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"The Green Bed I"

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Everything the Lord gives us is very important. I have noticed how He has been going with the Word. He started teaching on the Sabbath. I know why He started that, because of what is on the horizon, what is getting ready to happen. I don't think you realize how close things are and what God is almost ready to bring about.

We are going to share some things. We are on different levels, so we will follow the Lord's leading on how He wants to do this.

He started on the Sabbath. He talked about coming into a rest in Him. There are different levels in God. In each level, as we go deeper in the Lord, the greater the rest. The more wisdom and understanding you have in God, the more rest you have in the soul. God is bringing about a corporate people who will follow Christ. They will walk in the footsteps of Jesus because He is the only way, He is the only truth and He is the only life. He is the pattern for you and me.

He started teaching about the Sabbath and talked on how the Sabbath gets polluted. God made the Sabbath for man. Jesus Christ is that Sabbath. He is the one who brings peace to our souls, and He resides and lives

within each one of us. We know that it is a relationship with Him.

We are going to be talking about beds today. We will talk about different beds and what bed you have been lying in lately. We will be talking about eagles and chickens.

God is bringing us into a complete rest in Him. He is bringing us to the place of rest, and there are different levels. It depends on where you are. If you are just starting out, that is okay. God is doing such a fast work that you can catch up quickly if you will just be consistent in your walk with Him. That is the key, being consistent with God. I remember when I was young in the Lord, I would just think about God and go do my own thing. That is when you get in trouble. When everything is going fine, you think you don't need that relationship with the Lord each day. That is when you fall into deception, and you deceive your own self. Nobody else can deceive you. Yes, they will deceive you, but you are the one who has to accept that deception. The bottom line is you deceive yourself.

There are two realms. There is the realm whereby Christ went to the cross. That realm is the realm of life where no death can

enter in. It is the realm where there is peace all the time. It is the realm where you are walking in His presence. It is a realm beyond this world. It is a spiritual realm that God has called you to walk in. We walk in it in degrees, but He is about to bring us into a realm in Him where we will walk in it all the time just like Jesus did. He is the pattern. When He matured, He walked in that eternal realm. The eternal realm is a realm that has no time. It is a realm of resurrection and life. The reason He could say, "I am the resurrection and the life", was because He was walking in that realm. He was walking in oneness with His Father. He had learned obedience through the things that He suffered. He had to learn some things. Up until He was 30 years old, He experienced much in order to learn obedience through the things He suffered. There is a realm in Christ that is life. That life is abundant life. Jesus died that we might have that abundant life. The important thing is that God wants us to walk in that realm all the time. We have enough words and teaching to be walking in it all the time. We have been fed the Word for a long time. The reason Israel never entered into that rest is because they made some

mistakes. They are the example for us. Israel did not believe God's Word. God's Word is needed in our lives. We cannot get anywhere without the Word of God. We might think we can, but we cannot. That incorruptible seed will help us in our walk. It is the Word of God that will sustain us many times when we are going through difficulties. It is God speaking to us. He never speaks outside of His Word. It takes the Word of God to help us mature and grow in Him. We do need the Word.

The Lord showed me this a long time ago. I was in a group of people where the gifts were being ministered. The word of knowledge was being ministered, people were getting healed, and all kinds of things were going on. I would see people come back week after week for a word of knowledge or to be prayed for to get a healing. They would be healed and two months later they had lost their healing. I asked, "God, what is going on?" One time I was in a meeting where there was a mighty move of God. I could feel that God was very grieved. I asked, "God, why are you grieved?" He said, "Because they want a word of knowledge, and they want the gifts; but they don't want My Word." He said, "I have a Word that will bring you Life. I have a Word that will change your life." A Word that changes our thinking, changes our ways. He said, "I have a Word that will change you into My Nature so that you will not have to be prayed for constantly." It takes His Word and Spirit to minister to problems in our lives. God brings us to where He needs us to be.

I want to talk about life and walking in the realm of life. We go through a lot of hells to get to that realm, to learn to walk in the Spirit.

The Lord showed us that the bed is the mind. The mind is a place of union, the place where the soul lies. It either lies down with the carnal mind, or it lies down with the mind of Christ. The mind is where God wants us to come into a rest. There are times in our lives when our minds are not at peace. There are times in our lives when we are worried and upset about many things. We are worried about people and the future. There are a lot of anxieties. That realm of death is what God has delivered us from. He delivered us out of darkness into His marvelous light. To follow Him is to follow His Word. To follow Him is to listen to His Word and use the Word He gives you. We must learn to use it and apply it in our lives. It is not enough for us to read and know the Word and instructions of the Lord; we have put it to use in our lives every day. As you use it, you will begin to see a difference in your life. As you apply it, you begin to see it work. The Bible says that God watches over His Word to perform it. That means He likes His Word. If He is watching over it to perform it, then He is looking for a people who will begin to use His instructions and wisdom and begin to put it into action in their lives. Then He will perform it and you will see Him work it out in your life. It will come to pass. I asked the Lord, "Why aren't we walking in this like we should?" He said it is because the mind has not been

completely transformed yet. The mind is where the problem is. You don't have any other problem except your mind. Sin starts in the mind. That is where everything starts. God knew that you were born in this corruptible world and in that corruptible way of thinking. That is why He got hold of you to pull you out of the world, to set you aside to teach you His ways and thoughts so you could walk in this realm of life, peace and joy with Christ. Walking in the fullness of His presence is joy all the time. We ministered on the five senses. All of us will be tested. You are not alone because whatever God gives me is not only for you but it is also for me. You are full of the Word, but you have to put it to use in your life.

Let's go to "Job". The reason God began to do things in Job's life was because He wanted to show Job just how he thought. He wanted to show Job his thinking and his ways. He wanted to show Job that he still had fear in his mind. Fear will keep you from walking in the realm of life. Fear will torment you and will rob you of peace and joy. Job's life is very interesting.

Rest is complete peace in your soul, and only Christ can give you that. It is freedom from worry. How many of you would like to be completely free forever from worry? How many of you would like to walk in a place with God to where there is nothing but life all the time? Would you like to walk in a realm of joy all the time? I can remember when I finally came back to God after being in hell for 30 years. When I came back to God, I experienced

joy, peace and love, and I loved it. I said to the Lord, "God, I like this. I want to keep this. I want to have it all the time, Lord." He said, "Joyce, you can have it all the time. You can have it morning, noon, and night; all night long, and the next day too." He said, "You can have it because I am in you, and I am life, peace, joy and love." He said, "It depends on where you want to live. It depends on how you want to think. If you want to think the way I think, then you are going to stay in the right place that is in Me. But if you want to think the way you want to think and the way your soul is trying to pull you to think, then you are going to pull yourself back into the hell that is in your mind." He said, "Joyce, there are two realms: the realm of hell and the realm of life (or heaven)." He said, "You can walk in heaven all the time because the kingdom of God is within you, and the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." He said, "Joyce, you can have it all the time. I want to tell you what your problem is. It's how you think." As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. He said, "Your thinking has to change. Your ways have to change, and I am the only one who can do that." He said, "I can help you, but **you have to be willing**. You have to have a willing heart, and you have to yield to Me. You can't be stubborn, prideful or rebellious." He said, "You can be prideful, but it is going to drag you right back into hell." I said, "God, why don't I hear your voice like I have in the past? Why are you so distant?" He showed me a scripture in the Word that He is

distant to those who are in pride. I said, "Well, what do you mean?" People want to think the way they want to think and do not want to think the way I teach them to think. He said, "When you think the way you want to think, a thought in your mind exalts itself against My ways and My truth, and you descend back into hell. When you have enough hells in your life, eventually you are going to wake up, and choose life." The Bible says in *Jos. 24:15*, "*(Choose you this day whom ye will serve)*". Life or death. I said, "Lord, what creates those hells?" He said, "Your thinking." I said, "Well, what else creates them?" He said, "Your words." Even your tongue has the power of life and death. Sometimes your words create more hells. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." That is why Christ has to get hold of our lives. He restores your soul and brings restoration to your mind. He heals those weak areas in your life and brings restoration and change in your thinking to bring you into a completely different way of life.

I want to read about Job for a minute. Rest means freedom from worry, trouble and pain. To be refreshed with rest is to be refreshed by His presence. Have you ever noticed that every time you come into the presence of the Lord, you are refreshed? God wants you to walk in His presence all the time. He wants you to be at ease, to have peace of mind and to be dead. Dead to what? Dead to your self-will; dead to the carnal mind, and to be still. Does your mind get very busy? Does your mind go rapidly? Have you ever had fleeting thoughts? You go with

one thought and then suddenly that thought goes to another thought, and then the next thing you know, you start worrying and getting upset. You are not believing God's Word and you become depressed. Do you have any of those thoughts? You are making a choice. When you choose to go with that thought, you have lost sight of God. You have lost sight of what He told you. You have lost sight of what He promised you. So you keep entertaining those fleeting thoughts, and you begin to believe those thoughts. It creates imaginations and illusions in your mind. The world is full of imaginations and illusions. It is full of unbelief, doubt and all those things that create death.

I don't know what is in your life or what you are going through, but you will come out of it quicker if you have the right attitude and look at it the way God tells you to look at it. I can understand why the Lord says that He will keep in perfect peace those who keep their mind on Him. How do you keep your mind on the Lord? It doesn't mean for you to keep your mind on Him constantly. That is not what He is saying there. When that fleeting thought comes in your mind and it does not bring you any life or peace, you have to do something. What did Jesus do? When He was being tested in the wilderness, He would say, "It is written." That is how you keep your mind on the Lord. He will keep you in perfect peace. Everyone reading this has thoughts that come into your mind to take away your joy, peace and happiness. When that thought comes into your mind,

look at the thought and ask, "Does that bring life to me? Is it bringing peace to me? Is it bringing happiness?" Then you say, "What does the Word say?" In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God. You have to reflect on what the Word says. Your mind has to go according to the Word. "It is written." Why did Jesus do that? The whole intention of the carnal mind (serpent) is to get you out of the realm of the Spirit. That is what happened in Genesis. The carnal mind causes you to forget that you are an individual whom God loves and cares for. God knows you inside and out. He wants you to have confidence about who you are in Him. He wants you to walk and live in that confidence. Sometimes we don't. So you have to replace those thoughts with His Word. It is what you must do. You have to say, "It is written." You also have to say about negative thoughts, "I am not going to listen to that. I am not going to yield to that thinking. What is God saying about this situation?" I want to give you an example about seeing things the way God sees them. If we look at our circumstances the way God looks at them and see with His eyes, we would never have a problem. We might have the circumstances, but they would not be a problem. He is there and working out the situation. It is the way you are looking at it. In **Job 17:12-13**, the Word says, **"(They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness. If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.)"** God did not make Job's bed in darkness, but Job said he made

his own bed in darkness. Darkness is in the mind. It is ignorance of God's Word, ignorance of God's truth, ignorance about what He is saying about your circumstance or your problem. You are living in the five senses and believing a lie. Sometimes God will speak something to you, and as soon as He speaks it to you, all hell breaks loose. It looks the opposite in the sense realm of what He said to you. Then what does the mind do? It starts reasoning. Every time this happens you get in trouble because unbelief sets in. Then you cannot trust your thoughts. In these chapters Job was depressed. He was having a union with his thoughts. Do you know that you have a union or relationship with your own thoughts? The Lord showed me that sometimes we have a union with our own thoughts that have no truth or life in them. It is not making you happy, and not bringing you any joy. You start worshipping those thoughts.

Jesus told Satan that He would not do any of those things. His mind would not go there. He said, "It is written." He was going to stay on the course of what God had said to Him. Jesus said that man was to worship God and Him only. If the serpent could get Jesus into the five-sense realm and get Him into unbelief and doubt to disobey God, then Jesus would have descended out of the Spirit, and would not have gone forth in the great power that God gave Him without measure to accomplish all that the Father sent Him to do. There are some people God is working on, and He is getting ready to give them His power without measure to do

what He wants them to do in this day and hour. The Word says that Job made his bed in darkness. Job said, "I have said to corruption, thou art my father." So corruption is the flesh. Corruption is self-will and disobedience to God. Corruption is, instead of choosing God today, I will choose my self-will, my flesh and my desires. The Bible says if you sow to the flesh, you will reap corruption. Your mind is sowing all the time. You are sowing with your thoughts. God knows your thoughts. He knows what you are thinking right now. He knows when you are up, and when you are down. He knows when you are happy, and when you are not. He knows every detail about you. The flesh is: the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. The flesh is: the five senses and the self-will. When you sow to the flesh, you are reaping death, not life. No wonder Jesus said there are only two paths. Do you know there are only two paths in the world? One path leads to destruction. The Bible says many are on that path.

If you walk with God, you will have resurrection life in you. There will be a lot of action in your life.

Job 17:14 says, **"(I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.)"** What he is talking about is his self-will and the Adam nature. That is who he is. Job was so centered on himself that all he was talking about was, "I", "I", "I". There are many people whom I have met who are so self-centered, they cannot get beyond themselves. Job was sowing to the flesh, so he was reaping corruption. He tells

us what it does. Look at Job 17:15, which says, “And where is now my hope?” So he lost his hope. When we get into thoughts that do not reproduce life, we lose our hope. He said in Job 17:15-16, “As for my hope, who shall see it? They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.” So it is people who have decided to walk in the flesh, who have disobeyed God, and are walking in their self-will. They are reaping corruption, and death is working in the members of their body. Then there are people who find that God really loves them. The Bible says that those who love God, He will set them on high. The Father is about to set a people in a realm that has nothing but life. There is no death there. The mind will be transformed, and they will be walking in the mind of Christ all the time. That is why the Bible says you have to put off the old man. You have to put on the mind of Christ because the old man is that Adam man, and he is very corrupt. That is why God is creating a new man. He is creating us as spiritual beings in Him. Psalm 4:1 says, “Hear me when I call, O God, of my righteousness.” David really got himself in a mess many times. There was a particular time that he disobeyed the Lord. David knew his position. He knew he was a king and priest. He was supposed to go and use his rod in a battle, and he didn't do it. He tarried in Jerusalem. He disobeyed God at that appointed time. Through that disobedience, he got into the five senses. It says in II Sam. 11:2, “And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that

David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.” David went from his bed, (the place of God's rest), and walked upon the roof top of the king's house (in his carnal mind/five-senses) and there he saw a woman bathing herself. After looking upon her (with the five senses), David began to lust after her. This happened because he did not obey God. Through disobedience he began to fall. One sin led to another sin. Then David experienced a lot of hell. All of these sins went down to his children. David cried out to God and asked God to show him what was in his heart and show him those weak areas that caused him to disobey God.

Psalm 4:1 - “Hear me when I call, O God, of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? How long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing?” What is God saying? How long will you walk in the imaginations and illusions of your mind and not obey My Word? How long will you believe those things that your thoughts are telling you that do not bring any life? How long will you walk in that negative of your mind and not in God's Word? God's Word is positive. It is always uplifting and victorious. It is always truth and life. It is always sure. It is always in confidence. How long will we listen, dwell on, and believe the thoughts, vanities, and lies of the

mind? It brings shame to the glory of God. I asked God, “What do you mean that it will bring shame? He said we are His witnesses. We are the witnesses of the Lord. Our lives are a witness to mankind. If we know Jesus as our personal Savior, we don't walk in this overnight. It is a progressive growth. When we accept Christ as our Savior and come to know Him, our life is not our own any more. Some of us think it is, but it is not. It is not our own any more. He paid a high price for our life. We belong to Him. That is why He separates us unto Him. After His disciples got filled with the Holy Spirit, He told them, “Ye are My witnesses in the earth.” So our life is to be a witness of who God is, how God is, and His ways. My question is: Is your life a witness to mankind? That is why He said, “I am the light of the world.” You are the light of the world. Is your light shining at home? Is your light shining on your job? Is your light shining? Sometimes your light does not shine. Your light doesn't shine because of the thoughts in the mind. The Bible says that people put their light underneath their bed. What does that mean? To put your light underneath your bed means that you put your light underneath those thoughts that are not of God. Therefore, if you are worried upset or mad, you are not being a witness for Christ. Christ is love, joy, and peace. We are His witnesses in the earth. That is what He was telling the disciples. He said, “You are My witnesses, and you are to go forth into the uttermost parts of the world.” He wasn't saying, “Go tell them all these things.” He was saying,

"Be. Be the light." When I first started out in this, I got down a lot. Do you know what I got down about? People! Do you know what will get you down more than anything? It is people. Worrying and being concerned about them. I still lose my peace sometimes by worrying about others and being concerned about their relationships. God does not want us to do that.

Look at Peter. When Jesus met Peter, He beheld him and looked his life over. Basically, He said, "Thou art Simon." In other words, "Peter, you have a lot of hate in you. You have a lot of pride and cruelty in you. You still have a lot of fleshy ways. You have a lot of self-will." That is basically what Jesus was saying to Peter. But He said, "I beheld you. And you are going to be a rock, Peter." When Jesus knew that Peter was going to deny Him, He did not get upset. Do you want to know why? Because He saw the end result of Peter's life. Sometimes I forget to look at the end result of someone's life. I look in the middle and see everything they are doing, and it starts upsetting me. If you keep looking at that individual with their weaknesses and ways, and you keep pointing it out to that person, all you are doing is strengthening it. Sometimes there is a lot of flesh flying around. I get worried and concerned, but God tells me to take those things to Him and pray for the individual.

The Bible says in Ps. 4:2-3, "O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? How long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? But know that the Lord hath set

apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.)" That is the individual that God hears. One who is walking with Him. One who is obedient to Him by walking and doing what He says.

Have you ever been on a tall mountain? One time when I was in North Carolina, the Lord had me go up this tower on top of the mountain. When I got up on the tower, I heard the Lord say, "Look." When I looked, I saw all these mountains. Some were high, some were low. The mountains were different heights, but there was a big, tall one. There were trees on all those mountains. The Lord explained to me that each one of those mountains is the same way the world is. I want to talk about the one mountain that God wants us to reside in. A mountain is speaking of the state of the mind. If you look at the world and at people, you can see different kingdoms in the world. You can see different kingdoms and different governments in the world. You can see people involved in different things. Have you ever heard that birds of a feather flock together? You have the kingdom of golf, you have the kingdom of basketball, you have the kingdom of music, and there are many others. There are many different kingdoms in the world. Whatever man's heart desires the most is where he will be. Have you noticed that you cannot wait to run into someone who is on the same mountain or state of mind that you are on? It's because you have the same interests. I have noticed this in the church and in the body of Christ. There are many different

kingdoms. You have the Catholic kingdom, the Baptist kingdom, and various kingdoms with different beliefs. Maybe the alcohol "AA" has its own kingdom. You have drug programs. There are all these different kingdoms. If a person likes something, they are drawn to that same kind of person. They are all pulled together because they are thinking the same way. They like the same things. One time when I was at "King's Dominion" there was musical group playing there. All these young people were gathered in one place. I said, "God, what is going on?" He said, "Go over there. I want you to see." This guy came out, and he was singing a certain kind of song. I saw the young people raising their hands and worshipping this guy on the stage. Then I saw the young people sharing pot with each other. God says, "That's a kingdom, Joyce. And all these kingdoms are trying to draw people to these kingdoms. I want to tell you there is one kingdom, and that's the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is what God is trying to get man into. The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy. It is a state of mind of life, peace, and joy. Even in the church, you have different mountains or kingdoms.

There is only one kingdom that God wants to take over your mind, and that is His kingdom. There is a mountain that God is establishing His house in, and that is Isaiah chapter 2. You are the house of the Lord. He wants to establish your mind in His kingdom. He wants to establish you in Him. His mountain is higher than any other mountain

in the whole world. It is a state of mind of walking in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. It is higher than any other kingdom in the world. All the kingdoms of the world will pass away, but God's kingdom will never pass away. God began to tell me He wanted me to live on His mountain. He said, "I want you to live in My mountain and in My presence. I want you to live in My kingdom and walk in My kingdom." He said, "I want to destroy all those other mountains you have had in your mind, all those different ways of thinking." A mountain can be a thought that comes in your mind and takes the place of God, causing you to lose sight of Him.

Then God began to tell me about an eagle. It takes the wind. The eagle does not flap and flap his wings. Every other bird that you see is flapping away. God created an eagle, which represents a people who have decided they want to walk and live in the Spirit. They want to walk in oneness with God. They want life, peace, and joy. They have made up their mind that is what they want. They have found out that all these other kingdoms of the world never brought happiness. It brings nothing but hurt and pain to your soul. So if you want God, that means He is going to change you.

One thing about an eagle, he puts his nest on high. The Bible says he builds his nest on the rock. You should build your bed on the Rock that is Christ. You build your house on the Rock by abiding in Christ and obeying His Word. Walk in the mind of Christ. It takes time. You have to put it into practice. You have to

use it every day of your life. An eagle loves to fly. He wants to get above the world. You see, that is why God has made it possible. That is why you must be born again because that which is flesh is flesh, and that which is Spirit is Spirit. When you realize that you are a spiritual being, you desire to fly. You want to get above your problems. You want to get above your circumstances. You want to get above your situations. There is a realm that you can walk above them. There is one thing about an eagle. When the storm comes, he doesn't run from it. All the other birds run for shelter to hide from the storm. The eagle doesn't do that. He doesn't run from any of his problems. I learned one thing—whatever problem God brings in my life, I don't want to run from it, because if I do run from it, that same problem is going to hit me down the road again. God is wanting me to overcome it with Him. God is wanting me to see that He is in the storm. God is wanting me to understand that He is in my hells. David said, "If I make my bed in hell, You will be there, Lord." When you make your bed with those thoughts and have a union with those thoughts, guess who is there? God is there. David said, "If I ascend into heaven, You will be there, God." He saw the two realms.

The eagle waits for the wind and moves with it. He doesn't flap his wings. When the wind blows, he doesn't run from the wind or the storm. He knows the storm is what is going to make him go higher. That is what God wants you to see. Whatever problem you are going through

in your life, whatever storm you are going through, you can make it go one way or another. You can make it cause you more hells in your life by the way you are looking at it, or you can yield to God. You need to understand that God is in the storm and understand that He is with you. As you worship Him, you begin to fly above the storm and the circumstances, and it doesn't get you down because you know He is in control.

Think about a chicken. We have a lot of Christian chickens. Do you know what a chicken does? Cluck, cluck, cluck. An old hen likes the dirt. Some of you still like your five senses. Some of you still like to wallow in the dust every now and then. You know who you are. It is not to put you down, but apparently you still want some more hells, and it cannot bring life. It just brings death. When you sow to the flesh, it reaps corruption. It can only bring one thing, and that is corruption. When you sow to the spirit, it only brings life. What is wrong with that?

A chicken loves worms. He loves to pull that worm right out of the dirt. Have you ever seen a chicken or a bird? He just pulls that worm out and cannot wait to get that worm in his mouth. Your mouth is always feeding on something. The mind is either sowing on corruptible thoughts or it is sowing on thoughts that bring life. You are making choices every day. All of us do.

Look at John 5. God wants you to be like an eagle. He wants you to fly with Him and trust Him. All of you have a story.

The Lord has been saying for you to ascend into this next

realm. He has been saying some of you mature ones should ascend into this next realm. Some of you have risen into the realm we are in now. The young ones who have just come in are okay where you are. The Lord will progressively bring you more and more into Him. He wants us to ascend into that realm that has nothing but life. The whole problem is in the mind. In John 5 we see a condition. There are a lot of people there with a lot of problems. There was a feast. This is the Feast of Tabernacles that the Jews were celebrating at that time. The pool of Bethesda means "the mercy of God, the kindness of God and the grace of God." The pool of Bethesda is inside you. The fountain of life is inside each and every one of you. These people surrounded this pool at a particular time and were waiting for an angel to come and stir up the waters. Many of God's people out there are sitting around the pool of Bethesda, and they are waiting for a messenger to come with a word that will help them in their life and heal them. Some of these people were blind, some were paralyzed, and some were lying down. They were waiting for God to move by His Spirit and send a messenger to move by His Spirit who would break these things off of them. There was one man in particular.

We read from John 5:5, which says, "(And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.)" This man is that one new man that God has been perfecting. It said the first day He heals, the second day He delivered people from spirits, but the third day He would perfect Himself. You are Him, and that

is why He is perfecting you. We are now in that third day or the seventh day. This man had a disease. The disease was his thinking in his own mind. Because of this disease, he was in a realm of death. He was walking in the carnal mind, walking in reasoning, walking in the realm of death, walking in the realm of worry, anxiety or jealousy. He was not able to walk the way God wanted him to walk. That is the condition of some of God's sons. When Jesus appeared to this man, something happened to him. It is interesting what Jesus said to him. He asked, "Wilt thou be made whole?" That is what God is saying, "Will you be made whole—body, soul and spirit?" He wants the whole man to be made whole in Him. "Wilt thou be made whole?" It is interesting that he asked this man that question. Look at John 5:7-8, which reads, "(The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.)" What is Jesus saying there? Jesus is telling him, it is time for you to come out of that carnal mind. It is time for you to come out of that negative thinking. It is time for you to come out of that death realm. It is time for you to quit yielding to your flesh. It is time for you to yield to Me and obey Me. It is time for you to arise and stand in this realm that is life. And take up your bed and walk," meaning let your soul lie down with Me. Your soul has lain down with everything but Christ. God wants our soul to lie down with

Him and have a union with Him. A bed is speaking of a union. The bed is the mind. God wants you to have a union with Him. He wants you to have a relationship with Him. Whatever your problem is, let it go. Lose sight of it. Focus on Him. Worship Him. If your thoughts have been going crazy in your mind, the Bible says, "Let God arise and your enemies be scattered." The enemies are thoughts. All these thoughts will go, and then you return to that peace and life in that realm. You don't always stay there, do you? No, you don't. We are trying to teach you to stay there all the time. The way you are getting there is by His letting you understand that you can no longer think that way any more. You have to let go of some of these ways, let go of some of these thoughts and not yield to them any more. You must only have those thoughts that bring life. This man immediately did what God said.

Everyone reading this should read Isaiah chapter 60. I realize that that has already happened in the invisible realm, but it is getting ready to happen to the visible realm. In Isaiah 60:1 it says, "(Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.)" God wants your light to shine, for you are His witnesses in the earth. Now, let me tell you what is going to happen to those who don't rise and ascend in the realm that God is demanding. In Rev. 11 it talks about when God told the angel, which is a messenger, to measure the temple. That's what He is doing. He is measuring you. How does he measure you? He does it by the Word. But He says

measure those who worship Me, those in My temple who worship Me where the altar is in the temple. Jesus said He would have a people who would worship Him in spirit and in truth. God is trying to get a people to walk in truth, not to walk in lies, not to walk in the imaginations and illusions of their minds, but to walk in truth. There is no truth in the sense realm. It is blind faith to walk in this realm. To walk in the realm of faith and trust in God sometimes is not easy. It is much easier to walk in the five senses and not believe what He said and to go with the flow of how everyone else is thinking. The Bible says in Isaiah 60 that gross darkness will cover the earth. It is going to get darker. There are going to be people out there with greater hardships. What the Lord is saying is that you can no longer have both worlds. You cannot have your self-will and your sense realm and live in the world and try to serve God, too. It doesn't work, and it is not going to work, and it never will work.

In Rev. 11:1 we read, "(And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.)"

You are the temple of God. We get measured by His Word. God is measuring His true worshippers who worship Him in spirit and in truth. We continue in verse 1. "(And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and

measure it not: for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.)" What is He saying? Anything that is not of His kingdom and that offends His kingdom and is not His nature or like Him, anything that is the outer realm of that natural man, that natural realm, do not measure. Then it says, "(leave out, and measure it not, for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.)" What is going to happen is this: People who do not want to walk in the Spirit and obey God, Will be turned over to the imaginations and the illusions of their mind. These imaginations and illusions will tread them down (their walk) for 42 months. We know the number 40 represents trials, testings and tribulations. The number 2 is a true witness. What God has had to do in our lives is to put us through the wilderness at times to purge those things that are not like Him that make us go outside of Him and not believe Him because He is not going to measure that. He is doing this so we can become His true witnesses in the earth. That will be a sure witness. Their life is a witness to the whole world. The world is looking at us. The world looked at Jesus, and nobody can deny what He did. Some people might not believe it, but it happened, and it is still being told today. That is why God is trying to get us to walk with Him.

This goes along with Rev. 2 when Jesus was talking to the seven churches. The seven churches is the whole body of Christ. Each one of you has

walked in each one of these realms. It is amazing. Sometimes the seven churches have been in each one of you. The church in Thyatira in Rev. 2:18—the Lord begins to say things to this church. I think it is interesting what He said. "(These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding, I have a few things against thee.)" Well, Lord, what do you have against them? It is really simple. They wanted the sense realm and the spiritual realm. They wanted the negative still and to have the negative thoughts in their mind. They wanted to have a relationship with Jezebel. Jezebel is a representation of the soul. All of us have been Jezebel until God cleaned up our soul. Jezebel always wanted to lie down with the harlot. She always worshipped the idols, anything rather than God. She never was reproductive. She never reproduced the Christ. The only thing she reproduced was the flesh, which is corruption.

He was saying in Rev. 2:20, "(Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.)" So this is what is happening within a person. They start worshipping thoughts and things that they love more than God. Whatever your mind focuses on more than the Lord, will get you off track. We continue in Rev.2:21, which

reads, "And I gave her space to repent." It is people that God gives time. Repentance means change of mind. You have changed your mind, and you have decided to follow Christ. You have decided to wholeheartedly follow Him and to do what He says. But here He gave them the space to repent. **Rev. 2:22** says, "Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation." The only reason you are having tribulation in your life is that God is trying to bring change in your thinking. He is trying to bring you to a place where you come to the end of all your hells and you don't have any more hells in your mind, and you are walking in that heavenly state in Christ all the time. **Rev. 2:23** says, "And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works." Isn't that interesting? God searches the mind.

Rev. 2:24 says, "But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden." The "depths as they speak" is the flesh man. "No other burden" means no more hells, no more tribulation. "And he that overcometh..." He goes on right there and gives you this. This is where I believe some of God's people are now. They want God, but they want the world, too. They want God, but they want the sense realm, too. You cannot have both. You cannot serve two masters. If you try to do so, you

will create more hells. "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations." (**Rev. 2:26**) That's the overcomers.

There are many more things that the Lord gave me that I don't have time to bring out. **Prov. 15:24** - "The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath." How many of you are sick of your hells? You need to get the wisdom from the Lord, and you need to start using it, applying it in your life.

There are so many scriptures here to bring out on what the bed is. In Solomon it talks about the Shulamite. She had a relationship with her husband. She was having a love affair with the Christ. She was the bride, and He was the Bridegroom. There was a wonderful love affair going on. Christ brought her into His bedchamber. That is what happens to you with God. When you come to God, He has His bedchamber. His bedchamber is the Holy of Holies, and His bedchamber is inside of you. He wants you to come into His bedchamber, into the Holy of Holies and commune with Him and have this wonderful relationship with Him. She began to have a relationship with Him, and she said, "Our bed is green, and our beams are made out of cedar." So you see, when you have a union with Christ in your mind and not with all those other thoughts that are not coming from God, then all you can experience is life. You cannot experience anything else but life. God is wanting you to have communion with thoughts that have life to them, not union with thoughts that bring death. She

was saying, "Our bed is green." One interesting part was that she lost Him. She couldn't find Him. She had a night, and that's the way we are. We cannot find Him. We have a night in the mind. So she started looking for Him, but she was looking for Him in the wrong place. She was looking for Him in the broad way. You won't find God on the path of destruction that everyone seems to be walking on. The only path that you will find God on is the path of life. So she finally found some watchmen. These watchmen were people who knew God, and they pointed her to where God was. She got hold of Him and would not let Him go. She was determined to not let Him go, and she brought Him in her house and took Him to her mother. Her mother was her soul. That is what we must do, is to have that relationship with the Lord and commune with Him so He can restore our soul and make your bed green. That is a bed full of life.

Do you remember in the Old Testament about the prophet who prophesied to this woman and said, "You will have a child," and she had a little boy and he grew up and got sick in the head? That is what happened to you and me. We got sick in the head, and the sickness came from the carnal mind. He got sick in the head and died on his mother's lap. His mother started running, and the husband asked, "Where are you going?" It is interesting. Her son is dead. Most people would be weeping, crying, upset and down because they are in the sense realm. But guess what she did? She looked at her husband and said "It will be well." Wow!

Why can't you talk to some of your circumstances like that? Why can't you speak the Word? Her son is dead, and she looked at her husband and said, "It will be well." She knew where to go. The Bible says she took that boy, and she laid him on the bed of the man of God. Well, everyone reading this, you are the man of God. Sometimes someone needs to come to lie on your bed to get that resurrection life, to come out of that corruption and that death. That boy is dead, in the death realm, and she lays him on the bed of the man of God. The man of God walked right in that room, laid on top of him, and put his mouth to his mouth. What was he doing? He was breathing the word of God into his life. He was breathing the Spirit and the Word right into that boy. The interesting part is that when she met Elisha, he asked her, "How is everything?", and she replied, "Everything is well." Even though her son was dead, she said this. When are we going to get it? So this is how the Lord is trying to get us to live and walk and believe and do what He says. He will bring a change if you really believe His Word and put it to use. He showed me deliverance is good. You cannot keep your deliverance if you do not walk it. You need His Word and wisdom, and you need to put them to use. There is a realm where He will swallow up death and cause us to walk into a rest. We have tasted of it. We know what it is. We have experienced it, but we want to be there all the time. I am tired of thoughts that come into my mind that cannot bring any life, and it's my fault and your fault because we go

with it, and don't obey Him. We don't listen to Him and obey Him. Choose life tomorrow and today. Make a choice. We are making choices. The interesting part is that when she met Elisha, he asked her, "How is everything?", and she replied, "Everything is well." Even though her son was dead, she said this. When are we going to get it? So this is how the Lord is trying to get us to live and walk and believe and do what He says. He will bring a change if you really believe His Word and put it to use. He showed me deliverance is good. You cannot keep your deliverance if you do not walk it. You need His Word and wisdom, and you need to put them to use. There is a realm where He will swallow up death and cause us to walk into a rest. We have tasted of it. We know what it is. We have experienced it, but we want to be there all the time. I am tired of thoughts that come into my mind that cannot bring any life, and it's my fault and your fault because we go with it, and don't obey Him. We don't listen to Him and obey Him. Choose life tomorrow and today. Make a choice. We are making choices.

My mother used to tell me. "Joyce, sometimes you have thoughts, but don't let it make a mess." Sometimes you will have these thoughts, but don't let them mess in your mind. Replace these thoughts with God's Word, and you will be fine.