

Word of the Kingdom Conference

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**Topic: Loving His Appearing
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De 29:29

29 The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are revealed belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that *we may do all* the words of this law

NB. Fundamentally, Moses is rehearsing and expounding instructions for the new generation as they were about to take possession of the land that which was promised as an inheritance to them by GOD. He is almost coming to the close of these instructions

Why is this a nice place to begin this last message for this years conference here today?

As Kingdom believers we have over these last four conference days, God has revealed new things or we have received reminders important in this journey. The Lord has shared with us His Mind about the coming Kingdom and how in knowing His mind and heart we would therein, get

- encouraged to run the race with patience
- challenged to adjust our lives in specific ways in view of the inheritance set straight out right ahead
- come into the knowledge of the hugeness of our responsibility individually and within the body

Today's message/topic is structured funny – it will in a sense be in two parts.

In Part one – With the help of the Holy Spirit I will call **our** attention to.....

1. Moses' caution about why God He is revealing His secrets to us
 - a. It is that we would **obey** – that we as he puts it “**do all the words of law**”
2. As we obey these words the Holy Spirit in on duty to continue opening our eyes to understand the mysteries/hidden/ secrets

1Co 2:7-11

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a **mystery**, even the **hidden wisdom**, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

- 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (Isa 64:4, 65:17)
- 10 But God hath **revealed** them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth **all** things, yea, the **deep** things of God.
- 11 or what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

Isa 55: 8-11

- 8 **For** my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
- 9 **For** as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 10 **For** as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:
- 11 **So** shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

The Holy Spirit will reveal and teach them to us

Joh 14:26

- 26 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 (*reminding them the Kingdom things already taught- things in the realm of knowledge already*)

Joh 16:13 -15

- 13 Howbeit when he, the **Spirit** of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to **come** (*things yet future – Kingdom*).
- 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
- 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

We therefore need to have the Holy Spirit in plenty but how is this to happen?

Eph 5:18

- 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be **filled** with the **Spirit**;
 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Col 3:16

- 16 Let the **word of Christ dwell** in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours. But there a way in which we can enjoy knowing those thoughts and ways and that is by allowing the Holy Spirit in us to reveal them to us.

The Holy Spirit's willingness to reveal them to us is contingent on our willingness to **obey all of what has already been revealed**

What should our prayer be then?

- Lu 24:45 Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures
- Ac 16:14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.
- Ac 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.
- Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints
- Ps 119:18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law
- Ps 119:34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
- 2Ti 3:16
 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto **all good**

Personal Prayer

LORD Open my eyes, give me understanding of your Word.

I choose to obey it because in obeying I will please you.

In obeying I will profit from it and thus remain thoroughly furnished unto all good work that will account for me at your appearing.

In Christ's Name, Amen

Part Two of this message concentrates on the central theme of the topic

We will take this further by looking at an encouraging testimony that Paul gave his son in the faith – Timothy

2Ti 4:7-8

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the **righteous judge**, shall give me at that **Day**: and not to me only, but unto all them also that **love his appearing**

Paul is writing these two letters to his son in the faith (Timothy). The letters were probably written between AD 63 & 66. Second one to Timothy was probably the last letter that he wrote. In the first letter (AD 63) Paul is providing some instructions to his son.

In the second letter (AD 66) was written from prison (2Tim 1:8) in Rome with the certainty points to Timothy of what he boldly states a successful race. He calls attention of Timothy to the purpose of our high calling of God in Christ which relates very directly to a specific Day.

In seeking to unravel this, we will trust the Holy Spirit to unpack it for us in responding to **three** questions

Question ONE

Which DAY is this Paul is calling Timothy's attention to?

The DAY is mentioned three times in this second letter

2Ti 1:12

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that **Day** (KJV)

2Ti 1:18

The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that **Day**: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well

2Ti 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the **righteous judge**, shall give me at that **Day**: and not to me only, but unto **all** them also that **love his appearing**.

1Co 3:13-15

- 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the **Day** shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. {it shall be: Gr. it is}
- 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.
- 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

His Appearing

2Ti 4:1

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall **judge** the quick and the dead at his **appearing** and his kingdom;

1Pe 5:4

And when the chief Shepherd shall **appear**, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

1Pe 1:7

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the **appearing** of Jesus Christ:

Tit 2:13

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ

2Co 5:9-10

9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

- 10 For we must **all appear** before the **judgment** seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done,

Comparing scripture with scripture (2 Tim 4:8; 2 Tim 4:1; 1 Pet 5:4; 2 Cor 5:9; 1 Pe 1:7; 1 Cor 3: 13-15; Tit 2:13)

- His appearing is connected to **His Kingdom**
- His appearing is connected to **judgment**
- His appearing is connected to **approval** for **rewards**
- His appearing is connected to **disapproval & suffering loss**

What is it to love His appearing?

Fundamentally and of necessity one cannot love the appearing of one they don't know and love

We will look at only a few of the behaviors or characteristics of a believer who is looking for his appearing

The conduct/behavior of who love his appearing

1. Lovers of the One Appearing

Because of what is **at stake** only those who genuinely love the one appearing can benefit from his appearing

Love as has been defined for us by Scott - "a profound tender affection for a person"

Mt 7:21-23

- 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
- 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
- 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

What Jesus was saying here is that **loving His appearing** is not in the **saying** but the in the **doing**

But not just **doing anything** but doing the right thing - that which is in line with the will of God. (Nakuru @ this moment)

There is possibility that there will be many who will produce a resume that will not account for them.

**Works yes but works of wood-hay- stubble axis and not Gold-Silver-precious
Stones axis.**

Joh 14:15-16

- 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Joh 14:21

- 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him

1Jo 5:3

- 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous (burdensome, weighty).

Jas 2

- 5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to **them that** love him?

1Jo 2:

- 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man **love** the **world**, the love of the Father is not in him.

Mt 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Its not rocket science to locate ones' heart. Just check what he treasures most.
Lots was in the plains

Points to ponder

- One who loves His appearing is the one who has His word, doer of the word
- One who loves His appearing is the heartily doeth the word. Looking for every opportunity to do the word
- It is not possible to love the world (which has it own patterns and systems and still be able to love his appearing). This is irreconcilable.

2. Keep the flesh in its place - subdued

Flesh is simply the sinful nature /the old man that is still alive in us.

The flesh is one of the enemies of our maturing in the faith and serious distracter in our vision of soon coming King

Ro 8:12

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh
You owe nothing to the flesh. Nothing is due to the flesh. So sub(du)e it

Rom 7:18

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing **good** dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find

1Th 5:1-4

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the **Day** of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness (**shadiness, obscurity**), that that **Day** should overtake (*Katalambano – kata = down & lambano – to take; take hold of*) you as a thief. *Picture of a knock out situation in a boxing game*

Paul calls to our attention the following truths (**not in the slides**)

Ephesians 5:8

For you were once **darkness**, but now you are **light** in the Lord. Walk as children of light

1Th 5:5

You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

1Pe 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Col 1:13

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son

Joh 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that **followeth** me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Ge 1:3-4 - provides a good type

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness

During the restorative work of the earth after the ruin God separate Light & Darkness

He did not eliminate the darkness; He put light and darkness side by side. He expected that as long as light is **on** darkness will have to stay away

The conflict within

That there a constant **conflict** in the life of a believer brought about by the presence of both **sinful nature** and the **divine nature** residing in the same body, with either man capable of gaining **control** and proving victorious in the conflict.

Ex 10:21-23- Another type

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:

23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Illustration

Ga 5:24 -25

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit

We cannot deal with the flesh with the flesh in the flesh. The flesh is not a weapon – it's a debilitating agency. It's a cancer

Good news

Ro 8:13 - For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye **through the Spirit** do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

The good news is that the Holy Spirit in us will come to our rescue. The Spirit man must therefore be empowered on a **regular** basis through the reading and doing the word.

Jas 1:25 “But whoso **looketh** into the perfect law of liberty, and **continueth** therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed”

3879. looketh = parakupto to bend beside, i.e. lean over (so as to peer within):-- look (into), stoop down.

2Ch 32:8

With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah

Joh 6:63

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

3. Ministry one to another

1 Thes 5:9-11

- 9 For God hath not appointed us to **wrath**, but to obtain **salvation** by our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
- 11 Wherefore **comfort** yourselves together, and **edify** one another, even as also ye do.

Heb 10:24 -26

- 24 And let us consider one another to provoke (*paroxusmos – incitement to good*) unto love and to good works
- provoke = *paroxusmos – incitement to good*
- 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but **exhorting (parakaleo)** one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
- 26 For if **we** sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

3870 Comfort (parakaleo) - to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, or consolation):--beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray.

3618 Edify (oikodomeo) to be a house-builder, i.e. construct or (figuratively) confirm :--(be in) build(-er, -ing, up), edify, embolde

1Co 3:9

- 9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building
 - [**labourers together** = *sunergos - coadjutor: companion in labour, (fellow-)helper(-labourer, -worker), labourer together with, workfellow*]
 - **building** = *oikodomeo*
- 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another **buildeth** thereon. But let every man take heed how he **buildeth** thereupon [*buildeth = epoikodomeo*]
- 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; [*build = epoikodomeo*]
- 13 Every man's work (*in relation to the building – you and I are part of*) shall be made manifest: for the **Day** shall declare (reveal) it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

Some points to ponder

- We have a responsibility **in a sense** of what reward others get
- We need to build on the building = body carefully
- We need to be careful in the way we supply in the measure of grace and knowledge of God
- What is my contribution to your works = my contribution to your reward

1Co 12:12-14; 18; 26

- 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ
- 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit
- 14 For the body is not one member, but many.
- 18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.
- 26 And whether one **member suffer, all the members suffer** with it; or one **member be honoured, all the members rejoice** with it.

Eph 4:16

- 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ
- 16 From whom (Head – Christ) the whole body **fitly joined together** and compacted by that which **every joint supplieth**, according to the effectual working in the **measure (metron =metre)** of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in **love**

Col 2:19

And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, **increaseth** with the **increase** of God.

4. Watching eagerly

1Thes 5: 6

6 Therefore let us not **sleep**, as do others; but let us **watch** and be **sober**.

Sleep = *katheudo*, to lie down to rest, i.e. (by implication) to fall asleep (literally or figuratively)

Watch = *gregoreuo*, to keep awake, i.e. watch (literally or figuratively): be vigilant, wake, (be) watch (-ful). Used 23 times in the KJV

This word comes from egeiro = to rouse from sleep, to cause to rise up, hence to live

Watching

- means to be thoroughly alive to a situation and taking all measures required in the light of what is expected.
- It does not mean to do nothing or inactivity
- Read
 - o Mt 24:45-51 – the faithful & the evil servant
 - o Mt 25:14-30 – the parable of the talents

1Co 1:7

7 So that ye come behind in no gift; **waiting** for the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ: {coming: Gr. revelation}

Waiting = *apekdechomai*, to expect fully, look (wait) for

The force of this word lies in the **intensity** of the **longing** and it does not depend upon **length** of the period

Sitting on the edge = climactic experience as in movies

It has to be profitable waiting

In these parables we all are to be busy doing good works that were prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.