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“Mirror of Life II”

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Today we want to minister on the abundant life of Jesus Christ, on what it really means to feed off of the tree of life daily. We were ministering on what was really going on at the time that Noah entered into the ark and was learning to abide in Christ and was coming into more understanding and knowledge of the Word; and what was going on in the minds of those who were living in their imaginations and illusions.

They were walking in corruption and violence. Their thoughts were wicked and evil. We were trying to bring out what God considers to be wicked and evil. The Hebrew meaning of the words wicked and evil mean misery and displeasure. One who is not feeding on the mind of Christ; the tree of life.

Being aware of good and evil. In *Duet. 1:39*, “Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.” It says that the children had no knowledge of good and evil. We can have the

knowledge of good and evil, but we are not to feed off of it. The whole earth lies in wickedness.

This week I was catching my thoughts and watching them more carefully and I hope you were too. *Phil. 4:7* shows us what the Tree of Life is. It is the mind of Christ. This is from the Amp. Bible: “God’s peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” *Vs.8* “For the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence and is honorable and seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and lovable, whatever is kind and winsome and gracious, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on and weigh and take account of these things [fix your mind on them].”

Today there are so many bad events and happenings taking place. You can have the

knowledge of current events and happenings but we are not to let our mind go there and dwell on them, because if you do you will get depressed. Many people are depressed, full of anxiety, fear, and hopelessness. The Lord is telling us to keep feeding on the Word of God.

In “Mirror of Life 1”, we had mentioned the two cherubims that were sitting on the mercy seat. One cherub is you and the other is the Word/Jesus Christ. We are to keep feeding on the Word, life, truth, and the promises that He has given us in the instructions and wisdom over the years. The Tree of Life is wisdom and understanding. We have that wisdom and understanding to apply to any situation we find ourselves in. Actually the carnal mind wants to get in there and reason everything out. We can reason but only reason with GOD. When we do our own reasoning, we start to decline and come out of the Spirit. Then we start to doubt and experience fear and unbelief. Do you not, believe in Gods' promises? We may look at a situation and think, well it hasn't happened yet. If we listen to those thoughts

long enough, we begin to feed off lies and begin to believe the opposite of what the Father has spoken to us. It is not easy.

I am remembering when God had given me a promise and a Word from the bible. A promise will sustain you when you are in a dire situation. The soul (which is the woman) likes to talk to us. That is why Adam fell, he listened to the woman. The soul takes us into the five senses, it says, look, see, taste, smell, and hear. Then it says, eat it. We must hold on to the promise no matter what the situation.

In the book of Acts, Paul had knowledge of the storm and he was fearful. We know that because the angel said; "Fear not." Paul took hold of that Word and proclaimed it to everyone around him. He kept his eyes off of the situation.

The more we feed off of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the more it produces death. God gave every human being a free will. We have to choose. The Tree of Life is not knowledge but it is life, wisdom, and understanding. We can choose our self-will which is ego and pride (I will think the way I want to think) and don't care what God's Word says. The carnal mind is enmity toward God. It simply refuses to yield to the Word. I used to be a worry wart. I actually had a wart on my elbow. As I focused on the Word, in time the wart finally fell off. Worry and doubt is sin. We worry because we don't believe what God has said. Sometimes when God

tells us what to do in a given situation, we can't wait. We just want to get in there and fix it ourselves in our own strength and way. We want to interfere and hurry it up. The more we trust and rely on God (we have the word in our soul), the more our soul will be in a rest and not driven to do our own thing.

God is creating One New Man. This One New Man is learning to walk in the Spirit. This man is in the world, but not of it. He is walking above problems and situations in the world and in his life. This One New Man is learning not to allow their situations to control them. They are learning that every situation is beautiful because they have had enough of the north wind to blow upon their lives. They are learning that in the fire of God (in those things that God has allowed to come their way), nothing but good will come out of it. The end results show the good. If we murmur and complain and throw up our hands; in the end, we will say, "Why did I try to interfere? Why didn't I rely on and trust God and allow Him to put His thoughts in my mind."

In *Gen. 6*, the Lord was trying to teach the people but they wanted to go their own way. They listened to their soul and their flesh. The Tree of Life is sowing to the Spirit. How do you sow to the Spirit? There are two ways. One is to be led by the Spirit. That is to hear the thoughts of the Father and let Him guide you daily. To walk in the Spirit and be

led by the Spirit are two different things. We can obey the Lord and hear Him tell us to come to these meetings, but we can be complaining all the way to the meeting. We are obeying and being led, but we are not in the Spirit, because if we were, we would be going willingly and not be complaining all the way there.

Gal 5:25, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." The fruits of the Spirit flow out of us when we are in the Spirit. The fruits are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, kindness, meekness, etc.. When we walk in the Spirit then all of the fruits are flowing out of us. If we are not walking in the Spirit, the opposite is flowing out of you.

There are times when you are angry, but actually the only time that you should feel anger is when your life is threatened or being controlled by others. That is a healthy anger. Even so, we are to be slow to speak. Speak only when the Father gives you the words. Then those words will bring life and correction to the individual. They will know it is true.

How did Jesus correct? He always started by pointing out something positive in the person, and then He would say, "*I have somewhat against you.*" There is a way of correcting; of having wisdom. Knowing how to proceed to deal with people.

The Lord wants us to feed off of the Tree of Life. In order to do that, we are to be an obedient doer of the Word, not a hearer only. We learned last

time, that there are two mirrors. One is the Word. We are to be constantly looking at/to the Word and the Spirit because, "...man shall live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." That is in *Matt. 4:4*.

It is the bread of life that will sustain and give us the necessary instructions we need daily in our life. God is opening up these things to us because we need to abide in Christ as we never have before. We need to be caught up in Him like we never have before, because this is the day that God is causing the ark to go higher and higher. He is doing it by flooding our mind with the waters of understanding and wisdom which is the Word of God. As you yield to this you will come into a higher realm in Him.

The more that God deals with certain areas in our soul and brings about change, the higher and deeper we will go in God. You will find yourself in a different level and begin to notice that your soul is coming into more of a rest. You won't get anxious when situations come about, and you won't get caught up with the anxieties of others around you. You will become more and more one with Him. You will experience a peaceful stillness in your soul and out of that stillness you will hear the small still voice of God. He will give you instructions, at any given moment, when you need it. This is the abundant life.

God came so that we might have life, and life more

abundantly. That is what everyone really wants. An abundant life in Him. *John 10:10*, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." It amounts to thinking life; living life, with your soul in a rest. Feeding off the Tree of Life means not just hearing the Word, but eating it, meditating on it, and allowing it to become a part of you. It is just like an old cow. A cow eats and chews and chews and chews before they swallow.

When we hear these instructions, it is not enough to just hear. There are two mirrors. In one mirror, one cherubim is facing another cherubim, which is us facing Jesus Christ. We are being changed from glory to glory into that image. God wants us to be changed into that image, which is the nature of God. Everything depends on our relationship with Him. How deeply rooted are you in your relationship with Him? What kind of love affair are you having with Him? Do you have a burning in your soul and a craving hunger for the things of God? Actually, there is a dissatisfaction that we have inside. We want more, because deep down we know there is so much more to know and understand. We know that He desires to reveal more to us. It is so wonderful to have this relationship and love affair with Him. It is the most important thing in our life. Do not let a day go by without

spending time with Him.

The other mirror is when we look and see our self, in our own mirror. Read *James 1:22-24*. When you do not do what you hear (the Word that you have heard; what the Lord is teaching you; and the instructions He has given you) then you are looking into your own mirror. In *James* it says, "Immediately you forget who you really are and you begin to think that you are just a natural man. You deceive your own self." We are our own worst enemy when we hear the instructions, but we do not apply them.

When we hear the Word our heart rejoices; *Rev 10:10*. The angel came and told him to eat the little book. The book tasted sweet as honey, but after it hit the belly it was bitter. The belly speaks of the appetites of the flesh. When we start following God's instructions, your fleshly desires become weaker and our soul begins to die. The soul doesn't like it.

Paul talked about Christians that were enemies to the cross and that they loved to feed off of the flesh. If we sow to the flesh, we reap corruption. That is the tree of knowledge of good and evil. If we sow to the Spirit, we reap life. *Gal 6:8*, "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

God is not a God to be mocked. He tells it like it is. He gave Adam one commandment. If we lived by that one commandment we would live forever. He said if

we eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil we shall surely die; meaning we will decline and enter into a spiritual death. It is just as if you are caught up in a balloon. You are floating in the air and you are riding in the clouds of Christ. You experience His peace, joy, and righteousness. That is the kingdom of God. The Tree of Life is nothing but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. You have right thinking and you are floating, but then all of a sudden you start feeding on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (which is the carnal mind). The balloon bursts and you start declining. Your mind starts having a pity party. You start thinking, "God doesn't love me; He doesn't care; I'm lonely; nobody likes me. I'll just sit here and be miserable." Yes, you will be miserable and alone. Some people get into the darkness of their mind and can not get out. They create such a hell for themselves. They don't understand that when they get into that frame of mind they are drawing more darkness to them. They are drawing more of the forces in the invisible realm and it gets so bad some begin to think of suicide.

God is saying we cannot afford to go there. We should say to SELF, "Self, you have no right to go there or to feel sorry for yourself because of what Jesus did on the cross." We should say, "Jesus Christ died on the cross for ME so I might have life and have it more abundantly. What have I

got to be miserable about?" Other people have it much worse than I have." We get out of the pity party by remembering that we have a place to sleep, a roof over your head, food to eat, and a little money. I can take one day at a time. God is trying to show us that we can have the knowledge of it, but we are not to feed on it. Don't let your mind go in the wrong direction. Stop the negative thoughts.

Solomon went up on Mount Gibeon. Mount Gibeon means; pure, brilliant and snowy. He was praising God, on that mountain and putting those negative thoughts on the altar. The best fast there is, would be fasting from negative thoughts. Say to your self, "I am not going to eat that!" Have you ever heard your soul talking to you? Sure you have. Sometimes our mind won't shut up. When that happens, get on the mountain of the Lord and start praising God. As we praise Him, we are sacrificing all those thoughts. All of those negative thoughts are being consumed by the Spirit of the Lord. They are being consumed by Christ. As God consumes those thoughts He brings us into a stillness in our mind.

How do we pray? We say, "Lord I have a problem. Lord I need money to pay my bills, or Lord I have such a bad pain. Lord when are you going to heal me? Etc. etc." How did Jesus tell us to pray? "***Our Father, who art in heaven...***". We are not praying in this way if your mind is on all of our

problems. We beg and plead with Him when He already knows our problems. He knows what we need.

How would it be if you had a child who would come everyday begging and pleading for help. And yet another child comes along and says, "Oh Father you are the greatest. You are everything in the whole world. The earth is yours and the fullness thereof." We need to come before Him and quote the scriptures about His majesty, His greatness, glory, power, and goodness. Just go on and on about how great He is. We need to say, "Lord you gave me the promise, and I am not going to say IF any more. I will say WHEN and be patient." When we say "IF", it means that we doubt Him." God doesn't want us to keep knocking and pursuing Him for the same things over and over. He already knows your situation. **Matt. 6:7-10 says, "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."** As we come before Him and praise Him, we are allowing the Christ to consume those thoughts in our mind and make our thinking pure, snowy, and white. This is how we are elevated into the mind of Christ. We then begin to lose

sight of our self. It is not about us, it is about Him. When we focus on Him, we remember how great He is!

Sometimes God wants to talk and other times He does not. We all like the times when He talks to us. He does this in many different ways and in His own time. He will talk to us by giving you a Word. You will know it is coming from Him. Also when God gives us a Word, we are elated; but shortly after receiving the Word, all hell seems to break loose. Many years ago, while in the hospital, I was told that I would die within two months because of the cancer I had. God told me to walk out of the hospital and that I would not die. I obeyed God and walked out, but my condition worsened. I prayed and said, "Lord, "What is happening?" He told me that I was being tested. He showed me how much I was really in the feeling realm. He showed me to go by what He spoke to me and not by my feelings. "Claim the Word that I have spoken to you."

There is a song that I like very much. It is: **"God is opening up the Books of Life, that all truth may be told. A sure word yet was written, that the prophets had foretold. These Words will resurrect the dead, yet before the seat they stand. My judgments and My mercy seat will bring forth this corporate man."**

It is God's mercy and correction that will bring forth the corporate man. He corrects us when we do wrong or when

we say it wrong, in order to bring us to the place where we only want to eat off of the Tree of Life.

It is possible for us to sabotage our own blessings. Solomon only asked for wisdom and understanding so that he could discern and bring a righteous judgment to the people. God not only gave him wisdom and understanding but He gave him more than that. Solomon had great worldly wealth. *IKings 3:3, "Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes and practices of his father, only he sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. 3:4, The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. One thousand burnt offerings Solomon offered on that altar."* Gibeon means white, clean, pure, brilliant, and snowy. He was growing up and having a relationship with the Father, letting the Lord cleanse and purge his mind. He probably gave sacrifices in the natural too. *IKings 3:5 Amp., "In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee."* *IKings 4:29 Amp., "God gave Solomon exceptionally much wisdom and understanding and breadeth of mind like the sand of the seashore."* That is mind boggling. If you look at the sand on the beach, there is no way you could ever number the granules. *IKing 4:30 "Solomon's' wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the people of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt."*

The Lord let me

experience the last stages of the soul being completed. He showed me that the last stages of the soul will be when God swallows it up completely. I saw gold flooding the mind and heard there is nothing but wisdom and understanding. The soul has to be totally swallowed up into God and then you have Gods mind. There is no more doubt, fear or unbelief because you have been totally caught up in Him.

Because of the wisdom that Solomon had, people came in great numbers. In *IKings 4:32, "He originated 3000 proverbs, and his songs were 1005. 33, He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon, to the Hyssop that grows out of the wall;* (in reference to trees he was talking of the sons of God). *IKings 4:33, "He spoke also of beasts, of birds of creeping things and of fish". 34 "Men came from all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon and from all kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom."* I believe that this will take place again as God issues in His Kingdom in the earth. The good news is that with all that wisdom and understanding, Solomon was using it to teach others. If you look at chapter 10, the Queen of Sheba came because she heard various sources that an individual had wisdom and that everyone who was with him was very happy. They were applying and using what they were learning from him. It was not just talk but it was what they were doing and being.

How can we sabotage our

blessings? We sabotage our blessings by letting our soul feed off of negative thoughts and things that are not true. We sabotage it even more with our speech. We have the Tree of Life in our tongue or we have the tree of knowledge. So therefore what we are saying can sabotage our blessings.

Prov.18:4, "The words of a mans mouth are as deep waters, and the well spring of wisdom as a flowing brook. It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment. A fools lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes (wanting to be patted on the back). A fools mouth is his destruction and his lips are the snare of his soul." When we sow to the Spirit, we reap life. But when we sow to the flesh, we reap corruption. Corruption and destruction are one and the same. So the words we speak can be a snare to our soul. Many times we create our own hells. When bad things happen, if we keep talking about it, we make matters worse. Some people who are very poor may be that way because of their generations. By God's grace the poverty could be dealt with and God could break it off in an instant. If an individual goes around continually saying, "I have no money; I am poor; I will never make it; I can not afford this or that", they will never make it. God has promises in his word. Those promises are what you should be speaking. The scripture says: "As a man thinketh, so he is!"

We are programmed to the negative and focusing on our circumstances. Because of that, we get on the wrong track and go into negative thinking. God wants us to seek Him in order to find out what is it in our mind that keeps creating negative thinking. He wants to break the pattern of this type of thinking whether it be from our generations or something else that is in your soul.

One time at Lorton Prison, I looked at the face of one of the inmates. He was the saddest individual I had ever seen. He came up front and the Lord showed me that from his childhood he had nothing but sad things happen to him. It was one terrible thing after another. He just couldn't think that any good thing could happen to him. It took Christ to break that cycle of his negative and hopeless thinking. God said now I want to change your thinking, and He did.

The tongue has the power of life and death. We are co-creators in Christ. That man admitted his unbelief and said, "Jesus help my unbelief." He was changed. We need to ask the Lord to change us. To admit our unbelief and expect what He has promised us. Prov. 18:21, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it (Whether it be life or death)." If we love life and are speaking life, then the fruit we bear and feed on is life. If we love to talk negative, we keep on creating negative and eating the fruit of it. We create

it with our thinking and your speech. This is nothing new. "A perfect man that does not offend by his words has bridled his tongue." He does not offend the kingdom of God. James 1:19 says, "Let every man be swift to hear and slow to speak." If a person talks a lot, with a multitude of words, you will find sin in it. The more we grow in God, the less we will have to say. As we come into a higher realm in Him, we will have less and less to say. You WILL be slow to speak.

When I worked in an office I noticed that a particular person would walk in and the whole atmosphere would be changed. Words can destroy or bring life. God wants us to get a hold of what He has been teaching us here. If we really get this and understand this teaching, we will experience a much greater change in this body. Eccl.5:2, "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven and thou upon earth; therefore let thine words be few." That means that every time we are talking, we are saying it before God. We all need to remember that.

Eccl. 5:3, "For a dream comes through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by a multitude of words." Jer.17:5 "Thus sayeth the Lord; cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." Jer. 17:6, "For he shall be like the shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit

the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land not inhabited." This is an individual trusting in his own flesh, trusting in man, who is eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Leaving God out of everything. They begin to dry up and become dry as a desert. When something good happens they can't see it. *Jer. 17:7, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord and whose hope the Lord is."* Those are ones who are feeding on the Tree of Life. *Jer. 17:8, "For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."* This is a tree that is LIVING by the waters of understanding and wisdom. Their roots go deep in God. The tree is green. Solomon pointed out the cedar tree. The cedar trees were always green. Termites will not eat cedar. Negative thoughts love to kill the Christ and eat up the fruit and anything that has life. *Ps. 23, "He leadeth you into green pastures and leads you by the still waters,"* which gives us peace in our mind. If you have no peace it means that you are not letting Him lead you. You are back in your own self-will and are being led by your own thoughts. *Jer. 17:8, "They do not cease from yielding fruit."* There is nothing there consuming the joy, peace, and the life that God Has given us. *Jer. 17:9, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and*

desperately wicked, who can know it?" 10, "I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."

He is saying that out of our own mouth the words can sabotage our blessing. This opens up even more understanding in regard to what walking and feeding off of the Tree of Life really is. Yielding to the Word; trusting the Father; and not doing our own thing. *Prov.6:2, "Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth."* *Prov.12:13, "The wicked is snared by the transgressions of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble."* *Ps. 52:1, "Why boasteth thou thyself in mischief, O mighty men. The goodness of God endureth continually."* Vs. 2, "Thy tongue deviseth mischief: like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteously." It is saying that we would rather listen to and speak the lies in our own mind than believe His Word. Therefore we are not loving the goodness of the Lord continually. *Ps.52:4, "Thou lovest all devouring words O thou deceitful tongue."*

There are words that devour your blessings. Oh, I wonder how many blessings we have missed. You can turn it around. Just learn from your mistakes. Have you ever said something and then wish you could reel it back? Just ask the person to forgive you and get it right the next time. Practice

makes perfect. We are forgetful people. Sometimes we have to refresh our memory and remember the instructions God has given us in the past. Get up in the morning and say, "God it is you and I. I am not going it alone in my own strength. Without you I can do nothing. I love you and I love your Word. I am going to do what you tell me to do."

The proof is in the pudding. Actions speak louder than words. Lots of people say they love God but it is their actions and behavior that counts. To repeat *Ps. 52:4, "Thou loveth all devouring words; O thou deceitful tongue."* The tongue robs us of our blessings. *Eph. 4:29 Amp., "Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion that it may be a blessing and give grace (Gods' favor) to those who hear it."* *Eph. 4:30, "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [do not offend or vex or sadden], by Whom you were sealed (marked, branded as God's own, secured) for the day of redemption (of final deliverance through Christ from evil and the consequences of sin)."* Read all of *Eph. 4.*

Zeph. 3:14, "Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel, be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem." Vs.15 "The Lord has taken away thy judgments. (So many times we judge wrongly, regarding

ourselves and others.) "...He has cast out thine enemy, the king of Israel even the Lord, is in the midst of thee. Thou shalt not see evil anymore. You are not going to eat off of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil anymore." Vs.16, "In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem fear thou not; and to Zion, let not thine hands be slack." Vs. 17, "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing." Vs. 18, "I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee to whom the reproach of it was a burden." Vs. 19, "Behold, at that time, I will undo all that

afflict thee; and I will save her that is lame, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame." Vs. 20, "At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you; for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your activity before your eyes. Saith the Lord."

This is God restoring the entire house of Israel before all the peoples of the earth. They will see no evil because God is raising up a corporate man, a many membered body that have made up their minds to feed off of the Tree of Life. They will feed the house of Israel with the bread of life in

Christ.

We tend to think that wickedness and evil is everything that we see in the earth and what people are creating. But it is actually coming from the mind and the mouth. There are some who want to stay in that state of misery and displeasure and choose to not walk in the kingdom of God.

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