



Lesson 127 Tranquility Comes

Peace everlasting and tranquility comes from time spent with Me. Seek righteousness and holiness. Be a clean vessel prepared and ready to hold within all that is given by Your God Jesus. Have a listening ear, an open heart, and a mind attuned to the Lord. Block the worldly. Now's the time. Prepare to enter into the house of the Lord. The house of purity, righteousness, and holiness. The door is open, now's the time to enter in. And then His Peace, His Tranquility will be yours because it comes from a right heart. That is all for now, go in peace

Introduction

This week the Lord is having us focus on Peace and Tranquility. So let's start by reviewing the definitions of these two words.

Peace:

- a state of tranquility or quiet
 - freedom from unsettling or oppressive thoughts or emotions
 - freedom from strife, dissension,
 - untroubled, tranquil, content
- Synonyms – accord, amity, union, unity

Tranquility:

- free from agitation of mind or spirit
 - the state or quality of being free from commotion or tumult,
 - peaceful, quite
 - free from or unaffected by disturbing emotions
- Synonyms – agreeable, amicable, calm, at peace

As you can see these words are very similar, even related to one another, in that they speak of a state that is free from disharmony, strife or disturbing emotions. They speak of unity, accord, and calm. Hence both words convey a pleasing message. However, what we did not learn from the dictionary is that both peace and tranquility come about as a result of **time spent with the Lord**. This is because they originate in Him, therefore, there is no better place to obtain them than through Him. Jesus said,

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

Consequently, peace and tranquility are His to give because as noted above, they originated in the Lord. Thus they most definitely are His to give and this makes time spent with Him important; that's because in the end, it's actually all about maintaining a relationship with Him. Therefore what we are saying is that we can only truly obtain peace and tranquility through a relationship with the Lord. And this is what we will be talking about today.

Time Spent with Him

The Lord opened today's message with these words:

Peace everlasting and tranquility comes from time spent with Me.

I think the thought behind this message is one of relationship as noted in the Introduction. It, however, is not a new message as I believe it is a message that has been implied in the bible as well. For example,

Philippians 4:6-7 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

In this verse a relationship with the Lord is implied through the use of the phrase, *but in everything by prayer and supplication* and through the phrase, *let your requests be made known to God*, as you can see both of these phrases provide clear indications of relationship through his encouragement to take everything to the Lord. Similarly in,

John 16:33 *"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

In this verse, we once again see that it is only through the Lord that we will find peace, accordingly, time spent with Him has never been more important if peace is what you are seeking after. Therefore, let me say it one more time, and that is that, one can only obtain peace through a relationship with the Lord, as noted below.

January 5th God Calling - Rest in My presence brings Peace. God will help you.

And the Lord has reconfirmed this message just over the past few days:

03/07/13 BT - Find peace in Me. Rebuke the enemy. Do not let him shake your confidence. I know your abilities and ask no more or less than you are capable of. Focus on Me. Pay less attention to the world and more attention to Me and all will be well.

03/07/13 BN - Relax...take a breath...inhale My presence, Take My peace with you.

03/08/13 BN - Do not fret, I know your heart, I will work with you to mold you, Turn yourself over to Me. Peace, let My peace flow within you...it is there for you.

03/08/13 CN - Now is the time, Peace be with you, Now be with Me.

Consequently you can see the thought behind the word. You can see that these are thoughts that impart the importance of maintaining a relationship with the Lord. Relationship's, however, take effort. They take responsiveness, loyalty, and communication but most importantly they take the aforementioned time; hence, we must be willing to spend time with Him in order to obtain the peace we are seeking after. However, that not the end of all that the Lord has had to say about time and how it affects our relationship with Him. And that's because He also provided these additional words of encouragement and admonitions as well.

03/08/13 CT - Live in the presence of your God Jesus. Allow My presence to envelop you. Feel My closeness throughout the day. Know that I AM always with you.

03/12/13 SN - Stop wasting your time on things that don't matter.

Ergo time is important. We must value it and realize that it could not be spent any better than having been spent on the Lord. The end result of which will be the **Peace everlasting and tranquility** that can only come from maintaining a relationship with the Lord.

A Clean Vessel

Indeed, time is an important element in our relationship with the Lord. It is also an important element in obtaining peace and tranquility but there are other elements that are equally important as well. And with that in mind, we are now going to examine the second part of today's message from the Lord, and that is this:

Seek righteousness and holiness. Be a clean vessel prepared and ready to hold within, all that is given, by Your God Jesus.

Thus becoming a clean vessel, prepared and ready, this is the second element we will be speaking of today.

Appropriately, the next obvious question we should be asking is, "How do we become clean?" The Lord, however, has already addressed this question Himself. He answered it when He said, **Seek righteousness and holiness** which in and of itself is explained through this verse.

Matthew 6:33-34 *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

I really like this bible verse because I think it perfectly demonstrates what the Lord is trying to teach us here, particularly, when Jesus said **seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**. What this verse is saying to us is that righteousness originates in the Lord's kingdom just as peace originates in the Lord's kingdom. Hence one of the reasons for seeking after the Kingdom of God is because this is where righteousness, holiness and peace originated from. So in order to be compliant with His instruction to seek righteousness and holiness we must first seek the Kingdom of the Lord.

Indeed over our course of study we have learned to seek after the Kingdom of the Lord by comparing spiritual to spiritual through both individual and corporate flow charts. (From THH <http://www.takehisheart.com/flowchart.htm>)

It is a simple way you, as an individual or a corporate body, can follow after the "things of the Spirit" and not fall into condemnation. **The existence of a flow chart allows a corporate body or an individual to walk in peace in the middle of a war!**

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:5

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:6

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Consequently what this reveals to us is that we seek after the Kingdom of the Lord by following after the things of the Spirit (i.e. comparing spiritual to spiritual). And once we have commenced seeking after His Kingdom, then we become a clean, vessel, prepared and ready by removing the spots as identified by the Lord. Therefore, righteousness, holiness, peace and tranquility all come from following after the Lord.

In the book of Psalm, we have learned that....

Psalm 119:165 *Those who love your Torah have great peace; nothing makes them stumble.*

Which I believe is another way of saying that those who have set the heart on being pleasing to the Lord (i.e. *who love*), these people, find His peace. They find it because they seek after Him. Consequently, I think we can all agree that there is definitely a correlation between seeking after righteousness and holiness as a means of obtaining peace and tranquility.

Psalm 85:8-10 *I will hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to his people and to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.*

Now is the time to prepare ourselves. Now is the time to **Seek righteousness and holiness**. Now is the time as the Lord recently said to:

02/03/13 CT - **Be clean, be holy.**

03/07/13 DP - **Obedience is the only way to achieve victory.**

03/10/13 MVA - **Obedience goes hand in hand with excellence.**

03/10/13 DP - **Obedience important. You must obey from the heart My commands. Be instant in your compliance to Me. You must follow instruction carefully. Life is in the instructions.**

Remember the Lord said, **Seek righteousness and holiness. Be a clean vessel prepared and ready to hold within, all that is given, by Your God Jesus.**

This last statement of **ready to hold within** reminded me of this from where the Lord taught the prophet that Jesus is sowing His Rhema word down the river of life and we can either hold onto it, i.e. receive it well, or we can allow Satan to steal it away from us, and in some cases we may even discard His Rhema word due to a lack of understanding on our part. This understanding came from a scene that the Lord gave the prophet He demonstrated to him the importance of being “good ground” that receives all the water or rain that comes down the River of Life vs being “bad ground” that does not receive the water well. In other words the “bad ground” does not absorb the water well. <http://www.takehisheart.com/riveroflifepurelifegivingwater.htm>

Absorbing the water means to accept the word or information into your flow chart and meditate on it. Seek the Lord for its meaning and, if the meaning is illuminated in the Flow Chart, **accept the message**.

This is ultimately how we will seek after righteousness and holiness by receiving and accepting the message of the Lord. This is how we will become a clean vessel prepared and ready for all that is given by our God Jesus.

Attuned to Him

In the previous section we learned the value of receiving and accepting the message of the Lord which in turn leads to the very next element of this lesson. This new element that we will explore is that of being **attuned to the Lord** as a means through which we will receive the peace and tranquility of the Lord as expressed in this:

Have a listening ear, an open heart, and a mind attuned to the Lord. Block the worldly. Now's the time.

As you can see this is not only a message of the removing, the eliminating, the casting away of worldly ways but it also stresses the importance of being open to the Lord, listening, and being attuned to Him.

Attuned is defined as:

- bringing into accord, harmony or sympathetic relationship
- to make aware or responsive.

Thus this idea of peace through relationship was expressed as well in:

Isaiah 26:3 *You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because He trusts in You.*

This person is kept in perfect peace because his mind is focused on the Lord. There is a relationship there. His mind is attuned to the Lord. He is aware and responsive to the Lord. He is listening to Him and as a result he receives perfect peace.

I think this message is unchanged. Listening, focusing, keeping attuned to the Lord are just as important today as they were in days of Isaiah. In fact the Lord continues to encourage us in this:

03/07/13 DP - **Absorb all that's given.**

03/08/13 CN - **Keep hearing.**

03/10/13 MVA - **Keep focus.**

03/10/13 SN - **I AM guiding you into all truth...follow it, I lead by the hand not the foot.**

03/12/13 MVA - **Listen intently. Follow all guidance and instruction precisely.**

03/12/13 KE - **Focus on Me and Me alone. Don't look to others with no hope. Look unto the Rock from which you were hewn and have steady eyes. What say you about this? Focus. Focal point on your King Jesus. No other answers will you find anywhere else, except in Me.**

03/12/13 BT - **You must learn to hear My voice and do immediately.**

03/12/13 BN - **Listen for My Word.**

03/13/13 BT - **Be at peace in Me. I AM the answer to everything. I AM the Alpha and the Omega. Know that I AM God and Nothing is Impossible for Me. You will succeed in Me. Be focused on Me and My ways and you will ride the wings of a bird into victory with Me.**

But we cannot forget His admonition to **Block the worldly**. Therefore, not only are we to listen, focus, absorb that which the Lord gives but we are also to be vigilant and not allow the enemy to influence us through His worldly ways. Thus upon review of the words below we will be able to say that we have been warned about the enemy and his worldly ways, in fact, this entire message of choosing who we will listen to has been stated rather remarkably in this:

January 11th God Calling - Oh! Listen to My Voice, eagerly, joyfully. Never crowd it out. I have no rival claimants and if men seek the babble of the world, then I withdraw.

03/08/13 DP - The enemy seeks to influence your mind you have fought well continue to fight through obedience this keeps the enemy from gaining territory in your mind, always follow My instructions it is for your best interest, I have the plan that's tailored to fit your life. Obedience ensures it's victory.

03/09/12 DP - You have heard My voice and know it very well. You have not discerned the enemies voice I tell you the difference, My sheep know My voice it brings warmth, peace, joy, clarity.

03/11/13 SN - Keep focus and know your approach. Obstacles placed...do not succumb to temptation, Be humble and My Spirit will prevail, Open doors...stop listening to the enemy.

This section opened up with these words from the Lord, Have a listening ear, an open heart, and a mind attuned to the Lord. Block the worldly. Now's the time. What we came to learn from this is that peace and tranquility are received by listening, by being open and responsive to the Lord. And once again we came to understand the importance, not only, of maintaining our relationship with the Lord but we also learned the value of blocking out the worldly. We learned to stop listening to the enemy.

June 5th God Calling Eventide - Examine yourself. Ask Me and I will show you what you are doing wrong -- if only you will listen humbly and be unreservedly determined to do My Will.

The House of the Lord

The last section closed by speaking of following after the Lord's will. And this, this I believe is the final element the Lord spoke of when He said this.

Prepare to enter into the house of the Lord. The house of purity, righteousness, and holiness. The door is open, now's the time to enter in. And then His Peace, His Tranquility will be yours because it comes from a right heart.

Here He is asking us to enter into His house of purity, righteousness, and holiness. In other words He is asking us to live in His purity, righteousness and holiness. He is in effect asking us to:

03/08/13 CT - Be fully My child beginning now.

The end result of which is explained below when He makes the connection between righteousness and peace.

Isaiah 32:17-18 *The effect of righteousness will be peace, the result of righteousness, quiet trust forever. CJB*

I found this interesting because I believe it is precisely this *quiet trust* that enables us to proceed through The door that is open.

Therefore as I was pondering the idea of enter into the house of the Lord and thereby experiencing His Peace, His Tranquility, I was struck by how well it relates to this message from:

September 12th God Calling - The eye of the soul is the will. (It is in effect "the house" you are living in. Therefore...) If your one desire is My Kingdom, to find that Kingdom, to serve that Kingdom, then truly shall your whole body be full of light.

When you are told to **seek first the Kingdom of God, the first step is to secure that your will is for that Kingdom.** A single eye to God's glory. Desiring nothing less than that His Kingdom come. Seeking in all things the advance of His Kingdom.

Know no values but Spiritual values. No profit but that of Spiritual gain. Seek in all things His Kingdom first.

Only seek material gain when that gain will mean a gain for My Kingdom. Get away from money values altogether. **Walk with Me. Learn of Me. Talk to Me. Here lies your true happiness.**

Therefore, this very much reminded me of all we have learned in this lesson about the importance of maintaining a relationship with the Lord. You can see how a relationship would develop from time spent with Him **(Walk with Me. Learn of Me. Talk to Me.)**

This in turns comes right back around full circle to:

03/08/13 CT - **Be fully My child beginning now.** Here again we have relationship

So let's examine what the Lord has said in this last portion of His message:

Prepare to enter into the house of the Lord Get yourself ready for this relationship by becoming

The house of purity, righteousness, and holiness Be pure, righteous and holy

The door is open The Lord has opened the way for you (through His word)

Now's the time to enter in Now's the time to accept His message

& then His Peace, His Tranquility will be yours & from this you will receive peace & tranquility

because it comes from a right heart. Because it comes from Him, because you are His.

I think that is pretty awesome! The pictures the Lord creates through His words are truly amazing. But there is another important verse I want to remind you of and that is:

Psalm 23:1-6 *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.*

The Lord put this verse in my mind because it is the classic verse we think of when we think of the Lord giving us peace and comfort. And this is not surprising when you examine all that is spoken of in this passage where once again the Lord notes the importance of righteousness in relationship to the peace we receive from following after the Lord and having His presence in our lives as we *dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.*

Summation

In this lesson we have learned that it is the living in the presence of the Lord that brings peace and tranquility into our lives:

03/08/13 DP - **Take peace in realizing this I am with you.**
03/12/13 KE - **Things are coming abroad. Tranquility.**

January 8th God Calling - Life with Me is not immunity *from* difficulties, but peace *in* difficulties.

Life with Him is the key. It the key to following after His will, by having **a listening ear, an open heart, and a mind attuned to the Lord.** In this way we will:

03/08/13 CT - **Be the person I would have you be.**
03/09/13 DP - **My ways, walk in them, spotless.**

And the peace we receive from our obedience well this is a gift. It is a gift that gives back. It gives assurance, and it gives life, it bears much fruit.

September 16th God Calling - MY Peace it is which gives quietness and assurance forever. My Peace that flows as some calm river through the dry land of life. That causes the trees and flowers of life to spring forth and to yield abundantly.

Success is the result of work done in peace. Only so can work yield its increase. Let there be no hurry in your plans. You live not in time but in Eternity. It is in the Unseen that your life-future is being planned. Abide in Me, and I in you so shall you bring forth much fruit. Be calm, assured, at rest. Love, not rush. Peace, not unrest. Nothing fitful. All effectual. Sown in Prayer, watered by Trust, bearing flower and fruit in Joy. I love you.

This peace not only defines our relationship with Him but it also helps us to overcome what we once were because it helps us to carry on.

Hebrews 4:10 *For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His.*

Therefore, there is no better time to continue the work of becoming **a clean vessel prepared and ready to hold within all that is given by Your God Jesus.** Yes, indeed, now is the time to:

03/10/13 JC - **This is the day and time to rebuke the evil one in My name and concentrate on My Ways, even when it takes extra effort.**
03/12/13 BT - **Now is the time for obedience. Be quick to follow My instructions...**

Because **a clean vessel must be prepared and ready** therefore....

03/12/13 BN - **Continue cleaning things up. I provide the instructions to do so. 3 spots gone but others remain. We will work on them together...just follow Me.**

I hope this lesson has helped us all to understand that our relationship with the Lord is living, growing, and viable. It develops over time following our obedience and His responsiveness. Ultimately, peace and tranquility will come to us from this relationship. In my mind and as stated above I believe that they are a gift which the Lord offers to all who willingly walk through His open door. This week the Lord said,

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His Tranquility will be yours because it comes from a right heart. That is all for now, go in peace.

As we proceed forward in our walk we have the assurance of His peace everlasting and tranquility. Nothing is impossible for the Lord even this, your peace, your tranquility, nothing is too difficult for Him.

May the Lord Bless You in This,
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