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"Be Ready"

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About two weeks ago the Lord spoke and said He is bringing about justice. Every time we get in the spirit and allow Christ to go forth throughout the earth, He is bringing justice. Judgment is correction. It brings change and justice in the earth. The Lord is using the saints of the most high God to judge things in the earth and in the world today.

We were encouraged a couple of weeks ago when the Lord spoke. He brought about judgment with Saddam Hussein. God brought judgment to Haman in the Old Testament. When it was in God's timing to bring judgment on Haman, He reversed the plot and turned it back on Haman. The Lord said that it would be done in the same manner with Saddam Hussein. Also the Lord said He would liberate and free the people. We did see people being freed and liberated in the spirit from what was going on. It is up to the Father as to how He brings this about.

A couple of months ago there was a prophecy brought forth from a brother in Richmond. It was in Richmond when we all went as a team to Iraq and Pakistan. The Lord spoke in a prophecy at that time that there was a root in Pakistan and there

was a tree and the roots went very deep. The root of this thing went in to that country, but the Lord was going to uproot it. The Lord has had us do extensive work in the past several months, allowing Him to deal with some of the generations. One night the Lord took us very deep. We were in Pakistan and we were also in Iraq. We could hear them talking and saw the different clothing that they wear in that country. We knew the Lord had done something; we did not know all the details because He doesn't give us the details any more. There was a lot of energy going forth at that time. I remember the Lord telling of an upcoming event. I also remember He said it would be on the news. Whether or not this was the event, I don't know. I know that the Lord brought judgment that Friday night, and on Saturday the announcement was made that one of the leaders with bin Laden was captured that evening. The Lord is moving and bringing justice in the earth. I thank God for His justice.

It is very important when the Lord calls the meetings that we come together or when He calls you to go within at home because the Lord is ministering the thoughts of Christ. We are the

vehicles God uses. That's all we are. Christ gets all the glory. I want you to understand that. It is the Father who is doing the work in this hour to bring about the judgments in the earth today.

God has put an important thought on my heart today. If you can understand the natural, you can understand the spiritual. In the natural, you know the news agencies in the United States of America have been saying in the past several months that we are on the alert. I don't know how many times we have heard recently that we are on the alert. Then they upgraded it to an orange alert. The highest alert is red. First there is the natural, and then there is the spiritual. They have been telling everyone to be ready and to be prepared. Go out and get your duct tape. Everyone was running out and getting their duct tape, and everyone was preparing themselves.

The United States has enjoyed freedom and liberty for years. We have enjoyed freedom of speech and a liberty that God has given this nation. Even though we have had these freedoms, we have people who break the laws of the country. Because they break the laws, many have suffered from that

because it affects every individual when the laws are broken in our nation. It is wonderful to understand the freedom and liberty we have in our nation. You will not appreciate these freedoms unless you have traveled to other countries and experienced staying in other nations. You come back and appreciate the liberties we have here. Yet there are times all of us have felt very guilty for taking these liberties for granted. Our government has been telling us to be alert, to be wise and be on guard and to be like watchmen. They are telling us all these things.

There's a higher government. We want to get to a higher government, which is the kingdom of God. We want to hear what the Father is saying. We want to know what He is telling us in this day and hour. There is a word I want to bring out today, and that is - BE READY. The Lord is telling us all to be ready. What are we to be ready for? Why are we to be ready? Why is He telling us to make ourselves ready in this hour? What is He speaking about? What does He want us to understand? What does He want us to know? The Lord is telling us that there is something on the horizon. There is a grand finale getting ready to take place. No human being in this world can stop this grand finale. God wants us to be ready for this worldwide grand finale. God has given every sign for us to understand what is about to take place.

I also want to talk about being ready, what happens, the reward you get for being ready, and what it means to be ready.

God has confirmed this word in the past two or three weeks. I know what He has put on my heart today. I know it is real, and I know what He is saying is true. It is important for us to hear what the spirit is saying, so let your spiritual ear be in tune to the word because there is an appearance of the Lord on the horizon that we have never seen or experienced, but it is about to take place. We know that the Lord appears and He is appearing today, but there is a grand finale appearance that is getting ready to take place. We know that Jesus Christ appeared as a babe in a manger. That was His first appearance. The Feast of the Passover was one of His appearances. We also know that He appeared on the Feast of Pentecost, which is the second coming of the Lord. *We know that the third coming is at the Feast of Tabernacles, which we know God is working in His people now. It is not something in the future.* He is coming as Lord and He is coming in a people. He is coming in clouds. He is not coming in those white puffy clouds up there in the sky. The clouds He is talking about are people. We are clouds, and He is coming in clouds of glory; therefore, He is coming in a people who have come into His nature, glory and likeness. We are going to share with you the reward that we have because we have made ourselves ready for the coming of the Lord.

This is the day that the bride hath made herself ready, for behold the bridegroom cometh.

Not long ago the Lord told us to prepare our hearts. He said that the stage was already set.

God has a stage; He has set His sons on the stage and the veil is about ready to be drawn so the whole world can see the manifestation of the Christ in the earth. This will be an open manifestation of His power, glory and splendor. He is coming in ten thousands of His saints, which includes all the saints who have passed away on that side of the river of life plus all the saints who have made themselves ready on this side. If you can understand all of the collective clouds coming together, what a grand finale this is going to be of the power, glory and splendor of Christ for man to see and behold!

This is a day for us to prepare to be ready. In the natural, the government is saying for us to be ready and prepare for whatever will take place in this country. If they are saying that, then God is saying something else, the opposite of that. The Lord has given us many signs to show us that these things are about to happen. He has given all the signs in the sun, the moon and the stars. Those signs have already taken place for you and me to understand. The sign in the sun is the ozone. That's the sign of the Lord, which was in an old newsletter that you are welcome to get. The Bible talks about God as a sun. He is the sun. The Bible says He is the sun and He is the shield. That is in Psalms. It talks about the countenance of Jesus. His splendor and His glory are as bright as the full strength of the natural sun. That is your reward. That is the full glory that God is bringing you to because He is changing you from glory to glory. It is in *Proverbs 4:18*, "But the

path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.) In the Amplified Bible, it reads like this: *“But the path of the [uncompromisingly] just and righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines more and more (brighter and clearer) until [it reaches its full strength and glory in] the perfect day.)”*

What God is saying is that He is increasing the light within you because each glory that God brings you to, each change that He brings about in your life, each weight that He releases you from, your light keeps getting brighter and brighter until it reaches its full strength, meaning that it comes to the full strength even as the sun. We have not reached that point yet, but that is where we are headed. We are headed to a realm where there is nothing but light. There is no darkness in the mind. There is no thought that is not Christ. That is why the Lord is changing us, because He is the light of the world. We are the light of the world. Every time the Lord changes you, your light gets brighter and brighter. The glory that the Lord is bringing us into is not the glory of Moses. The glory of Moses was as a result of His spending 40 days and 40 nights with God on the mountain. The mountain he was on was Mount Sinai. He represented the letter of the law. But we are on Mount Zion. If you spent 40 days and 40 nights with God, your countenance would really shine. You are bound to look good. His countenance was so bright that the Israelites could not handle it. When he came down off the mountain, they could not look

upon him because He was so bright. He radiated the glory and the light of the Christ because he had been in the presence of the Lord. God was giving him the laws and the Ten Commandments, and they could not look upon him; therefore, he had to put a veil upon his face.

We will talk about the sun and the ozone layer. The sun is getting brighter and brighter. The heat is coming out more and more from the sun. It is a representation of God’s glory increasing and increasing in the earth. It is a sign of the coming of the Lord in a people who are allowing Christ to change their lives because they desire to be all that He is. This is what the Lord is doing. This is why He is preparing us for His coming. It is the day of preparation. It is the day to make yourself ready. It is the day to be ready.

The Bible says if you know when the thief is coming, because He will come as a thief to those who are in the night, then you will be prepared. The night is people who live in ignorance. They don’t live in truth. Darkness is ignorance; darkness is lacking truth. People, who live in ignorance and keep sowing to the flesh, reap corruption. If you sow to the spirit, you reap life. It is simple. The more you sow to the spirit, the more life you reap. If you sow to your flesh constantly, you reap corruption. Ignorance and darkness are in the mind. If we get caught up in the cares of this world and get drunk with the cares of this world, we are not ready, we are not alert, we are not watching. He said, be careful, be watchful, don’t be drunk with the cares of this

world, don’t be worried about anything and encumbered with all the ways of trying to live. This is the day to be caught up in God and have an awareness of Him more than you ever have before. **Luke 21:34.**

The Lord is trying to get you to understand that it is the day of His appearance and His coming in us. He will also be coming in others on the other side of the river of life.

Another thing I wanted to emphasize was in 1 **John 2:28**. The Lord confirmed this word through a brother. The Lord tells you how He wants you to be at His coming. We are going to show you what it means to be ready, how we should be ready, and how we should be at His coming. One of the things is in 1 **John 2:28**, *“(And now, little children, abide in Him; Okay, to be ready, you have to abide in Him. It is the day and the hour that we are to abide in Christ. 1 John 2:28 continues, “(That, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.)”* If you are not abiding in Him, you will be ashamed. If you abide in Him, you will not be ashamed. To abide in Him is to maintain a union with Him, a relationship with Him and to be walking with Him. You know that you can do nothing by yourself, but you have to depend on Him. You know that He wants to be in everything that you do. If He is in everything that we do, we are abiding in Him, we are not breaking off from Him and getting into our own self-will. We understand that we are one with Him; therefore, we are allowing His will to operate

through us each day. We are grounded and rooted in Him. We do not make decisions on our own because we seek His leadership and guidance each day after we get up. When we start our day with Him, we allow him to put His thoughts in our minds. He interrupts and tells us where to go and what to do. We do experience a one-on-one relationship and communion with Him. We are picking up our cross daily, denying ourselves. We are here for the sole purpose of God, to be a light wherever He wants us to be—even on our jobs. In the back of our minds we are always thinking about Him. When we encounter a problem on the job, we can commune with Him and ask Him how to deal with the problem. We are learning how to allow Him to be a part of whatever we are doing, learning to allow Him to put His touches on everything. This will allow us to prosper in everything we do because we are learning that without Him, we can do nothing. That is abiding in Him. When you understand that you can do nothing without Him, then you are learning to abide in Christ. That is how simple it is. We must learn that we can do nothing without Him. We cannot leave Him out of our decision-making, but always allow Him to be in whatever He instructs us to do each day of our lives. We continue in *1 John 2:28-29*, which reads, "*(Abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. ²⁹If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him.)*" Here we see that it takes a holy

walk we cannot just go out and sin and do all kinds of things. Many people do not understand if you sow to your flesh you will reap corruption, when you do certain things that you know the Holy Spirit has told you not to do, then you do not hear His voice as clearly. It takes a close, clean walk with Christ because God is a holy God.

When I first got filled with the Holy Spirit, my husband asked me to go with him and his friends. They went downtown to a bar where you can dance, and I went in there. I had a lot of turmoil inside because I knew I did not belong there. That was a group of people of the world. I asked my husband if he would call a taxi so I could go home. But he could stay. I didn't belong there. When God gets hold of you and changes you, it is no longer your nature because He is changing you into His nature. Therefore, it is not in your nature because you have become His nature and can no longer do those things that you used to do. It is by the grace of God that He changes us. You do not have that desire; it is not there. Why? Because He has changed you.

A brother shared something in the Greek, which I thought was very good. There are several scriptures in the Bible where the word *appear* is used. If you look up a Greek word, it can carry different meanings depending on the context in which it is used. The Greek word *appears*, in this context means, to lighten, to shine. In Strong's it means "external manifestation," meaning the inner work is now finished. It is now time for a public debut. It means showing

or putting on display. When God said, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," He put His Son, Jesus, out there who displayed to the whole world what God represented. This Son manifested the kingdom of God and His glory. He was the expression of God in His glory to mankind throughout the earth. God is getting ready to do the same thing when His work is finished. The Lord is putting on the finishing touches now. I get very excited; I don't know about you! Jesus turned the world upside down at that time. They had every kind of religion and every kind of belief that you could think of at that time. They had their governments and Caesar at that time; they had all those different types of beliefs of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. God announced His Son before He was tested. "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." He was willing to be proven, tried, and tested. All of you here, this is preparation ground. We are being prepared, trained, proven, tested and tried. God gives you the word, and He sends you into the world. You get tested during the week with the word. When you hear the word with the spiritual ear, you will remember it.

The grand finale that the Father is getting ready to reveal is not just one son; it is all who have been faithful. *Matthew 24:13* says, "*(But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.)*" For those who have been faithful and true to the very end, He is coming with His reward. That is another thing I want you to understand. He will publicly give you His reward

that He is bringing. Everybody will have to see it, and everybody will have to watch it. The reward that He is bringing is to be *all* that He is. The glory of the Lord will be manifested to creation. We must be awake and alert; because He says no man knows what hour He shall appear. The Word says it will be as the days of Noah. Everyone will keep on doing the same routine, marriages, etc, and will just keep on going. Be ready!

If you know a thief is coming to your house, you will be ready for him. You will watch to prevent him from stealing anything. A long time ago the Lord allowed a thief to come to our home, and he stole all the mag wheels off my son's van, stole all his records and everything that was in the van was gone. He went outside, and there was his van sitting up in the air on bricks. His father decided that he would prepare for the thief because he said he was coming back. He just knew it. Every night he sat up watching for the thief. For three weeks he got up during the night and looked out the window and worried and watched. The Lord was trying to get a point across. The man became very tired and weary. God does not want you to become tired and weary and let your guard down. *Gal. 6:9* says, "(Do not become weary in well doing, for in due season you shall reap if ye faint not.)" I realize it has been a long haul. I realize that everyone reading this has something you are going through in your life. It says in *Romans 8:18*, "(the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.)" The

Bible says that you have a light affliction, and it is only for a moment. How can you exchange a moment with eternity? God wants to give you a position in Him. How can you compare it? You cannot. In whatever you are going through, you have to say, "This is a moment. I cannot compare it to what God has in store." There is no comparison to something that He gives you throughout eternity.

This man became very weary and tired. He said, "I'm going to bed. I'm going to sleep." When he got up the next morning, the wheels were gone again! He had bought new wheels to put on the van, let his guard down and went to sleep that night. The thief returned and took those wheels!

This is not a day for you to be asleep; to get tired and give up, to look back or to let go of what God has given you. This is the day for you to be alert. God has His own kingdom. Even though the natural is saying to be alert, God is telling you to be alert in a different way. God is telling you to be ready in a much more important way than going out and getting duct tape. Duct tape will not save you when the Lord comes. Neither will it spare you from all the snares coming upon the earth.

God does not want to find you murmuring and complaining at His coming. "I can't stand it. I'm sick of this. I've had it. I'm going to throw in the towel. Forget it." He is coming to judge the complainers and murmurers. Read *Jude, verse 14*. I am going to give you some scriptures you can study yourself. He talks about His coming. He says He is going to come and execute His

judgment on all the ungodly. All the nations will have to go into the valley of Jehoshaphat to make a decision. It talks about judging the complainers and murmurers in that particular place.

How does God want to find you and me? First, He wants us to be found abiding in Him. *1 Peter 1:6* says, "(Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations.)" Why are we greatly rejoicing? Because of verse 4. We are greatly rejoicing because of *1 Peter 1:4*, which says, "(To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.)" That is your inheritance. That's why he says, in *Luke 21:28*, "(And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.)" - meaning you are going to get your glorified body. You are going to get a body without disease, without aches and pains. You are going to get a body that doesn't age any more. You are going to get a body just like Jesus, that is resurrected in all its glory, undefiled, incorruptible. We are putting on that incorruption now, but in the twinkling of an eye, any corruption that is left will be swallowed up. It is reserved for you. No more pain, no more shame. It is something to think about, isn't it? No more aging. If we are going to look like Jesus, we are probably going to look like we are 30 years old. *1 Peter 1:5* continues, "(Who are kept by the power of God through...)" God keeps us by the power of the Holy Spirit within us. "(..of God through faith unto salvation

ready to be revealed in that last time.”) We have to keep on walking in faith. *1 Peter 1:6-7* reads, “(Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.)” This is how you are to be found at His appearing. God will test you. He is showing you how much fear and disobedience you still have. The Father will expose anything that offends the kingdom of God. Everything that is hidden in the heart of man is coming to the surface now. I get amused when the snow comes because you can see everything that is left in man coming out. It is flying everywhere. *1 Peter 1:7* reads, “(That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.)” There is that same appearing again. I am trying to teach you today how God wants us to be found. *1 Peter 1:8-9* reads, “(Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.)” *1 Peter 1:11* says, “(Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did magnify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.)” There are different types of suffering. If you reign with Christ, you will

suffer with Him. Sometimes God puts us through the fire. That is a type of suffering we go through. Whatever situation God is putting you through, it is not the end result. God is trying to get you to look beyond the situation. Whatever suffering, betrayal, or mistreatment you are going through; you will be hated without a cause. That is a true sign of a son. People will be jealous of your walk and your relationship with Christ. Some will be jealous of the things God gives you. It is the mark of a son. That is a type of suffering that we go through. Another type of suffering comes because of disobedience. You bring that on yourself. The Lord knows when to put us into the fire and when to bring us out of the fire. It is to free us, to remove the weights from us and to restore the soul. It also brings us into another realm of His glory. Whatever it is, we should focus on the glory that will follow. How did Jesus deal with the cross? He knew that He had to be crucified on the cross. He knew in the garden of Gethsemane how much He would suffer.

A couple of times the Lord spoke to me regarding the things we go through. He said, “You have never suffered to the point that you sweat blood.” No matter what you go through, you have never suffered to the point that you sweat blood, and He did. Therefore, we have nothing to complain about. We must learn to remain in an attitude of praise and be ready for His coming and be faithful, walking daily in obedience to Him and making ourselves ready.

He endured the cross because of the joy. That joy was the glory that He was returning to, that He had with His Father before the foundation of the earth. That joy was knowing that He would be able to return and to enter in to people all over the world. That joy was that He knew He was dying so that all mankind could be reconciled back unto the Father. He does not want us to focus on the suffering but to keep looking; setting our eyes on the glory that is to follow.

Joseph had a dream. It was the dream that sustained him while he was in prison. It also sustained him in all that he went through. God will give you a word, a dream or a prophecy that will sustain you through whatever situation you have to endure. We are to fasten our eyes on the glory that is to follow.

In *1 Peter 5*, Paul is admonishing the elders not to be lords but to be examples, so we are to be an example to one another. *1 Peter 5:5* says, “(Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility)” **Be ready.** To be ready is to be clothed with humility. *Verse 5 and 6* continues, “(for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.)” *6* “(Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.)” He is the one who will exalt you. He is the one who will openly give you the reward, publicly. *1 Peter 5:7-8* says, “(Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring

lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.)” This means there is the anti-Christ spirit that wants to keep you from walking in the spirit and get you back into walking in the carnality and the flesh because then God cannot use you. Then you are not being alive. Then you are no longer a threat. You are just a carnal being. We are awakened here. We know we are not carnal but are spiritual, the spiritual man in the earth today. Always be so reminded. Always watch out for little foxes that spoil the vine. You can read it yourself, but *Colossians 3:1-4* goes with this as well.

If you want to know the qualifications when the Lord appears, then look at *Psalms 15:1*, *Psalms 119:1* and *Psalms 24:3* for some more qualifications. I hope you are understanding what it means to be ready, to be alert, to have an awareness, and to understand that you have your reward. For your reward, He will put you on display, and you will be a part of the grand finale for the whole world to see.

The good news is that people are going to say; “(Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord (Zion), to the house of the God of Jacob; and he shall teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.)” *Isaiah 2:3*. There are people in Zion who are going from strength to strength because they have that relationship with Christ and with God. They have been trained and understand the ways of the Lord and how to walk in His ways. They are learning to put into operation the

word that God gives them and use it daily in their lives. All the nations will have to come to one feast, which is the Feast of Tabernacles. Those who come to the valley of decision and yield to the lordship of Jesus Christ, will come into restoration. God will bring restoration to these nations, and they will experience the Feast of Tabernacles along with us. There are a lot of God’s people out there, and He is bringing them into the Feast of Tabernacles and helping them understand what it is. God has tabernacled Himself in man. God is in every man. He is in every human being, but God has to awaken every individual. Entering into the Feast of Tabernacles is ceasing from your labors and resting in Christ. You are learning to rest in Christ and walking and having union with Him daily in your life.

In *Daniel 12:1*, it talks about people who are wise. It talks about a very troubled time in the earth. *Daniel 12:1-2* “And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.)” There is going to be a great harvest like we have never seen before. There will be those that God will awaken in their minds, and they will come to know Christ as their Savior.

Daniel 12:3 says, “(And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to

righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.)” This means that those who walk in the wisdom of Christ will have the brightness of the glory of the Lord. They will radiate the fullness of the Father’s glory and they will turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever. Look at Jesus. When God through Jesus manifested Himself, even though He was up against a people who were very carnally minded, the power of God withstood it all. Even though they tried to take His life, they could not take it until it was the appointed time of God. Through it all, He demonstrated the kingdom in power. He started healing on the Sabbath. There was a reason that He healed on the Sabbath. We have not come to our complete rest yet. We are in a rest like we never have been in before, but we sometimes go out of that rest because of thoughts in our minds. If we stayed in the rest of Christ, we would never experience worry, concern, doubt, or fear. God has brought us into a place of rest in Him like we never have experienced. There will be a manifestation of the love of God in the realm He is bringing us into that the world has never seen but is about to see. What the world needs is love. The manifestation is our coming into the fullness of His nature. It is nothing but a realm of love. In this realm, you are looking at people the way God sees them, not the way you see them. You have become so one with Him that His eyes are looking through the windows of your soul. You have no judgmental or condemning thoughts about the individual except what the Holy

Spirit shows you is in the person's life that needs to be dealt with. God is bringing us into a place where it is only Him operating all the time. That is what we earnestly desire. He is working it all in us by His grace and goodness. He will display Himself because God will be seen. Why did He say, "Let us make man in our image and likeness?" Because He wants Himself to be expressed, seen and known. He wants His Kingdom to be known and displayed for man to understand. He also wants the world to have His Kingdom, for it is His good pleasure to give them His Kingdom. It was His good pleasure to give His Kingdom to us.

Be ready. Do not be like the five foolish virgins. Be like the five wise virgins. They had oil in their lamps because they had a union with the Father and when Jesus came, they made themselves ready. This is not something you can buy. You have to develop your own relationship with the Lord. You have to have your own experiences with Christ. You cannot live on my experiences, and I cannot live on your experiences. I can learn from your experiences. We can learn one from another. We need one another. He wants to take us all in together. He wants us to get together like a team. Have you seen people who come together and make an agreement or a goal? They agree with each other to attain that goal. It is not about me, myself and nobody else. We must understand what God wants us to have, what He wants to give us. If you don't have an

understanding of what your inheritance is, we have tapes on it. You need to get the understanding of what your inheritance is and what you will obtain and what the reward is when Christ appears. You endure because of the joy that is set before you, and you make yourself ready. You can tell when you get off track because you don't have your first love, and you are not on fire for Him. You are not all excited. Sometimes we have been fed on the Word and become stuffed and lazy.

We once had a business and I had this thought in my mind, "We must hire nothing but Christians because that is what God wants us to do." We hired Christians to get the job done. If you found them sleeping, they acted like you owed them something. They wanted the money, but they did not want to do anything. They felt like everything should be given to them. I said, "Lord, what is going on here?" I had a minister come through who said, "Joyce, don't hire Christians. Hire people who don't know God." He said to hire some people who don't know God. We even hired an old bum, an old alcoholic. We hired a bunch of Mexicans. They might not have known God, but they worked. Some of them got to know God by our being able to minister to them. I said, "God, you have some lazy people. No wonder you called Israel stiff-necked."

The word God laid on my heart today is to tell you to be ready. What are the qualifications? God wants us to be ready. Do not listen to your

soul. Sometimes you have to tell your soul to be quiet. Do not listen to your body either.

I have learned that you miss a lot of action when you do not heed the voice of the Lord. Many things transpire during the day. If you take heed and listen to the Lord, you can be in tune. There is a great deal of action going on. Many things are taking place.

Hebrews 10 - I know this is a serious word. I know it is a true word. Sometimes the animals are smarter than God's own people. Jesus gave several examples in the Bible about when you see trees shooting forth its bud, then you know summer is near. He has given us all these signs. We know that His appearing is very near.

Cows do not have to turn on the TV in order to get the weather. Neither do any other animals. They have a built-in instinct. Well, you have God in you. Go within. A cow knows when the storm is coming. She does not even have to look at the clouds. There is this knowing within. She is not dumb and thinking, "I am going to beat this thing." The cows go slowly to the shelter and stay there until the storm is ended. That is why the Lord says, "When you see these things, you are to come into His chambers. You are to shut the door. The door is your mind. Go no more out until my indignation is past. That is in *Isaiah 26:20*. If the animals are that smart, what is wrong with us? I think it is time for us to get smart and be wise and abide in Christ because He is our shelter. In *Hebrews 10:35* it says, "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great

recompence of reward.)” He is saying here not to let anyone take away your confidence. Don’t let anyone take away your freedom and liberty in Christ. Family or no family, don’t let anyone take away what God has delivered you from. *Hebrews 10:36-39* says, “(For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.)” Going back to perdition means going back unto that carnal man, that fleshy way. We don’t allow our souls to pull us back into that because we are having a union and relationship with Him and following Christ. God is saving the soul. Once the soul is totally restored, the body will also be completely restored.

Two more scriptures, *2 John 1:8* and *9* “(Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.)” Don’t lose anything that you have gotten in God. Don’t let go of any truth He has given you. 9“(Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.)”