

kingdom of man
as layered humanity

Part Ten

(Mental Focus - Extended)

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Meditating on the Bible

Numbers 15:13-16

All that are born of the country shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD. And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever be among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; as ye do, so he shall do. One ordinance shall be both for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth with you, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD. One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

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At the beginning of adam (mankind), we, each one, were allowed to be a self-focused type of being. In that statement, the concept, self-focused, includes the immediate family members, almost exclusively . . . the nuclear family: husband, wife, sons and daughters. This limited focus had to be extended, outward, on all sides of the family.

The first level of extension occurs when we reach out to nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, and grandchildren. This form of extension of the nuclear family was packaged in a most noble example: Noah. Noah, as by way of the Ark, extended his focus to all these others, in due time. This may not have been apparent, if one does not expand upon the potential that is in this action.

And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

(Genesis 7:6-9)

To expand upon the understanding which is in that event, consider this Scripture.

And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and

every thing that is in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

(Genesis 6:17-21)

Also, consider this Scripture.

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

(Genesis 9:1-7)

Yes, this does mean that, Noah was allowed to eat certain ones of the creatures. Furthermore, we can extend the focus of Noah, further, thusly: Noah's work was done for his family, and their family, and their family, and so on, to encompass the meat eaters, vegan, vegetarians, and other categories of consumers, among all of the seven some billion present humans.

As pertains to the needs of the meat eaters; Noah needed to concentrate on protecting the creatures, by preventing them from being overwhelmed by the flood. These members of Creation already had their instructions about how to provide for mankind's appetite.

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament

of heaven.

And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

(Genesis 1:20-22)

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

(Genesis 1:24-25)

There was another portion of Creation that had a similar directive, as also contributing to the welfare of man.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth:

and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind:

and God saw that it was good.

(Genesis 1:11-12)

However, that other category, noted above, was not as robust in the fulfillment of mankind's needs, as were the creatures. This is especially so, when one considers the vegetation's residency on the Ark. In that container, this immobile portion of Creation needed to be in the presence of men who would focus on assisting its members in their performance of God's design for them. The way that help was provided is of this fashion . . .

And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

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(Genesis 9:20 . . .)

Seeds do not walk to the planting site. Moreover, seeds do not know how to find the proper site in which to settle. For the seed-like portion of creation; mankind is a necessary assistant. Some may say that; the assistance for seeds is as simple as, scattering them to the wind. Well, this lesson tells us that; the act of scattering, alone, is not a guarantee of successful performance of the mission of the seed.

And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

(Matthew 13:3-8)

Proper planting is a concept that needs to be extended beyond the individual seed, of any sort. That is what the parable is telling us. Wherefore we needed an example that would serve the community aspect of our existence. To take us to that point, the LORD sent an announcement of a new kind of Noah; a servant of God that would rejuvenate the world, as from his day.

And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

(Isaiah 11:10-12)

In that day, there were other world-shaking changes that set the condition for extended mental focus, as in the LORD. Among those changes are these ones.

The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.

And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left,

from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

(Isaiah 11:13-16)

This is the one, *an ensign*, who would tend to the planting of human seeds . . . in fields that we refer to as, churches. These fields are developed in the initial phase of church planting; and completed by the introduction therein of the human seeds. This is the focus of the life and ministry of Christ.

In Christ, there are two kinds of mobility for seeds. The first kind is; mobility that is dependent on the seed being discovered.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.

And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

(Luke 19:5-10)

Another type of mobility for a seed is the state that allows the seed to float on the wind of stressful circumstances. These are like the seeds of a dandelion. Their opportunity for being planted is as follows:

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

(Matthew 11:27-30)

For both of these types of mobility of the human seeds, the community-minded Christ was assigned to the task of, preparing future Noah types. These are the ones that will seek out the needy, and also, reach out for anyone that is drifting from centering their focus on the LORD. These collectors gather the human seeds that need to be planted in

the church of God. This is much like the gathering that is done by a fisherman; such as was described, here.

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

(Matthew 4:18-20)

The charter that is presented to these servants is from the LORD. It is a proven charter, which was activated and sealed by Christ, thusly.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

(Hebrews 12:1-6)

Wherefore we, who are called to this service, can return to the simple focus of; looking directly to God for instruction. And this is the instruction . . .

If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the

cross.

(Philippians 2:1-8)

Now, understand this: this is not an exclusive club that is reserved for the highly religious ones of us. We, all, need to focus our minds as being gatherers of seed. We have already seen how it is done when we are elected to public service for the LORD. In an expanded fashion, this is how it is done for all the children of God; as also including, those that live in the quieter place of, anonymous community interaction in the faith.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

(Matthew 5:14-16)

We, all, must commit our self to maintaining focus on the lessons that are provided by the LORD. In this, we must enlist our whole being; and, especially, our mind and heart, thusly.

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Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

(Psalm 119:9-16)

In this, we must be vigilant about protecting the embedded worldview that the LORD places in us; or . . . there is a kind of shortcut to honing our focus. The shortcut is: to rely on the Comforter. As we move in the world; just as happened to Adam, so, too, now, there will be many diversions that will seek to capture our focus. When these things occur, we need to lean on the promise that is contained in this conversation, here.

Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my

words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

(John 14:22-27)

In this way, we will be able to maintain our focus; so that, our life will be open to, and conditioned for, sharing with others. This is what we will explore next. And, lest you think you can hide behind weakness; consider the following to be a blessing that is also available to you.

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

(Luke 22:31-32)

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(Sharing Self - Focused)**  
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