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~ (Ephesians 1:18) Mirror Translation.

“And He (Jesus) opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the scriptures.”

~ Luke 24:45



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INTRODUCTION TO KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING & WISDOM

The combination of the words “knowledge, understanding and wisdom” are found together 9 times in the Bible. For example, *“Proverbs 2:6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. Colossians 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”* Knowledge could be defined as information. Understanding could be defined as a personal level of comprehension, or the truth you’re willing to stand under. Wisdom in this context could be defined as the revealed word of God that is understood and applied in one’s life. Knowledge is a gateway to understanding; understanding is a gateway to wisdom. *“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and in all your getting get understanding.”* (Proverbs 4:7) In other words, don’t stop with information. Take it a step further, ask Holy Spirit for comprehension and then apply what He reveals. *Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for a lack of wisdom...When wisdom becomes the principal thing of your life the days of destruction will cease.*



TRAVERSING THE HEAVENS

THE BLOOD & THE BODY OF JESUS CHRIST

1 Corinthians 15:46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, then the spiritual. (CSB)

Hebrews 4:14 - 16 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is **passed into the heavens**, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. ¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (KJV)

Hebrews 10:19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary **through the blood of Jesus**—²⁰ he has inaugurated for us a new and living way through the curtain (that is, **through his flesh**)— (CSB)

Hebrews 12:22 - 24 But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to **the blood of sprinkling, that speaks** better things than that of Abel.

THRONE ROOM ACCESS

Our lives move in the direction of our most dominate thought. From 1 Corinthians 15:46 we begin to see, that for us, the spiritual realm is not first, but the natural. The natural, then the spiritual. Our lives begin to move in the direction of our most dominate thoughts, first initiated in the natural realm; then that focus transitions us to begin to move in the spirit realm. “As a man thinks in his heart, so is he...” (Proverbs 23:7) Hebrews 4:14 gives us framework to place our focus. See, envision, Jesus the Son of God as your High Priest who has passed into the heavens. The Greek word used here for “Seeing” is “echo”, meaning to have and to hold in the mind or imagination.” The Greek word for “passed into the heavens” literally means “to traverse”; to move up and down, pioneering a pathway to go to different places. So we could translate Hebrews 4:14 like this, “Echo, (repeat continually) in your imagination (mind) that Jesus, the Son of God has pioneered a pathway for us to move from place to place as we continually SEE HIM. Jesus said in John 10:9, “I am the door and the sheep who enter because of who I am is safe to roam freely and find pasture.” (Mirror Translation) The Apostle Paul addresses the men of Athens and says, “For in Him (Jesus) we live, and MOVE, and have our being...Acts 17:28” Did you get that? In Him we live, in Him we MOVE and have our being or have our existence. Let’s meditate on that just for a moment, “in Him we MOVE.” The Prophet Zechariah records the word of the Lord to a people who will walk in purpose and divine destiny fulfilling the promises of possessing their inheritance as the people of God. “And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in His name, says the LORD. Zechariah 10:12” (NKJV) The Living Bible Translation says it like this, “The LORD says, I will make My people strong with power from Me! They will go wherever they wish, and wherever they go they will be under My personal care.”

Our first destination as we see Jesus as our High Priest who has traversed the Heavens is the Throne Room (See Hebrews 4:14-16). At the Throne Room we obtain mercy. The Greek word for obtain used here means, “to receive, or take hold of with the hand in order to use.” The scepter of Our Father is stretched out to all who appear before the Throne in this manner. See yourself receiving mercy because of the blood of Jesus. Grab ahold of that mercy with your hands and bring it into your innermost being. Oh, thank God for His gift of mercy. As you take hold of mercy you are then empowered to find grace. Notice that you receive mercy, but you find grace. The Greek word used here translated as find means, “to meet with, to come to know, to get knowledge of, and to understand.” Jesus Christ is the person, the personification of grace (See John 1:16, 17). The empowerment of grace, the knowledge, understanding and wisdom of grace (1 Corinthians 1:30).

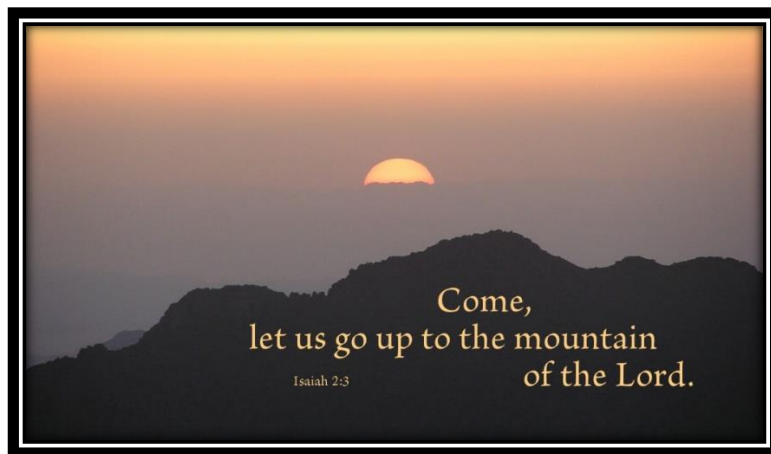
We have this divine access through the blood and body of the Lord Jesus Christ to traverse through the veil or curtain of our flesh and enter the realm of the Kingdom of Heaven (Hebrews 10:19). When we turn up in that realm (Hebrews 12:22-24) mount Zion, interaction is inevitable. As you partake in communion you hold in your hands elements of access as you are discerning, visualizing, and appropriating the body and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, your keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

TRAINING IN THE HEAVENS

ASCENDING INTO ZION

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD?

~ Psalm 24:3



“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we shall walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and beat their spears into pruning hooks...neither shall they learn war anymore...come and let us walk in the light of the Lord.”

~ Isaiah 2:2 - 5 (KJV)

FROM SINIA TO ZION

We see a transition from fighting to obtain, to sowing and pruning in the garden of our hearts. We sow our time to engage in this reality and we prune everything that hinders. We do this by first getting in the flow, going up, and being taught by the LORD in Zion. Hebrews 12:18-24 teaches us that we have moved from mount Sinia, to mount Zion. Sinai was the mountain where the law was given to Moses, a place that was noted as untouchable by the masses. Mount Zion however, is a place of open invitation to experience the reality of the Kingdom of Heaven in which we are now citizens of.

Isaiah prophecies of a day, the last days, where the mountain of the LORD’s house is established on top. Within the establishment of His house on top of the mountain, there is a flow and ALL nations flow into it. In this flow, many, will say, “Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and He will teach us of His ways.” The Hebrew word for “go up” here in Isaiah 2:3 literally means, “to ascend.” This Hebrew word for ascension is found over 817 times in the Old Testament. For example, Exodus 24:9 - 12 Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the 70 elders “went up” or ascended into the mountain of the LORD, ate and drank with the LORD as He taught them. If that kind of experience is available under the “Old Covenant” what’s available for us under the “New and Better Covenant?” Interesting enough we see that Moses, Aaron, Nadab and Abihu came back down, and yet I have not found a record in scripture of where the 70 elders came back; until we get to Luke 10:1-17 where Jesus sends out the 70 and appointed them to go into every city Jesus intended to go. Coincidence? I’m not sure, but what if there’s a divine connection? What if the 70 that ascended in the glory with Moses were the 70 that Jesus sent out? What if, when we ascend in the realm of the Kingdom of Heaven to be taught by Him that He actually sends to places and people groups that Jesus intends on visiting?

Is this too farfetched for your understanding? What about Enoch? He walked with God to such a degree that for 300 years he walked in a realm of the Kingdom of Heaven that he never tasted death. What about Elijah? Obadiah was sent out by King Ahab to find Elijah. While on his search Elijah appeared to Obadiah. Elijah instructs Obadiah to get Ahab and bring him back so they could talk. Obadiah responds, “But as soon as I leave you, the Spirit of the Lord will carry you away, who knows where, and when Ahab comes and can’t find you, he will kill me...1 Kings 18:12” (TLB) Evidently it was so common for Elijah to be carried away by the spirit to other places that Obadiah refused to leave and bring King Ahab back to this place.

We have the ability to ascend into Zion and be taught by Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit reveals to us the Lord Jesus, the Lord Jesus introduces us to the Father, and the Father reveals to us identity. Moses cried out to the LORD and said, “If I have favor in your sight, teach me Your ways that I would know you. Exodus 33:13” If it were possible for Moses to be taught by the LORD and the LORD is no respecter of persons, why do we think it would be strange if He began to teach us? There are two types of encounters recorded in the Bible. Sovereign encounters and encounters that were the result of people who begin to seek the face of God. It’s time to move from Sinai to Zion, from inaccessible to all access granted.



TRADING IN THE HEAVENS

MEDITATION & IMAGINATION

So how do we start this journey of traversing the realms of the Kingdom of God and ascending into Zion to be taught by the LORD? Our hunger, desire and appetite is the starting point. Begin to use the word of God to frame imagery in your mind and begin to move in the realm of the spirit as the Holy Spirit guides. Here's where meditation comes into place. Secular meditation is all about emptying yourself to a place of complete nothingness. Biblical meditation is all about filling yourself with the word of God, creating imagery and framework to move into. As you begin to frame images with the word of God, step into them in your imagination. As you begin to read passages ask Holy Spirit to help you frame images in your mind. Begin to focus your mind on the LORD Jesus Christ. At first it will be like stepping into a picture, as you remain it will transition into interaction. This is how we walk and step into the realm of the spirit. You start in the natural (1 Corinthians 15:46) with your mind and imagination, then transition to the spirit.

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord my strength and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14" We have words that need to be strengthened, and we have words that need to be redeemed. We have meditations that need to be strengthened and meditations that need to be redeemed. Meditation and imagination work hand in hand. "I pray that your thoughts will be flooded with light and inspired insight; that you will clearly picture (imagine) His intent in identifying you in Him... Ephesians 1:18 (Mirror Translation)"

Activation:

Close your eyes and see yourself covered completely by the blood of Jesus. The blood of Jesus is speaking on your behalf saying, you are righteous, holy, and accepted fully by our Father. You are in seamless union with the Lord Jesus as He is in seamless union with our Father. Isaiah began to see the LORD sitting on the throne in Isaiah 6:1-4. As he saw the Lord sitting on the throne he noticed the train of His robe which is the glory, filling the temple. The LORD was on the throne and yet He kept filling and filling the temple. There's always more! You are temple of the LORD (1 Corinthians 6:19). See Him filling and filling the sanctuary of your heart. Perfect LOVE is filling the sanctuary of your heart. Like Jacob in Genesis 28:10-19, you rest your mind on the rock, the LORD Jesus Christ you see the reality of the heavens open. You see a ladder that goes from earth to the heavens, angels are ascending and descending. Angels on special assignment from our Father are ascending because now that you are at this place where they have completed their assignment by bringing you here. Now you see angels descending. The new angels that are descending are on special assignment in your life to bring you from glory to glory. From lesser glory to greater glory in the same manner that angels were sent to minister to Jesus in the garden (Luke 22:43) strengthening you. As you look closer and closer to the ladder that has its origins in the earth and reaches into the heavens, you see that the ladder is the LORD Jesus Christ in which the angels are ascending and descending. As you step on the ladder, you step into the ladder, because the ladder is the door giving you access to the reality of the Kingdom of Heaven that is always within reach. You see a river that is flowing and you step into the river. It's the river of God that flows from the throne. On either side of the river are trees, the trees of life. Take hold of the leaves and put them in your inner most being, the leaves are for healing. As you go up the river, you see a waterfall, ascend the waterfall. Now you are standing on the sea of glass before the throne of God. Now you are ready to start trading on the sea of glass before the throne of God.