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Mirror of Life I

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I want to share some thoughts with you that God has been putting on my mind. As we know there is so much chaos in the world. A lot of things are happening. There has been one thing after another. It has been on going. Truly we are living in those perilous times that the lord said we would experience.

God gave me a word that is the opposite of chaos. We are going to minister on this today. I know there is more to it than what I have. I said, Lord, I hope you will open up more on this as time goes by.

I want to start with the scripture that he put on my mind which is Isaiah 52.....

Basically, we are going to minister on the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We want to give you more insight as to how we can truly partake of the tree of life and how it brings nothing but life in you and me.

In *Isaiah 52:7*, it says, *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings.* Notice it says the feet of him. This is a people that are walking upon the mountain of the Lord. It is their walk not their talk. *So how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, publish peace, that publish*

salvation, that saith to Zion, Thy God Reigns.

We sure need a people like that in this hour like never before. We need a people that are walking in the Spirit and walking on top of the mountain of the Lord. A people that no matter what is going on in the world, are able to bring GOOD NEWS. A people who are able to bring peace and truth to peoples minds. The good news is that you can go forth and say, God reigns, God is in control. God is sovereign. No matter what is going on in the world. God is still in control. God is still reigning. In the midst of the chaos and all that is happening, God is in control.

When you are going through serious trouble you can publish the good news, saying you have a God that can come to you and give you help. He is an ever present God in time of trouble. He is always there. You have a God that will never leave you, nor forsake you. He will never let you down. You can be assured that your situation is not permanent. Nothing is permanent, no absolutely nothing. Everything is subject to change. When Jesus was in the tomb, it was not permanent. Whatever situation you are in right now, you can rest assured, that it is not permanent. The

good news is that God is in control.

We are on the verge of something that is getting ready to happen. God in you is getting ready to come out of your tomb, and nothing is going to stop it. Nothing can stop what he has set in motion. The Father is in control.

The good news is that we can say in all of our situations that we serve a God who is eternal and can do the impossible. Eternity is forever. The good news is there is life after death. Thank God for that. He has the keys to death and hell. He is there to release. We thank God that there is something good in everything that seems bad. You can always find something good. No matter how difficult a situation you are in, there is something good going on and we have got to focus on the good.

There are a lot of people who are in misery and pain. There are many who are distressed, hopeless and down and out. There are many people who need help. God wants us to help his people. You have got to get a hold of this teaching.

In *John 5:19* it says, *We know that we are of God and the whole world lieth in wickedness.* Also in *John 18:36*, *Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of*

this world. So we can no longer live in two worlds. We live in one world and that is the kingdom of God. Where do you live? In *Gal. 6:14* Paul said, **God forbid that I should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.**

He was dead to the world. He understood that his citizenship was in the kingdom. What is the kingdom? The kingdom of God is eternal and forever. Jesus Christ is the king of that kingdom. **The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

This is what we must understand. If I am walking in the kingdom of God everyday then I have good news. I have something very good. Since the kingdom of God is righteousness then I have right thinking; in order to have joy, I have to have right thinking; in order to have peace - again I have to have right thinking. So it all depends on what tree you are feeding off of. If you are feeding off of the tree of life you are eating from the kingdom of God. The tree of life is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit; it is the mind of Christ and the word and the Spirit.

I know what it is to have pain in the body. Paul had infirmity in his body yet he kept on preaching. The people didn't reject him even though he had that infirmity. Sometimes we have to lose sight of our infirmities and keep on going until the Lord raises the body up into a different level. Do you understand what I am saying?

God taught me this a long time ago - He said, "Joyce,

whatever you focus on becomes your state of being. Whatever your mind feeds on becomes your state of being. If your mind feeds on the negative then you are eating on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The next thing you know you are going to get depressed and you lose your joy."

I want to get back to the tree of life. Do you know that Adam had no knowledge of good and evil. He had not eaten of the tree of knowledge yet. He was only feeding on the mind of Christ. In the mind of Christ he was feeding on love. He was feeding on his relationship with his Father. He was feeding on that union that he had with God. He was feeding on the peace that was in his mind. He was feeding on nothing but beauty.

Again in *Isaiah 52:7* How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him. He was seeing every situation as beautiful. We don't always see our situations as beautiful. Sometimes they are painful and we don't always see that God is working that situation to our good.

So here Adam had no knowledge of good and evil because he was feeding off of the tree of life. Feeding off the tree of life means to focus on God and what His word says. If you start looking at your situations, and they can get really bad, then there will be a declining in your mind. You begin to recognize the good and the evil and start to lose your peace.

As an example: the Lord had me move from one place to another. I had to borrow money to put a deposit down even though my house had not sold

yet. Then it came time to settle on the new home and still my home hadn't sold. The sales people on the new home were shocked and said I had to come up with the money for settlement or I would lose my deposit of \$70,000.00 I had nothing but peace. She was telling me that and I was resting in the Lord and smiling at her. She surly was wondering what in the world was wrong with me to have such a reaction. I went home and was at peace with the whole situation. I had not thought about the good and evil in the situation. I just had not gone there. I could have been thinking, "What is going to happen if God doesn't come through"? I did not go there to reason the whole thing out. I did not get into the appearance realm or my five senses. I was still feeding on the tree of life. I still had my peace.

Days later I heard these questions in my mind. What are you going to do? Where are you going to get that kind of money? Who is going to loan that much money to you, you with such a small income? My mind started to go from one thing to another. Do you see what happens when you start listening to your thoughts and get into the appearance realm which is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. I had God's promise but I left it. God told me that he was going to work it out. I had to keep my focus on His promise.

How many times do we start reasoning things out and then start doubting God's word. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is when you begin to SEE the good and SEE the evil. This is another principle the Lord was

teaching me; you can see it but don't eat it. There is a difference. You see it but you don't stay there and feed on it. You begin to walk out what God said by faith, and God begins to watch over His word to perform it. If you start feeding on the appearance of the situation and start digesting it you will decline out of the Spirit and death begins to set in.

Adam didn't fall until he listened to the woman, which is the soul. He listened to the woman and then he ate it. When you listen to the woman it is pleasant to the sense realm. Feeding on the tree of life is a moment by moment thing. It is really learning to discipline your thoughts. It is learning that you can have a lot of imaginations and illusions but do not eat and digest what is not true, what is not coming out of the mind of Christ. There is so much that goes on in the mind that is not really true. It exists but it is not real. What is real? What is reality? God is real and what his word says is real. Whatever God says, it comes to pass.

God will say something is going to happen but that doesn't mean it will happen right away. Some people try to help God out and try to set in motion what they think will bring it about. That's when you get in trouble. The thing will come about in God's time.

There are some people who are feeding on the tree of life. We do still have some of the good and evil in our minds though. There are two trees operating in you. Have you heard of speaking with a forked tongue?

I remember meeting a person whose name was "Two Trees".

He was an American Indian. He really was two trees. One minute you would hear God and the next minute you would hear the other tree speaking. That's in everybody. One minute you hear Christ speaking, and in the next, is that other tree. What is that second tree? That tree is your self will. That tree is the ego of man that simple refuses to allow God to govern their lives. That is the tree of knowledge of good and evil: it is simply people who will not allow God to govern their thoughts; their walk or to govern their speech or talk. When you start out with the Lord, you have plenty of weak areas. We all do. That is why God puts us in the fire, He is trying to teach us how to learn to walk this thing out. How to walk in the spirit. He taught me a long time ago. He said, "Joyce, you can obey me and hear my voice and I can lead you and direct you, but that does not mean that you are in the Spirit. You can hear God's voice and you can come here to our meetings but be complaining all the way. But you are not in the spirit. You are obeying the Lord by coming here but your thoughts are not what they should be. It is one thing to be led by the spirit; it is another thing to be in the spirit. To be in the spirit is to be in the mind of Christ; to have peace in your mind and not be troubled with all the worries and fears that we have in our life from time to time. Yes, there are times when we are fearful. I want to bring a balance here. I am going to tell you some things that might surprise you. Lord, have Mercy! The Lord has opened up some things to me. To feed off of the tree of life - that is

where it is at. Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. He has been showing me that I am not always feeding off of the tree of life and neither are you.

The good news is that he wants to show us how to feed off of the tree of life even more. He is going to bring about a people who are going to be full of life; full of who He is because he is a victorious God. We should be Christians who are walking a victorious walk. Our speech should be victorious. This is the hour that you are going to see more and more people who are not victorious in their life. Because of what is on the horizon, all hell is breaking loose all over the world. The good news is that we are moving closer and closer to what God want to bring us into. As this is happening we will experience much opposition to try to prevent you from getting to where God wants you. We have to remember that we are feeding off of the tree of life and that God is the author and finisher of your faith.

In the old testament there was an ark and on that ark there were two angels. One angel on each side of the ark. One cherub is Jesus Christ; the Word and the Spirit. The other angel is you and I. The cherubim are facing each other. Whatever image you are looking at today is what you are being changed into. We are to look in the mirror of God's word and keep our eyes on the word of the Lord; no matter what you are going through; the word will sustain you.

It is the only thing that has brought me through. The tree of

life is wisdom and understanding.

Prove. 3:13-18, The tree of life is under standing. It is full of wisdom and understanding. You have that full wisdom and understanding in you because God is in you. When you need it, go within. Go within when you are in a situation and you need God's wisdom. The book of life is the tree of life. Man has never contaminated it and cannot touch it, because it is God's book. Whatever you are in need of, can be found in that book. God is you source. You have it all within you. It comes from a relationship. Adam had a relationship with the Father but because he listened to the woman, he fell. When we listen to the woman, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we begin to doubt His word. We start losing sight of Him. Then those situations become bigger and bigger and we lose sight of how great He is. We lose sight of his sovereignty. Again the tree of life is wisdom and understanding. If you feed off of the tree of life, you have thoughts that give you life. You refrain from negative thoughts.

Phil. 4:8, tells you what the tree of life is. *think of these things, whatsoever is good, etc.* The mind tends to want to think about the bad things. I heard someone say once, "If you have nothing good to say, then do not say anything." My daddy used to tell me that if I didn't have anything good to say, keep your mouth shut. It is true, and feeding off of the tree of life is not feeding off of the negative thoughts. It is feeding off of the

positive thoughts which are life, life, and life!

So many movies are just all violence. You just can't fill your mind with that. It has a very bad effect. Your mind is precious and it is like a sponge. Actually, even in watching bad news on television constantly you are bound to get depressed. It is true, all these things are happening in the world but don't feed on it, don't eat it, don't digest it.

The Lord said, "The little ones are going to possess the land." Read it in *Deut. 1:39*, The Lord said, *You thought these children were going to be prey and would not enter in, but these children have no knowledge. These children have no knowledge of good and evil, therefore, they will be able to go in and possess the land.* That is something to think about.

I thought about that. When little kids are born into the world they have no knowledge of good and bad. They are taught it. Isn't that true? They are taught to be afraid, taught not to speak to strangers. I said, "Well Lord we have knowledge of good and evil so please explain this to me. I understand that Adam didn't have any knowledge of good and evil until after he ate of the tree." You said, Well now man has become like us and that is even what the serpent said. The serpent said, "Adam if you go to the woman, if you feed off of this tree - God does not want you to eat from it because if you do you are going to become like him and you are going to have the knowledge of good and evil."

I said, Lord, one minute I see that Adam had no knowledge of

it until he fed off of the tree of good and evil and now he has knowledge of good and evil. God gave me this principle. He said, the little ones had no knowledge of good and evil so they entered into the promised land to possess it. Joshua and Caleb had the knowledge of the good and evil that was in the promise land. They had gone in and they saw the giants and saw what was there. The difference is they had the knowledge of it but they didn't feed on it. They kept looking at the word. They kept looking at the promise that God gave them. You have got to keep looking at the promise that God has given you no matter how you feel, no matter what you see and no matter what you hear. You have got to keep focusing on what God has said to you. You can't let your mind go down those rabbit trails. If you don't catch it you run into more trails, more imaginations and illusions. There is a difference in knowing and eating it. God showed me that they didn't eat it. He took me to Paul. Paul had the knowledge that the ship was going to be wrecked. He knew there was going to be a very big storm and he warned the men. They didn't believe him. They were in the middle of the storm with the north wind blowing very hard. *Acts 27:22*,

*And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.*²³, *For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, 24, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.*

25, Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

God is doing that today. His north wind is blowing really hard. Paul and the others started lightening up the ship. You didn't lighten up your ship until God started blowing his wind on you. You keep holding on to this and that. When God puts you in the fire and the wind starts blowing, you begin to seek him and you want to know what you need to let go of.

An angel appeared to Paul and said, fear not. That let me know that Paul was in fear. There are going to be times when you will be in fear. What sustained Paul, was the word the angel gave him. He began to feed off of that word. The good news is that there are going to be some people that are like Paul. And I mean in this day and in this hour. With all of the chaos in the world, we are going to begin to trust God with all our heart. We will know that God is sovereign; that God reigns and is in control. He knows everything that you are going through. He understands every situation. He understands every problem that you have. He is your hope and salvation. He is your deliverer. He is your healer. You know that he will never leave you nor forsake you. This is the time to be in the secret place of the Most High God. Walking in the kingdom of the Lord and abiding in Christ.

Let's turn to *Genesis 6*. I want to show you something in the word. A brother pointed this out to me in Hebrew and in the Greek. It really stirred me up. It is a good thing those boys were with Paul. It is good to hang out

with people who believe and are positive and know God. God said to Paul - I am going to give you these men, I am going to save their lives, all will be saved. They were told to rejoice in the situation; to be of good cheer. So here we have a people who are saying - God is in control, be of good cheer.

Matt 24:37, Even as in the days of Noah, so shall the son of man be coming. Even as in the days of Noah. That is what is going on now. I want to show you something here. In *Genesis 6:5* the lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination and intention of all human thinking was only evil continually.

So what kind of people are these? In the Hebrew the word for wickedness is people who are in distress, afflicted, adversity, misery and displeasure. That opens up our understanding. They are not feeding off of the tree of life but they are feeding off of tree of the knowledge of good and evil and they are not happy. Their thoughts are not the thoughts of Christ.

Gen. 6:8, That there was one that found grace. Why did he find grace? *Gen. 6:9* These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his (evil) generation. Noah walked (In habitual fellowship) with God. The bible says how can two walk together unless you agree? So Noah was agreeing with God's word; he was obeying God and believing God. The people around him would not allow God to govern their lives. They were in their own self will. They refused to allow God to

govern their lives. Noah's name means rest. Matt 11:28, Come unto me all of you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest. When you feed off of the word and feed off of the Christ you have rest in your soul. Your soul is not troubled or restless.

Feeding off of the tree of life brings peace in your mind and there is no restlessness there. A double minded person is one who feeds off of the mind of Christ and sometimes off of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When all of the waves come, they are not able to stand. That is a double minded person.

In *Gen. 6:11*, the earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. Is that not going on today? How does the violence start? It starts with thoughts in the mind. Violence comes from mans mind. The word violence into the Hebrew translation means imagine wrongly. In other words, it is not true. It is an imagination in the mind. The word corrupt means decayed, marred or spoiled.

In *Gen. 6:12, "And God looked upon the earth and beheld, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.* So how did they get so corrupted? I have quoted it many times.

II Pet. 2 It talks about the fact that God spared Noah. Ponder on this for a moment. I want to make it as simple as possible. This is every day life. As a man thinketh so he is. actually we do a lot of creating with our mind. We create our own circumstances and situations. If you think something bad is going to happen, it probably will. So here

in *II Peter 2:5*, God spared not the old world. And God is not going to spare this old world. He is not going to destroy with water but with fire. In *2Peter 2:10*, “but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise government” Presumptuous are these, self willed and not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries. It goes on down, *2Peter 2:12*, “and shall utterly perish in their own corruption. They perish in their own corruption. So basically, as the bible says, if you sow to the flesh you reap corruption. If you sow to the spirit you reap life. We are in the flesh when we sow in the carnal mind. It cannot reap life. The only thing that the carnal mind can reproduce is death. It cannot reproduce anything else.

Here we have a situation in Noah’s time where the sons were the same as are like some sons today. They were feeding off of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and not feeding off of the mind of Christ. They were not allowing God to govern their thoughts. Neither would they allow God to govern their lives. They were doing their own thing. We have got to believe God and come to the place where we believe He is who He is. He is straight talking with us. He does not beat around the bush. We must believe that what He says is true. If we really believe what God says we have got to tell our soul to shut up. Many times you don’t catch it because your thoughts make you focus on you. The tree of knowledge of good and evil will always cause you to center on self. You will be thinking about me, me, and me. Self is the ego and pride of life.

The mind of Christ is different. God so loved the world that He gave. That is the kingdom of God which is the mind of Christ. It doesn’t mean that you are not going to be persecuted, or hurt. It doesn’t mean that you are not going to be judged wrongly. You will go through some of these things but you will be sustained by the promise that God gave you. You will feed off of the word and you will hold on to it. You learn to let go of that problem and you give it to the Lord. And you remember not to take it back once you have let it go. If you take it back you are thinking you are bigger than God and maybe you can fix it yourself by worrying about it but it doesn’t work that way. You have to tell the soul and the serpent to shut up. You are not going to listen to those hissing thoughts anymore. Those are thoughts that are trying to steal your peace and your joy. Last week we were talking about living in the now; living in the moment and how there is always a thief trying to take you back to what happened yesterday or in the past. Also there is a thief that tries to take you into the future and get you to worry about it.

David talked to his soul. He said, **BLESS THE LORD, OH MY SOUL AND ALL THAT IS IN WITHIN ME.**

It is very hard sometimes when you are in pain in your body. I noticed that if I focused on the pain it just got worse. As we said, whatever you focus on becomes your state of being. When you focus on the pain or whatever it is that is bothering you than you just give it energy and power. The mind is a powerful thing. You have to go

about your daily business and try to get your mind off of the disturbance.

As you walk in the peace of God, you know you are in a different place. You walk among people but you are in a higher place than some because you are on a mountain. The mountain of the Lord. Some around you are in the valley. It is one thing to be on the mountain and another to stay on the mountain. It is one thing to have peace and another thing to keep it. You can keep it if you keep feeding off of the tree of life.

When you are feeding on the tree of good and evil, than you have forgotten who you are. God has brought you into the ark.

Look at what God has to do to get you there. For forty days and forty nights the waters kept coming and pouring upon the ark. God has been pouring and pouring week after week, his waters of understanding and wisdom upon you and me. The more that he gives you, the more understanding and wisdom keeps happening in your life; the ark is coming up. It keeps getting higher and higher. God begins to bare that ark up and as he lifts the ark up the waters begin to cover the hills and the mountains. These waters are nothing but the word and the spirit of God. God is flooding your mind with it. Why is he flooding your mind? From that flood of wisdom and understanding you will take the truth that he gives you and hold on to it and embrace it. You will say I am going to be that angel that is on the ark of the mercy seat and I am going to keep on looking into the mirror of his word. A mirror reflects an image.

When you embrace the truth and not lies that the world portrays to you and me, you come into his image. The tree of life is the image of God; his nature and all that he is. It is the expression of Christ. There are some people who are feeding off of this tree and all the fruits are upon this tree. You can have troubled people all around you. They will come to you and say, there is something different about you. You are so calm. You have such a smile and there is a twinkle in your eyes. How can you have joy when everything is falling apart around us.

It goes back to what Paul said - everything was falling apart, they lost the ship, everything that was on the ship was gone. They embraced the mirror of what the angel spoke and held on to it. they didn't let go of it and what was spoken came to pass.

God is lifting this ark. He is lifting it up high into another realm where it will come into a complete rest. When the ark comes into a complete rest you can just imagine what will be happening. Noah issued in a new world. CAN YOU HEAR THAT!

When God brings his sons into a complete rest where they are feeding off of the tree of life and not going back into the restlessness in their soul where they are tossed by waves of trouble in the world, his sons will be dwelling in the secret place of the most high God. The sons will not be in unbelief, doubt and fear that is in the world. There have been reports of the bird flu. They are saying that millions of

chickens and birds are going to die.

The Lord told me months ago that this is the beginning of the wicked being cut off the earth. He has been doing this in 2005. So who are the wicked? They are those who don't believe and those who don't obey the word. It is that simple. It is not complicated. He said we would see these things happen but he said you will see 10,000 fall by your side but nothing will come nigh unto thee. *Psalm 91*. The word says that God is your refuge, your deliverer, your strength. When you see a people who are taking God's word for what it is and believe it and walk it out; there are people who are noticing that there is something different about these people.

Solomon talked about cedar trees. Ezekiel also talked about trees. He said there were some trees whose fruit would not be consumed: Ezek 47. That is why we cannot feed off of the tree of good and evil. If we do we are going to lose our joy and peace. Fear will get in your mind. We are to guard our garden, guard the mind. The word says that their leaves would be healing to nations. Why? This river of life is flowing out of them. Why? They are being changed from glory to glory. They are being measured and God has been measuring you from one realm to another. He measures you through the word. He is measuring you and he will show you just how much you have grown. He will measure you and that will bring you into another realm, a glory, but then He says for you not to stay there. Then he brings you to deeper waters

where the waters will be above your ankle. It gets deeper and comes up to the loins. The loins are the reproductive area where you reproduce the fruits of Christ. He was measuring you by the word and the spirit. You are coming into His glory; another measure of glory in Christ; another change in your life where you are becoming more like him. More like the image. There is only one image that God wants to change you into and that is His image.

I have learned that it is the mercy of God that is going to get you there. That is why the two cherubim are sitting on the ark of the covenant, looking face to face at each other. I said; God, we need to be like an old donkey in the field. You just need to put blinders on this side and on that side, so that we can keep looking straight forward to the goal. He is trying to teach you not to look at your situation but to look at the goal. Keep your eyes fixed on the goal. Be like David, his heart was fixed.

God is so good!

Have any of you been feeding off of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil lately? My question is what mirror have you been looking into? You can usually tell by someone's conversation, just what mirror they have been looking into. There are two mirrors. Both mirrors reflect an image. The mirror on the ark is the image of Christ; He said, *I am the way, the truth and the life.* When we keep looking into His mirror at His image, His way and His truth, we are looking to Him and believing Him and sitting on the mercy seat. It is the mercy

seat of God that gets us there. It gets us from one glory to another; from one truth to another truth.

The other mirror is really Adam. *James 1:22*, it says – *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.* Where did Adam go wrong? He heard what God said, but he disobeyed His voice. Adam disobeyed the one commandment that God gave him. Of course if God had not given him that commandment he would have lived forever. God knew he was going to fall. It was all in the plan of God. Again *James 1:22*, *Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.* Whenever you hear the word, and you know it is true and you do not do it, you are deceiving your own self. No one else deceived you but yourself. *James 1:23*, *For if any be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a mirror.* So there are two mirrors. One mirror is the image of Christ and the other is that first man Adam; that natural man. When you are not doing or obeying the word that you got, then you have forgotten who you are. You forgot that you are in His image; that you are in the image of Jesus Christ, you forgot that you are His anointed. You forgot that you are Christ in the earth. Your real self is in Christ. You are in the Kingdom. You still think that your world is here but it is not. This is a big statement for Jesus to say, *the kingdom of God is not of this world.* Lord have Mercy!! I don't know about you, but that is good news. I am glad that I am in the Kingdom. How about you? I am glad and happy to know that

there is someone in you and me and that the kingdom is without observation.

Because of Noah's obedience he issued in the flood. *1 Peter 2:4&5*, *For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 5, And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;* Because of the obedience of God's sons tribulation is being issued in all around the world. You had to go through the tribulation first, and the Lord is getting ready to bring you to the end of all that. Do you know how your tribulation is going to come to an end? Look at *Matt. 24:29* I remember when the Lord gave me this scripture. It says immediately after the tribulation the sun and the moon will be darkened. God showed me that my tribulation will end when He is my light. When I am not being led by the natural light and not being led by the sun, the moon, good and evil and the darkness. You have dark moments in your life but really those dark moments would come to an end if you would first believe God and not let those dark moments control us – and rule over us. That is another study we can get into later. Letting those dark moments control us is really living in the appearance realm. The Bible says to live by faith and not by sight.

Your tribulation will come to an end when you begin resting in the Lord; fully trusting Him at all times. You will never have a thought in your mind of unbelief

and you will have no worries. You may have a trying situation but it will not control you, nor will you experience any depression. You may have a problem but you will say, I don't have a problem, I gave it to God. He is solving it. It is being taken care of by Him.

Many times God has given you promises. When you refer to a promise He has given you, don't say if He does this or that because that brings doubt and unbelief. Just say when. There is a big difference. When we keep on believing we are not feeding off of the tree of good and evil. You can believe but you can say – God could you let me know when? God will say no - , I will answer when you are not looking. He just sneaks up on you sometimes when he moves it can be sudden and quick. Then you wonder why you spent time worrying. Why didn't you trust Him. I could have been enjoying life and getting nights of peaceful and restful sleep.

When going through some of this stuff I say – Jesus you came to bring abundant life to me, this doesn't seem abundant to me. Any of you been there? When you are going through the fire or when you are going through hell; God considers that abundant life too. You are saying it is hell but God is saying my grace is sufficient and it is working to your good. Some in the world will look at your life and say – I don't want your walk. I have seen what you have gone through. They don't want to pay the price. They don't want the anointing or the greater power. I have found out that whatever

you go through it is to bring you into greater power and anointing.

Look at Jesus. He had power but He was limited. He had to go to the cross and He knew what was going to happen when He went to the cross. He knew when his appointed time was and He told the disciples, *Now is my appointed time. I have to go to the cross. All hell is going to break loose. It will come from every angle. They will crucify me on the cross. I have to die.*

Peter was saying, no, no, no. Jesus was saying – yes. He knew they couldn't take his life. They tried several times and couldn't take it. No one can take your life, except yourself. He laid down his life. He knew he wasn't going to stay on the cross. He knew that was not permanent. He knew it was a temporary situation. I am trying to tell you that no matter what you go through, it is not permanent. Everything is subject to change. He knew that He was laid down in power; but He was going to rise in greater power. He was to spread himself in a many membered body all over the world. LORD HAVE MERCY!

It was going to expand and they were saying, "Look at him; He serves God; but look at him now." People are going to say to you, "Save yourself now. You don't have to go through that, save yourself." That is Satan; the old carnal man. That is the old natural man trying to save himself. They hate the cross and are enemies of the cross.

One good thing about Peter is that he did fail but the good news is that he finally became a great apostle. Even when you fail and eat from the tree of good and

evil know that the mercy of God is there to get you back on track. You get back to feeding off of the tree of life. Peter didn't give up. He had a taste of something and he asked the disciples – have you seen him? There was that yearning and he longed for it.

I thank God that my situation is not permanent. Nothing is permanent; it is just getting you there from one glory to another glory. God is the one who is bringing us into it. It is to help you to have a greater understanding of what the tree of the knowledge of good and evil really is. It is said that you are what you eat. So feed on life. I think we are on to something. What do you think? The lord is opening up something here. He is opening it up because it is the hour that we are in. if we can get a hold of this it will transcend us into the next place in a greater way. It is ongoing, a moment by moment thing; living in the moment.

God said in His word – *Choose this day whom you will serve. Choose life or death.* So we are serving one or the other. If we are feeding off of the tree of life. I get excited. I know there is more to it. I am praying that he brings some more out on it. remember you have two trees in you. In the end you become one tree. As you feed on the tree of life it swallows up the other tree.

You that are young and just starting your walk, will have your ups and downs. You will make mistakes but that is how you grow. As you move along in God you experience so much peace and joy that you become addicted to it. When we get in our soul we are troubled, I hate it.

Don't you? I don't stay there. I just refuse to. I say to myself, "**it is time to go within.**" Then you are used by God to minister to someone. You get your mind on him and how he wants to use you.

May GOD BLESS you with this message. Be a doer of the Word and experience Life – Life - Life!