



God and listening to Him and what He wants of us, what He wants us to be for His glory. We serve a living, loving God Who wants to use us for His glory.

When Job repented, turned to the Lord, and began praying for his enemies, uh friends, the Lord God blessed him mightily. You are right. Yes, look at Paul who served the Lord mightily, lived for the Lord, and – yes he died a martyrs death.

But the sad part is we equate blessings with the worlds understanding of blessings. We believe that all is well when the Lord blesses us materially. Paul and all the great saints through the centuries believed all was well - when the Lord blessed them, **used them for His glory** – regardless what happened to them.

They gave to the Lord the heartaches they had and all - that came their way that they might live for Him Who died for them and rose victoriously over sin, hell, and the grave- and gain eternity with the Lord in heaven. Oh, they understood Revelation 7.9-17.

Where are you with the Lord in all that has happened to you and may happen to you? Are you a servant of the Lord, with a servant's heart of love for the Lord?

A question may be, Are you ready to die for the Lord? But the question I ask is, **Are you ready to live for the Lord? Are ready to come apart to a desert place for healing and let the Lord use you - as He sees fit, trusting Him with your feelings, with your life?**

**He loves you and
wants to bless you!**

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Mighty in the Word

*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).*

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Jesus Christ

Come Ye Apart into a Desert Place

Mar 6:27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,

Mar 6:28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.

Mar 6:29 And when his disciples heard *{of it}*, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

Mar 6:30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

Mar 6:31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

Mar 6:32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

There is a time to come apart from the world, the hurriedness, the overwhelming of sin around us, the grief we experience, and, many times fail to deal with that we might be restored, the pain and sorrow that comes to us from the world. How often do we run to a physician who knows not the Lord Jesus Christ for something to ease our pain we suffer in our spirits that soon is experienced in our bodies because we have not dealt with it. How many physicians have you sought that never asked "How goes it with your soul?" They cannot ask that because they, themselves, may know not the Healer, the Great Physician. They may, in fact, establish in your thinking they are the one to be sought because they have the medicine, the pills, to heal all things.

I once read a comment written by William Barclay in one of his commentaries a comment that is so true, but so sad. He wrote that in earlier times, we went to the Church to seek healing, but now we go to physicians. How many times have I heard one standing on the pulpitum say to someone who has come forward for prayer for healing, Now that we have prayed for you, keep us informed when you return from your physician, your medical treatment, etc.

Oh, sad to ask, "Where is our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?" And, where is the faith of the body of Christ who – uh – prayed for us that Sunday morning? Where is the faith of the one who prayed for you, then said, "Keep us informed when you return from your physician."

I believe Mark 6.31 is important to us as we so often need to come apart- that we might seek the Lord and hear His voice, hear what He is saying to us. We need to sit in His presence. I wonder how often would our minds, hearts, souls, our bodies, be refreshed, renewed – if we would but sit in the presence of the Lord laying before Him those times when we are so tired and weary - of so much in the world. What would happen if we would "come apart" to be in the presence of the Lord to be renewed in our mind, heart, soul, body?

There are many times that we do not know what is troubling us as and we are too busy to sit in the presence of the Lord. There are many times that we do not realize that in our frustrations, anger, anxieties that something may be hidden deep within us, something that we have pushed so far down within us, something we have repressed – that may come out in a way we do not want. Many times when it does come out, others are greatly harmed by our actions.

Is it time that you came apart - before you come apart? Have you sought the Lord in the midst of your frustrations? Have you listened to His voice? Has He said to you, "Come ye yourselves apart in a desert place, and rest a while"?

So, how do you come apart in a desert place? Where do you "come apart in a desert place" living where you live? Then there is the question, Can you "come apart in a desert place"? Many people cannot come apart, as they are so miserable inside that they do not want to face themselves, and what is going on inside them, what it is that is bothering them, what it is that has so deeply hurt them. And some have pushed, repressed, what it is that is bothering them to the point of not being able to know what it is; and they do not want to know, cannot face the reality of what it is – when, in fact, if they could "come apart" seeking the Lord to help them to know what it is, and give it to the Lord Jesus Christ, they could know a joy beyond anything they thought possible.

So, what do you do when you come apart in the presence of the Lord in the *desert*? Begin by resting in the Lord, reading His Word from the Psalms, perhaps making notes of that which comes to you. Maybe write the Lord a letter, and see what comes before you to offer to Him for healing in the depth of your soul. You might be wonderfully surprised to find that all those things that have accumulated are a lot of little things that feels larger than it may be.

If you eat a lot of small bites and do not know when to take a rest from eating, you can make yourself sick. Perhaps it is time to let go of all those things that may have seemed large to you, that you have accumulated over the years. It is time to face the enemy who has convinced you that they are BIG issues in your life- from which you need to hide, and stuff them down deep within you. You may be wonderfully surprised at the healing that is available to you as you "come apart to a desert place" to release them one by one unto the Lord, asking Him to heal you of each of those issues that you are releasing unto Him.

Let me digress and share with you the concept of a glass flask, long bottle neck with a stopper that cannot be removed. So from birth you begin stuffing your

feelings in this glass flask, feelings that many times you are not honest in acknowledging. Just a short list: anger, sad, distraught . . . and what do you do with them? You stuff them in this glass flask (you), and they grow over the years because you are unable to acknowledge your feelings may be due to those saying to you, "you should not feel that way, you should not . . ." Of course leading you to believe they have arrived – with no feelings in their self-perfection concept of themselves.

So, let us go to the Book of Job in the Bible. If you were to read the Book of Job in the language it was written, Hebrew, you would come to know that God is 1) Judge 2) Prosecutor and 3) the jury. Job (and you) do not have a chance with God as He is all three. Think about it. The Lord God is God Almighty!

Now, let us talk about a man of God. Chapter One, Satan has a dialogue with the Lord God, and says, basically, no wonder Job loves you so and lives for you, God; all is going so well for him.

God basically says to Satan, you can do anything to Job but – but you cannot take his life.

Read Chapter One and see what happens to Job. But also read where Job worships the Lord in the midst of the situation. However, read Chapter Two and Three. Chapter Three you read where Job says, "Curse be the day I was born." Job was

ANGRY

with God.

Then Job's three enemies – uh, I mean three friends, confront him and basically says to Job that none of these things would have happened if you had been living right.

Don't you love it when others have everything all figured out, and believe their lives and their feelings . . . are perfect before God!!!

Well, Job is angry as all get out; God is waiting on Job to empty himself of all that is going on in him because God knows that NO ONE can hear the Him speaking when they are ANGRY. Chapter 38: Job finally has nothing else to say. He has vented at the three friends who come against him in their self-righteousness for years, most probably, and now he is through with them, through, worn out – no doubt. He is right where the Lord God can now speak, and Job will now hear what the Lord says to him.

In essence, the Lord God asked Job, Where were you when I hung the stars?

The question to you is also the same: Where were you when I hung the stars?

Job came to realize, Oh! This life is **not** about me. It is about the Lord God Almighty.

Some of us never understand what Job came to understand. This life is not about me, about any of us. When things go so wrong, why are we not turning to the Lord