

Letter from the Lord to the house. *Revelation 3:7-13.* The Lord here is saying He has given us the key of David and has set before us an open door.

By the grace of God we will conclude the burden we began three weeks ago. We considered Jesus, the beloved Son of the Father, as a pattern laid out for us as sons of the Father. We saw that Sons do the will of God. In this meditation, we will keep looking at what God expects from us; an estate He expects us to dwell in.

We had previously said that the anointing on the head is a call to sonship, *Romans 8:14 says For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.* These are people who have gotten the impartation of the Spirit, people who the Holy Spirit has taken hold of. Immediately we receive the impartation of the Spirit, we have no control over our lives any more, *John 3:8.* We surrender our rights to the Lord to take over. When David says He anoints my head with oil, he means I have released my life to be controlled by the Holy Spirit, this is when you have the right to call yourself a Son of God, *John 5:19.* People who come into the estate of the Shepherd and the Son are people who have given themselves over to God. Like we said last week, the life of the believer is a mirror life of the Lord Jesus. Hence, Jesus said His brethren are those who do the will of the Father. The Will of the Father is that we subject ourselves to the leading of His Spirit.

Today we will see other patterns Jesus showed that God wants us as believers to follow.

- **John 15:9-10. Obedience.**

Sons are people who are ready and willing to obey the Father's commandment. From a natural standpoint, a son who always obeys his parent will be loved by the parent. The Lord expects us to always obey the Father's commandment whether it makes sense or not. The Lord hates rebellion, *1 Samuel 15:23.* He wants people who will walk with Him, abide in His love, and obey His commandment to the fullest. *2 Corinthians 10:6.* The Spirit of humility must take us over that we may yield to His command.

- **John 16:32. Being Conscious of the Father.**

It is important that we have a consciousness of the Father with us. When we have this consciousness, we will not fear or worry. *Psalms 34:10.* No man can harm you because the Father is with you, *Hebrews 13:5.* Your confidence should be: 'because He lives, I can face tomorrow'. It is the lack of God-consciousness that allows us to wallow in thoughts that lift themselves above the knowledge of God, *2 Corinthians 10:5.* When you are conscious about the Father, you can walk boldly and speak boldly. Since Jesus was 12 years old, the consciousness of the Father had been in Him, *Luke 2:49.*

The Believers perspective.

Seeing that Christ has given us this pattern, showing us what it means to be a shepherd and a son, what manner of men are we to be in the light of all these? Jesus said in *John 14:9-12,* We are to do greater works than He did. We are to first accept the call to this estate of a shepherd and a son. If this call is settled in our mind, we will be able to follow Christ who is the pattern son. The call is to all. If you are okay with your current estate, God is not okay with where you are. Jesus came and the work He did as a man stopped at a point, but there are sons who will complete His work. He will see the travail of His soul and be satisfied, *Isaiah 53:10.* There are people malnourished, His sheep, which the Lord expects us to feed. *John 21:17.* He is looking for Sons who will show the people the way; what it means to have a relationship with God, what it means to worship God in

Spirit and in truth. Creation is crying out for your manifestation, *Romans 8:19*. It is time for the Sons to arise and enter into this estate.

John 21 shows how heavy this burden is in the heart of the Father. A lot of time, believers act like Peter; knowing that there is a work of the Kingdom, they go fishing (to do other things). Peter caught nothing. When we go out of the will of God, we will not be successful. He went back to his trading, when Jesus told him that he will be a fisher of men, *Matthew 4:19*. Because it is in the heart of the Father, Jesus had to reappear to Him. After feeding Him, He said, *John 21:16* "He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep". In essence, He asked him, do you love me than your aspirations and your dream. Three times Jesus asked Peter this question. Afterwards He said to him *John 21:18* " *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not*", confirming to Him that a man who will come into the estate of a shepherd and the Son will surrender His life to the Holy Spirit. The business of the Father is paramount. There is a lot of evil going on, but the Lord need people who will set things in order. There is no time for frivolities, we need to cling to the cross, set our eyes on Christ and totally release ourselves to the Lord. We are to have the mindset of Paul as he shows in *Acts 20:24-28*. Shepherds are watchmen, we are not to keep quiet, we are to sound the alarm (the truth), *Ezekiel 3:18*. It is our duty to teach people the difference between the clean and the unclean, *Ezekiel 44:23-24*. The Lord has deposited a lot into us and it is time for us to begin to show the Lord that these investments are not a waste.

What is the moral lesson from all that the Lord has said? *1 Peter 5* is a call to shepherds, whom we all are. We are to be an example. After the encounter with Jesus in *John 21*, He also passed this message on to the church, that we must tend to the flock with joy. We are to treat each one with respect and in humility, respecting the grace of God upon each ones life. Jesus treated His disciples with respect and humility to the point that they could not recognize who Jesus was among His disciples when they came to arrest Him, *John 18:3-8*. When we walk in humility and love, then our lives can make impact. The admonition for us is that we should be sober and vigilant. Our senses must be sharpened. Creatures are waiting for the Sons of God to establish righteousness, Sons with insight, power and might; men who hear twice when God speaks, *Psalms 62:11*. Darkness is rampant, but we need to arise and shine. As Salts, we need to add taste and preserve. *Matthew 5:13-16*. It is our responsibility to show forth the glory of God.

Prayer: Lord grant us great grace, that we may arise as Sons and declare your glory. We awake, we enter into this estate that you have assigned for us. Let our voices be heard in this world, in this land. Let a little one become a thousand and a small one a strong nation. We arise in Jesus name.

Isaiah 60:1 KJV

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

The Grace of the Lord be with your spirit.