

THE HOLY WORD

Too Holy To Let Go

- I. There is a concerted effort being made by the enemy to get you to separate you from this Word
- A. Mark 4:15-Why so soon? Why immediately? What kind of effect must the Word have that He is so threatened by you having it that he comes immediately? (Directly, as soon as, instantly, urgently, double-time, at once, right away)
- Let this take root in you/be revelation to you: How quickly he comes, how badly he wants to get you away from the word, the effect he knows it will have if he doesn't get it from you; This sheds light on the importance of the Word
 - Look at the response that you hearing the Word warrants from Him-*ERV-As soon as they hear it, Satan comes; TL-Comes at once; MSG-No sooner do they hear the Word; NCV-Satan quickly comes; AMP-At once and by force*
 - The enemy wants to keep you away from the Word; He doesn't care if you're saved or go to church, but just don't get into that Word; He doesn't want you hearing it preached, he doesn't want you believing it, saying it, obeying it
- B. Mark 4:15, John 10:10-Satan does come to steal, kill and destroy, but steal what?
- If He can't get the Word from you, He can't get you (I.E. If He can't steal the Word and you keep saying, believing, acting on the Word where you joy is concerned he can't steal your joy)
 - He targets the Word and his target is the Word and He wants to create separation and He wants to create separation because connection is essential if the power of the Word is going to be released
 - There's ability in the seed that's not released w/o connection; Connection to the ground releases the seed's power; Rm1:16-The power that saves isn't released w/o the connection of believing; Heb4:12-The word of God quick and powerful (full of power), but the power it's full of is not released w/o connection
 - He tries to take it away by force: Herein lies the fight, the faith fight, the fight to not let go, to keep the connection
 - Take away-To take away what is attached to anything, Take by force, Remove
 - Far too often we are too focused on what's happening and not focused enough on the connection
- C. Mark 4:17-The purpose of pressure is to create separation
- Affliction and persecution arise for the Word's sake
 - YL-Tribulation or persecution having come because of the Word; TPT-Trouble or persecution comes on account of the Word*
 - This pressure, this unchanging situation, these feelings what is their purpose? To create separation
 - Affliction-A pressing, pressure, distress, press hard upon, narrow, throng, to crowd
 - Things trying to press hard enough to create separation and push you away from that Word
 - Persecution-To vex, afflict, harass for adherence to a particularly creed (faith, belief) or system of religious principles for compelling them to renounce their principles
 - The enemy vexing you, harassing you because the Word you believe and adhere to and he's trying to get you renounce it, reject it, leave it, abandon it, forsake it
- D. The number 1 reason why people aren't seeing the Word produce is b/c they allowed separation
- The antidote for separation is enduring (Endure-Suffer without yielding to the force of pressure, w/o breaking, w/o sinking; State of lasting, a continuing under pain or distress w/o yielding to the pressure) – Bear it without breaking
 - Many endure for a time (a season, temporary, a while) but there's a expiration date on their enduring and eventually the pressure creates the separation it desired
 - They get upset and the let go (Offended-Displeased, angry, disturb, annoyed and to cause to fall or stubble)
 - Roots are attachment and many have no root so a little pressure comes and it easily detaches them from the Word
 - PH-They have no real roots and do not last – when trouble or persecution arises b/c of the message, they give up their faith; TL-At first they got along fine, as soon as persecution begins, they wilt; CEV-As soon as life gets heard, they give up; VO-Without deep roots, doubt, trouble or persecution instantly withers their faith*

- b. All seeds don't produce instantly and you have enemy who's coming to get that word from you and he'll prey on your feelings, highlight circumstances, amplify evil reports so the only question is how much you can take

II. Luke 8:15-If you want to see the Word produce in your life it's real simple – You can't let go

A. There's an absence of separation (Keep-Hold fast, keep firm possession, secure, take, possess, stay, retain)

1. *AM*-Hold onto it tightly; *MS*-They seize the Word and hold on no matter what, sticking with it until there's a harvest
2. Not holding fast to what you want, but holding fast to his Word – To something God actually said
3. Before you possess your promise land you're going to have to possess this Word and not let go

B. With patience-The Word won't produce without patience (Cheerful, hopeful endurance and constancy; Steadfastness; To remain, have fortitude, persevere under misfortunes and trials to hold fast to one's faith; Be bravely and calmly)

1. What is Patience? To cheerfully, expectantly, bravely and calmly endure; It is not waiting and pouting, fretting and getting upset everyday in between your prayers – In genuine patience there is some joy, some expectation
 - a. This means the tougher it gets the louder you sing
2. *CEB*-Through their resolve; *GNT*-Retain it and they persist until they bear fruit

C. A good heart is a heart that won't let go

1. Honest-Choice, good and excellent in its nature/characteristics; Good-Of good constitution, joyful, happy, illustrious

III. This word is too holy to let go of, it's too precious to push aside, it's too good to give up

A. There's got to be something in you that says this is too precious to let go of

1. *Lk8:15-TP*-The seed that fell into good, fertile soil represents those lovers of the truth who hear it deep within their hearts. They respond by clinging to the word, keeping it dear as they endure all things in faith. This is the seed that will bear much fruit

B. We live by the Word, it's our life-Matt4:4,Pr4:22,Jn1:1,6:63,Jer15:16,Rm10:17

1. If you let go of the Word all hope is gone b/c it is your hope, all chances for victory are vanished b/c it is your victory

C. Psalm 119:167-There's this thing in him that says no matter what comes this word means too much to me to let go of it

1. He is aware of the holiness of the Word, the value of the Word – *14-I have rejoiced in your testimonies as much as in all riches; 72-The law of your mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver; 161-My heart stands in awe of your word; 162-I rejoice at your word as one that finds spoil; 16-I will delight myself in your statutes; 103-How sweet are your words unto my taste, yea sweeter than honey to my mouth; 18-Open my eyes that I may see the wondrous things in your law; 40-I have longed after your precepts; 45-I seek your precepts; 48-My hands also will I lift up unto your commandments which I have loved; 70-I delight in your law; 117-I will have respect unto your statutes continually; 127-I love your commandments above gold, yea above fine gold; 131-I panted and longed for your commandments*
2. Connection – *11-Your word have I hid in mine heart; 97-How I love your law it is my meditation all the day; 130-Your judgments I have laid before me; 31-I have stuck unto your testimonies; 54-Your statutes have been my songs*
3. Unwillingness to separate – *83-For I am become like a bottle of smoke yet I do not forget your statutes; 87-They had almost consumed me upon the earth; but I forsook not your precepts; 95-The wicked have waited for me to destroy me, but I will consider your testimonies; 110-The wicked have laid a snare for me but I have not erred from your precepts; 141-I am small and despised yet I do not forget your precepts; 143-Trouble and anguish have taken hold of me yet thy commandments are my delights; 157-Many are my persecutors and mine enemies yet I do not decline from your testimonies*

D. Js1:18-25-THE most important thing is what did you do after you heard/looked – Stay connected or separate?

1. Beholds himself AND goes His way – Looks into the perfect law of liberty AND continues
 - a. *24-Goes His way* (To go away, depart)-A departure, a leaving of what He was looking at-There is a separation
 - b. *25-He continues therein* (Stay near, persevere, remain, abide)-This is a connection, an absence of separation
2. Because of the holiness of this word it is worthy of my look – What did He leave the Word to go look at?
 - a. To listen to that I have to leave this, to look at that I have to leave this and this is too holy to leave, if I leave I lose; To talk the problem, to think the problem, to take the care I have to separate
 - 1) It costs too much, I'm unwilling to let go of this if that's what it cost to look at that
 - 2) Psalm 119:37-Turn my eyes away from beholding vanity

b. Luke 6:46-If you are a doer of the Word you will triumph in adversity, but to be a doer you have to not separate

IV. Satan's whole strategy is built on this premise: Torment and harass and eventually I will create separation

A. Satan's greatest fear and biggest problem in the Earth is a man who will believe the Word, say the Word, act like it's true and won't quit or let go

1. Mt14:24-He is walking on the water, Jesus gave him the word, it's producing and Satan comes to create separation
2. Daniel 3-They are standing on this word in Isaiah 43:2 and then enemy is trying to create separation; He brings them him gives them another chance to bow, shows them the fiery furnace, heats it up 7 times but they won't separate
3. Rom4-He's got this word that He's going to be the Father of many nations; Her womb is dead, their bodies are old years have gone by since he got the promise, but Abraham considered not – He won't separate

B. Psalm 15:4-Swear to your own hurt and change not

1. If the ship is sinking, if the house is burning down, if all hell is breaking loose and tears are running down your eyes, you're never going to get me to believe anything else, to say anything else; You're never going to get me to separate from this Word

C. There's supernatural strengthening and grace to not change

1. Ph4:13-Jesus wouldn't change (Luke 22, Matthew 4) and that same anointing of strength is available to you
2. You never get into it until you decide you're not going to change and start doing it