. We are picking up the thoughts of the people who are distressed. That explains why the bible says to be sober minded and guard your mind. Hear what I am saying. That is what God told Adam in the garden. He told Adam that he was to guard and keep the garden. This is the garden right here, your mind. You are to keep this garden. God is feeding you from the Tree of Life in order to transform your thinking and bring your thoughts into His thoughts and ways. He says that His thoughts are higher than your thoughts. **Isaiah 55:9** He is not coming down where you are. He is bringing you up where He is. He wants you to live in a higher realm. That supernatural dimension because you are supernatural beings and that is where you should be living. That is where you should be walking everyday. It should be common to you to have visions as you live in that supernatural realm. It should be a natural thing to you every day of your life. It should be uncommon for you to walk in the carnal mind; that flesh realm. That is not part of you because that is not who you are.

The bible says that we are to look at the things that are not seen and not the things that are seen. **II Cor. 4:18** If you keep looking at things which are seen you are going to get caught up in

it. God wants you to be caught up in Him and what He is doing and saying. Also you see that satan will crawl on his belly all the days of his life and shall eat dust all the rest of his life, **Genesis 3:14**. Dust is a representation of the flesh nature; that carnal nature. That flesh nature will be a people who are enemies of the cross of Christ. They will make their bellies their god. Do you understand what I am saying? **Philippians 3:17**.

Genesis is right here in the New Testament. Brethren be followers together of me and mark them who walk even as ye have us for an example. He said "Mark them." Mark those that you see following Christ. Mark those who are continuing on in God. Mark those who no matter what are going on in their lives they are continuing on because of the Lord Jesus Christ; because of His strength; because of the spirit of God rising up inside of them and quickening them to keep going no matter how hard it gets. They have oppositions coming up against them all the time. The Kingdoms of this world do not want God's Kingdom to take over. But guess what? God's Kingdom will take over the Kingdoms of this world. The book of Daniel says that it will happen and so that's the good news. **Dan. 7:25-27**

I am so glad that we are living in something that is eternal and that it is forever and we know that everything around us might collapse but God's Kingdom will not collapse. If you are in the Kingdom of God you know that all your needs will be met. In fact, so much in the world will be turned over to the

Kingdom of God. Christians will be taking their positions in the Kingdom of God. God will put them in the positions. It is going to be righteous, holy and pure and no unrighteousness. It is not going to be that flesh man anymore; the flesh man is coming down. Come on, hear what I am saying! God has to remove the wicked from the earth because He is establishing His Kingdom in the earth. **Philippians 3:17** Brethren be followers of me together and mark them who walk even as you have us for an example. Verse 18, for many walk whom I told you even after and now tell you even weeping that they are enemies of the cross of Christ.

Well Sister Joyce I have never ever been an enemy of the cross of Christ. Well the day you said no, you just became an enemy. The day you yielded to your flesh desires and did not yield to Him. Beguiled means for you to be lazy and in a slumber. You do some things to pamper and to satisfy the soul. God is telling you to do something but the soul is saying, no I want to go play; I want to have fun. God might be saying, no I want you to go over here to shine your light on someone. Through disobedience weeds start to grow up in your garden. The weeds then become thorns and thistles and they begin to take over the garden. It takes over your mind and you go into a slumber and then you begin to think you are right and yet you have just become an enemy to the cross. Look at verse 18, Many walk whom I have told you after and tell you even weeping that they are enemies of the cross of Christ. Verses 19 They are

doomed and their fate is eternal misery.

Did you know that there are two paths in your head? One path is to follow Christ and the other is the path of destruction. One time I met a Cherokee Indian and I asked him his name. He said Two Trees. I asked God, "Why is his name Two Tree's? He said "because he is 2 trees; sometimes he is in the spirit and other times he is in the carnal mind" Choose this day whom you shall serve. I set before you blessings and curses. I set it before you!! That is why He said "Cleave to Me, Cleave to Me." As soon as you made your own decisions you have left Him out. When you do that, you have become the god of this temple. That is when Christ is sitting on His seat in you and me. **Verse 18 says I told you often and tell you weeping that they are enemies of the cross, whose end is destruction whose god is their appetites ( their belly).** Remember He told the serpent he would crawl on his belly all the days of his life. He is talking to carnal people right there; that serpent nature. LORD HAVE MERCY! That Adam nature! He told Adam that the only thing that he will produce will be thorns and thistles which are thoughts that cannot reproduce any life. None what so ever. That is why Christ had to have thorns placed on His head to give us that new mind in Him. **Verse 19...Whose end is destruction, who's god is their belly and whose glory is their shame. OH LORD HAVE MERCY! Those who do not enter in to the glory of God; their glory will be shame.** That's something to think



about. I am sure that there is even more meaning to that. There will be shame because they will see what they missed and they will be ashamed. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth because they will realize that they sold their birthright. They sold the glory of God for pampering the flesh and the soul in exchange for the Kingdom and the glory of Christ. They are not going to lose their spirit because their spirit is saved but they will lose the glory of the Lord. They will lose that reward. There is a full reward and there is a partial reward also there will be people who will get no reward at all. If you want a full reward you have to begin today to honor and respect your heavenly Father and there is a partial reward. There will be people who will get no reward at all.

The reason our nation is in such a mess is because there is no respect for one another among husbands and wives, parents and children and among brothers and sisters. People are not respecting or showing honor to our heavenly Father. There is extreme lack of respect in our schools and to our teachers. Many show no respect to our President. Such things that we hear and see on TV show that there is no respect for others. People who are in position are not respected. They lash out at authority. Some people's thoughts are just taking over their minds. The earth is opening and swallowing them up.

Just like Moses; he was a leader and his own sister and Aaron came against him. They were jealous of him. Don't be jealous of your leaders and don't

try to be like someone else. I can't be you and you can't be me. He made us uniquely different. I have gone to places where some people act just like their ministers. They wear what they wear and they talk like them. What image are they taking on? We tell you to take on the image of Christ and no one else! Again I say respect your leaders. If you dislike some things, you need not to be a talebearer, because guess what? The earth is going to open up and swallow you up. Meaning that God will turn you over to those negative thoughts and remarks and you will be swallowed up and deceived. You will deceive your own self. It is not a day for that. First and foremost we must respect our Father. We did a tape on "Where is My Honor"; so if you want a copy of that we will be glad to give it to you.

Let's go to **Romans 8** in the amplified bible which brings it out much better. Notice that it said the woman would bruise his head at the cross. Well that was the seed of Jesus that came out of the woman. Then it says that the serpent would bruise the heels. He is trying everyday to bruise your heel. He is trying to affect your walk. Sometimes that self will rise up in you and try to affect your walk and you will start listening to the woman. You will start listening to the serpent and the spirit of this world and it will affect your walk. It will try to bruise your heel. Why? To keep you from that goal that God has set before you and to keep you from keeping your eyes on the goal. You must keep your eyes on Christ. Keep your eyes on Him and put all your trust in Him.

Now if God has given you a word, there are times when the serpent will try to get you in the feeling realm. Sometimes I have to speak to my body and tell it to come in alignment. I tell it to get in line with God's word. Do you ever have to do that? Sometimes you may have symptoms and you feel you should rush here and there for help. That is when you are going by feelings. But I go to the Author and Finisher that is inside of me and I know that He is going to renew my strength and get me going again and He does. Sometimes it isn't easy. What does the word enmity mean? It means hostile. Let's go to **Romans 8:5 for those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by it's unholy desires set their mind's on and pursue those thing's which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit are controlled by the desires of the Spirit.** God wants you to be controlled by His desires. It is really simple. Now notice it say's they pursue those thing's which gratify the flesh, but those who are according the Spirit are controlled by the desires of the Spirit. So each day you get up and you decide who is going to be in control. Are you going to let God be in control? When you are in control, you mess up. When He's in control everything goes smoothly. True there may be some opposition and it seems to have increased lately but the opposition pushes you on in.

Let's continue, so by the desires of the spirit they set their minds and seek those thing's which gratify the Holy Spirit. **Verse 6 read's "Now the mind of the flesh which is sense and**

**reason without the Holy Spirit; death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin. So that's where all the miseries come from; the carnal mind.** Now persecution is a different story. There are some miseries that we haven't brought about. We want to bring a balance here. Peter was thrown in prison but he kept his faith; he kept praising God. The mind of the Holy Spirit is life and peace, both now and forever. You mean you can have this peace every day? YES! **Verse 7 reads, That is because the mind of the flesh (with its carnal thoughts and purposes) is hostile to God. The King James Bible says enmity to God. Enmity means simply refusing to obey the voice of the Lord. Refusing to do what the Father has told them to do. Refusing to cleave to Him and let Him be in all your decisions. And it goes on down, hostile to God for it does not submit itself to God's law, indeed it cannot. Verse 8 reads, So then those who are living the life of the flesh(catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature) cannot please or satisfy God or be acceptable to Him.** There is a lot more to this but I believe that you are getting the gist of it.

The Lord is Life and He came that you might have abundant life. In order to have that abundant life, the soul must yield to the Spirit of God. Death is taking place in the soul and you are walking in oneness with Him. You are cleaving to Him and depending on Him. There are times when I tend to be like a mother hen. I become too concerned about some. Sometimes I weep before the Lord, I have compassion for some

just as Jesus did but I relinquish you and I know that we have taught you enough where a lot of you don't need me because you can get hold of Him for yourself. That's the good news. He is trying to bring all of you to that point. We work as a team to the glory of Christ. We let Christ burn out everything in use that is not like Him. Just as Johnny brought out, when the fire does hit the earth the soil becomes richer. And in us that incorruptible seed really can take root in that ground and as it takes root it comes up and produces who the Father is.

He reminded me, there is something here that I want to show you. You have to understand that we are in perilous times and these are the days that God talked about. He said that in these perilous times there would be people who would be lovers of themselves and they would be very greedy. And in that time there will be people who show no respect. They are people with reprobate minds, believing that they are right and everybody else is wrong. Now God is telling you to embrace the truth. Don't you let go of it. The bible says that people don't love the truth and when they don't love the truth He turns them over to a lie; a strong delusion. God wants you to embrace the truth that He has put in your heart and don't let it go; hold tight to it because His truth is marching on.

There are some people who are getting ready to listen to what He has to say and I am really happy about that. God has to humble us in order to get us to listen. Sometimes our ego and

pride stands in the way. Embrace that Truth and don't let it go. It is precious. Do you understand how precious that incorruptible seed is? Be like Mary, when that incorruptible seed, the Holy Spirit, over shadowed her mind, she was obedient and humble. God wants this incorruptible Word that we gave you today to hover over your mind and for you to meditate on it. Don't let anything come and steal it away from you. Don't let a situation or a trial rob it from you, but hold tight and it will cover your mind. When you see things happening in the world just say no to the fear that will try to creep in. Just say He is my refuge and my strength. He is my protector and safety. He becomes your everything!

You can not depend on the government or the banks or whatever. You have to depend on Him more than you ever have before in your life. I know we are repeating ourselves but God repeats Himself too! He has repeated Himself over and over in His word. I asked Him why? And He said" I have to keep on repeating myself because they get back in the carnal mind and forget what I have told them so I have to tell them again" We have to keep on repeating it but I will know when you have it because you will start walking it out. Now I am not trying to be hard on you new ones, you get the same reward I do. Those who come in the last hour are going to get the same reward as those who have been yielding for a very long time to walk this out. Don't be concerned that you may not know as much as the others because it doesn't matter. What

matters is you hold on to what He has told you. If you don't hold on He will send a strong delusion.

**I John 3:8** He who practices evil doings commits sin; is of the devil. Umm that's heavy. I got everybody's attention on that one. You need to read the whole chapter. It starts out saying, Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God. He calls you His sons; therefore the world knows you not. They don't know you; they don't know who you are. They don't know who He is. It says the world will hate you. **In verse 8 it reads, He that committeth sin is of the devil, for the devil sinneth from the beginning, for this purpose the son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**

The Lord has been teaching us that the serpent is the carnal man. He created the natural man first. First the natural, then the spiritual. The natural man is the devil; the serpent. The spirit of satan operates through the natural man. That is why at one moment Jesus called Peter the rock and then said "Get thee behind me satan." Peter said, "You can't go to the cross", and that is why Jesus called him satan. The soul is always trying to save itself. When you try to save your soul, you have just become satan. One minute He is calling Peter the rock because only the father could reveal to you that "I am the Christ". The next minute He said to Peter "Get behind me". Do you see that? When you yield to your self will, the lust of your flesh is what draws you away. The lust of your flesh

deceives you. When you reproduce that, sin is conceived. It is death. There is a declining that takes place in the mind. **Matt. 16:16-23 So the word goes on down and say, "for this purpose the son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God does not sin."**

**In John 3:8 "for this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God does not sin."** Now when you first start out not everybody stops yielding to the self will. Those that are born of God are born of the water and the Spirit and the word. So this birthing is a continuing thing. You are birthing the nature of God. If you have something in you that is not like God then the fire has to burn it out. After the fire burns it out it is just not in your nature to do those things. You loose the desire. So the Father is transforming you into His nature. Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin for his seed remains in him. That incorruptible seed remains in you. It is aborted when you don't use it. If you don't use it you loose it. **Whoever is born of God does not commit sin for His seed remaineth in him and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifested., whosoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.**

So how can you say that you love God and not love your brother? Remember the wheat and the tares grow together and actually it all has to do with the nature. God is changing you into His nature. Many will not let God

change their nature so they are manifesting another nature. It is a gradual process. Eventually we will get there. If we didn't have God's grace and mercy none of us would make it. I am not talking about salvation. I am talking about going all the way to the full manifestation that Christ wants us to experience in Him. You can read **Ephesians 4:13**. It goes right along with Genesis. Creating that one perfect man! To bring that one man unto the fullness of God, that every joint is joined together in that body. That one corporate man! We are uniquely joined together in unity and in oneness and coming forth into the full measure of Christ.

So the word of God is measuring us now and trying to bring us up into full maturity in Christ so that one new man which is the Man Child will come forth for the glory of Christ. In the amplified bible Ephesians 3:18 talks about those whose moral understanding and their reasoning is beclouded. They are alienated from the life of god because of the ignorance (the want of knowledge and perception, the willful blindness) that is deep sealed in them, due to their hardness of heart(to the insensitiveness of their moral nature). **Vs 19 who brings past feeling, have given themselves over unto lasciviousness to work uncleanness with greediness.**

**MAY THE GOOD LORD HAVE MERCY ON US ALL, AND MAY WE ALL PRESS TOWARDS THE MARK OF THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS. PHIL. 3:14**