

Assumptions That Do Not Stand in the LIGHT

Before we get started on our study today, I just wanted to tie up a few loose ends from our last study that LayLay shared with me in hopes it blesses you just as it did me. So thank you LayLay! The Lord had complimented her with what we talked about so she shared with me about becoming a “Scorner” and once I looked into it deeper, I immediately knew this is a category I most certainly do not want to fall into. I am so thankful to Jesus He is purifying self from within us and although it can get a bit taxing, it is so worth it to be cleansed from all elements of darkness that like to stay hidden in our hearts.

LayLay shared with me how the “Scorner” remains in an unteachable state, clearly in rebellion by their own choosing, to the point we as children of God cannot “reason” with them. They choose to remain just as they are, not conforming to the Lord and/or His Word – because they do not love the truth (Him) they willingly have a greater desire to believe the lie they carry within. So they keep who they are, remaining blind, deaf and dumb in which only God Himself can grant healing to them should they turn to Him with their whole hearts and be set free. Eventually, and we don’t know when, He turns them over to their own delusions and suffer great consequences in hopes they be corrected and turn from their own evil ways. It is better to receive His corrections and be humbled now before that would happen to us so we receive in fullness the spirit of truth. This relates to the things God hates... perfectly spoken, rebellion because He knows if we keep it – we will never be the adopted children who enter into His Kingdom. Instead we become desolate and full of every kind of evil abomination. Those who remain unteachable, untrainable and unmoldable by Jesus end up sitting in the seat of the scornful.

What does that look like exactly? Well, the scornful are full of themselves and full of scorn – usually only able to see the specks in others, instead of removing first their own plank which blinds them to their own shortcomings.

Some of their characteristics include:

- Arrogance – Filled with pride, they view themselves as the ultimate authority, resisting any sort of rebuke or correction or admonishment.
- Contempt – They use mocking and shame to justify themselves and control others.
- Source of Strife – Because they refuse instruction, their presence breeds conflict and division.
- Above all else – they demand everyone conforms to them, in place of Jesus, because they delusionally believe they have measured weights and balances to hold everyone in the balances for judgment.

And truly, thank You LayLay for the pearls and letting me add to them in a small way today. This goes perfectly with today’s study about making assumptions... Because everything a scorner does, thanks and says is based on assumptions. Assumptions about self and everyone else because they only stand in the dark, not the Light, so they cannot see anything in truth. They are blind. They cannot hear anything in truth. They are offended. And since what resides within comes out... They cannot speak truth, only mixture comes out at best and most often everything said is skewed by the filter of self-opinion in one way or another. Their tongues often become the measuring rod directed solely at you, in that you start second guessing your faith, your truth and your devotion to Jesus. In sneaky ways they get you to question... Does God really love me? I call this serpent speech.

Before we go any further, lets read out of Ecclesiastes Chapter 10.

Ecclesiastes 10:2-15

A wise man's heart *is* at his right hand,
But a fool's heart at his left.
³ Even when a fool walks along the way,
He lacks wisdom,
And he shows everyone *that* he *is* a fool.
⁴ If the spirit of the ruler rises against you,
Do not leave your post;
For conciliation⁴ pacifies great offenses.
⁵ There is an evil I have seen under the sun,
As an error proceeding from the ruler:
⁶ Folly is set in ⁴great dignity,
While the rich sit in a lowly place.
⁷ I have seen servants on horses,
While princes walk on the ground like servants.
⁸ He who digs a pit will fall into it,
And whoever breaks through a wall will be bitten by a serpent.
⁹ He who quarries stones may be hurt by them,
And he who splits wood may be endangered by it.
¹⁰ If the ax is dull,
And one does not sharpen the edge,
Then he must use more strength;
But wisdom ⁴brings success.
¹¹ A serpent may bite when *it is* not charmed;
The ⁴babbling is no different.
¹² The words of a wise man's mouth *are* gracious,
But the lips of a fool shall swallow him up;
¹³ The words of his mouth begin with foolishness,
And the end of his talk *is* raving madness.
¹⁴ A fool also multiplies words.
No man knows what is to be;
Who can tell him what will be after him?
¹⁵ The labor of fools wearies them,
For they do not even know how to go to the city!

Only a fool assumes and one would think we would be able to hold our tongues until the Lord reveals the truth, instead of assuming so much. Way too many say "thus sayeth Lord" when He has not spoken or revealed something or told them to cast such turmoil of wonderings upon others. Again... TRUTH IS REVEALED, assumptions are forced and full of deceit to stir up conflict and fear. Only truth is a good report, which we are told to fixate on continually. And who does this? Those who love only the truth.

We really need to be taking the Lord seriously right now.

Deuteronomy 18:22

when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

IF someone comes proclaiming God told them something or showed them something and if it does come to pass... what they shared was not truth and did not originate with God. Period. We are not to fear anything they said or lay it to heart or abide by it. The Church of Ephesus in the Book of Revelation gets a stern rebuke from the Lord from leaving their first love Jesus Who is the way, truth and life but were counted worthy because even they would not tolerate liars after trying by the spirit those in their midst who called themselves apostles. This church was edified for not bearing with those who are evil. Interesting isn't it? We are commanded by the Lord to try and judge what someone says in place of the Lord. Every prophecy and spoken word when someone comes in the Name of the Lord never fails unless... they are coming in self.

And here is the hot water many are in right now... Assuming. And the sad part is, when someone sows into the wind, they reap a woeful whirlwind in their lives. Every single false accusation is birthed out of an assumption. Like hanging fruit, these false dreamers attract what they are, surrounding themselves with their kind. Which to me can get really frustrating at times to observe, as they sensationalize the sky is falling, negating the One Who oversees the sky continually, our Father. And most times... they do not even miss a beat when what they said does not come to pass, obviously they just move onto spreading the next assumption... so foolish indeed since we shall give an account one day for every idle word spoken that is not confessed and repented of – which will eventually swallow them up and consume them.

We just read in Ecclesiastes how babble is compared to a serpent's bite, so in essence a babbler and scorner are one in the same regarding characteristics.

A Babbler –

- Or rather dreamer in Hebrew is full of complaints
- Given over to anger
- Uses wisdom to teardown and destroy, rather than build others up
- Wicked charmer with words
- Mischievous equaled to the adversary

Seems to me a scorned babbler is someone I never want to interact with, not ever. Not sure about you? I am pretty sure I have dealt with many over my lifetime. What is important about all this is we do not join ranks with them, seek them for information and most importantly follow them at all. Let alone fear them, God will deal with them personally. We just shake the dust off and keep moving, unaffected by their many words that are unfounded in pure truth that flows from the Tree of Life, Jesus Himself. As children of light, we do not stand in their darkness but instead the light we carry exposes the darkness and it flees. And like I have said before, when darkness flees it is often noisy – cursing, accusing and yelling... oh well, let them go, pray and trust God.

Once delivered from something the plank in that area is removed so we can see. I happen to believe if you can see what I am sharing, like me you probably in your old life or early on in your faith were a babbler and scorner at some point. I know I was, definitely. Ugh... I despise the old me and am eternally grateful the Lord saved me from permanent condemnation of myself.

The key here is... let the scorner who babbles be... the Lord will deal with them His way in His timing. We just need to make sure we are not one of them to the best of our ability through surrender to Jesus.

Did you know the Father has a family tree and we are a part of it? A huge part of our issues are around us not being confident in who we are in Jesus because when we do not believe we are His child, we don't act like it. Just like you do not belong in your neighbor's family next door, you do not act like them. We often get this mindset we are not adopted into God's family, like it is some distant reality and we too do not act like we belong so we deviate from Him in too many ways. But the truth is... you are fearfully and wonderfully made, not perfect yet – but that is not the point. The point is – you are seeking Jesus with your whole heart, trying your best to surrender and obey, inviting Him inside your heart to change it so your desires and wills align with His – you are in essence meeting every mark as His child and do not know it. His hand is upon you and He shall finish the work He started unto wholeness and completion because He is the author of you and as a faithful child. If you refuse to look at the process you are going to miss the wonderful work of the Lord's influence upon your life as He is building a masterpiece... YOU. So please consider this today... be confident in what the Lord is doing in your life and who you are as His child while He is placing His mark of salvation upon you day by day. You are sealed and His banner over you is love, which is never ending.

I really believe He laid on my heart to talk to you all today about His Family Tree, of which you are a part of, spoke of in the Book of John.

John 1:10-13

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His ^{own}, and His ^{own} did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the ^{right} to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

You know Jesus, right? Or else you would not even listen to me... therefore, you seek to receive Jesus fully and you will and the end result of that whole process is – you have a birthright upon you to become His child because you believe in His Name. For those destined to be in His family, He never takes His hand off of us. Does it look messy sometimes? Of course, we are children... but here's the good news, we are HIS CHILDREN and just like our own children may bring shame to us occasionally, they veer off the path, lash out, roll in vomit and mud... we love them and receive them as our own. If we, being so broken ourselves do this – how much more does our Father in Heaven love and receive us just as we are... because we are trying, doing our very best, falling short, but giving our all and He sees it and it moves Him to keep us in all His ways.

A tree wouldn't be a tree without branches, that is how valuable you are... God's Family Tree is not a stump... if so, it would be Him and Him alone. He has branches, many actually and you are one of them. He desires you and wants you to be apart of His family and not cut you off.

John 15:1-8

¹ I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He ^{takes} away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

⁵ I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My

words abide in you, you^u will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Isn't that beautiful... without us there would be no tree at all and without His children the Father would have no family and He surely desired family or we wouldn't even be here. This is something angels even marvel at, they cannot be His family, only us who abide in Jesus can since He was the first of many brethren. Angels are a part of His creation, but not His family... amazing, right?

Here are some key aspects to all this I want to go over:

- When we eat of the Tree of Life we gain eternal life in Jesus and are full and satisfied, whole – our souls are nourished and at rest.
- Those who eat of the world, the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil gain just that... the world. We eat of Jesus and gain Him, but not them. That tree feeds the mind and flesh so it grows – they are never satisfied and always in lack. But when we stop eating of the forbidden tree, we eat upon Jesus and are truly content, able to let go of foolish worldly things that clutter the mind.
- This is simple and this can be offensive... but those who love the Lord love to obey Him and are grateful for His discipline which keeps them held within His family unit – His tree.
- Some people will sacrifice everything they've got – energy, time, money – for their natural earthy family (which is a carnal family) while neglecting God's family totally. This may appear noble by man's standards, but is actually delusional and disobedience.
- Jesus is the fullness of Sonship – so Him in us and us in Him is how we receive that same promise for ourselves.
- We know we belong to our Father, when we cry out to Him as Abba Father as His child in need and desperation. Do you know hardly anyone on Earth cries out to Him these days? You are very rare and priceless indeed, more than you know.
- Our reaction when we don't get what we want reveals just how spiritually submissive and mature we really are. We once were a child, does not mean we stay the way... we are to grow in the Lord, like a tree does not remain a seedling, it grows to be big, tall and strong to endure the storms of life.
- Maturity reflects the fullness of Jesus within us.
- Watchman... not self-declared, but Godly appointed watchmen... know the "seasonal time" we are in on God's timeclock and they never assume or get it wrong. They never announce they are a watchman, which is carnal – but have a continual longing that all be ready at any given moment to meet Jesus face to face. A false watchman is worldly making sure one is ready for worldly events – God's watchmen are preoccupied with the souls of people just as He is.
- For the time to be redeemed, we welcome God's perfect work to be done in and through us as a member of His family. He is not coming to redeem the world, but His children.
- Take note in order we not deceive ourselves... Sin absolutely hinders spiritual growth and delays our process. We may still arrive safe and sound, but chaotic delays occur when we purposely choose sin over holiness.
- It is only one step to be adopted into His family – REMAINING in His family is key and requires we continue to grow spiritually and not fall away by choosing to walk a sinful path. Getting saved is the door to walk through as we enter into righteousness through Jesus. He is the door and He also ushes us into life, not death continually.
- There is the family of man and the family of God. We do have a natural earthly flesh family and its purposed or we would never have been born. But take heed... God is focused on His family over our

carnal ones. His ways and His desires to have His own family abiding here on Earth will always, always take precedence over that which is earthly.

May we too be like a well-watered tree held within the confines of the Lord's family – strong and full of life, producing the fruit of Jesus for all who have need of Him and are seeking Him.

Luke 8:21 is where Jesus told a massive amount of people... these who do the will of my Father are my brothers and sisters. That is exactly who you are when seeking the Lord's will for your life... You are His family, adopted creatures having an earthly experience marked to return Home to be Him very soon. Praise the Lord!

So all in all... let's try to do our very best not to assume the worst about people and even events that may unfold or not. I know personally I do not like it when someone just assumes the worst about me, especially when I am doing the very best that I can and they are critical or falsely accusing not considering my heart in the matter. What if almost all people are actually doing the very best they can and yet not measuring up to our standards which do not align with Jesus's because only He can see our true intentions and motives? My fear is we too often judge too early before the time someone based solely on our assumptions of them, Lord forgive us and help us overcome this mindset towards others.

Just one more little thing... Lord Jesus help me convey Your heart in this matter. We all know as we think about ourselves, so shall we be. If we think we sin, then we will. But if we think we are an overcomer to the temptation to sin, we will be just that... an overcomer. So Jesus was reminding me this morning about Paul and how he said, it is no longer I who sin, but my flesh... Paul finally understood his desires for sinful ways had changed when his heart was changed. He knew that he didn't desire to sin, excusing it or downplaying its effects on his life – instead he knew he would mess up occasionally and yet – he no longer wanted to. He knew that at times our flesh gets in the way and we slip up – but our identity changes from a sinner to a saint based on heart's desires. So in essence, rather than keeping the sin... in Jesus we have to the power to separate ourselves from sinful ways. But in order to no longer embrace the sin, we must first acknowledge we have it in the flesh, with a desire it be removed completely from the heart. And when we do repent, Jesus throws that sin we committed into the sea of forgetfulness to remember it no more. Once we are saved for real, we no longer have an identity as a sinner, but rather a sinner saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus and can truthfully say... it is no longer I who sin, but my flesh.. not the devil, not someone else – no one but us. We own our shortcomings, request Jesus's help to overcome and are washed clean inwardly so we reflect outwardly our true nature as a child of God.

This is a huge hurdle for many, but once you know... you just know and everything changes, especially us. Thank You Lord!