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The Law of the Lord; Studying it, Observing it and Teaching it.

2020

Year's Theme	:	Prophetic Vision: <i>Perfect Vision, Supernatural Clarity.</i>
12 th Jan '20 - Topic	:	Clearing for Clarity: <i>The Insight of Inside Looking</i>
Main Text	:	Matthew 7:3-5
Building Texts	:	Psalm 146:8, Hebrews 12:1-2, Isaiah 6:1
Minister	:	Pastor M.D. Desire

Shalom!

In Part 2 of our ongoing exposition on the year's theme, *prophetic vision: supernatural clarity*, we are led down the path of *clearing for clarity; the insight of inside looking*. The challenge to crystal clarity that the teaching sought to address is such as pointed out by Christ in Mathew 7:3-5, such a one that will drive us to self-righteously point out a speck in our brother's eye when we ignore, as inconsequential, the ridiculous log protruding from our own. The spirit of the Lord beckons us to an inside job that's needs attended to, an introspection, so to say; '*...first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly...*' an introspection capsuled in a Scripture-saturated, Spirit-dependent humility. The real problem of a speck, think a log here, in the eye looks like this: *You have got a speck in your eye. You can't see. Clearly so. You are driving a car. You are swerving all over the road. You are going to kill somebody. And that is what sin is like.* Hear the Psalmist acknowledge this fact – '*Who can discern his errors? Forgive me from hidden errors. let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression*'. Psalm 19:12-13

Jesus is desirous that his disciples see well, wholly so; and this so by overcoming the blindness in their pride that would keep them and, by extension us, from seeing as we ought, and from being lovingly helpful to our brothers. That we must first focus on our own shortcomings, on changes we need to make. This is not to say that those around us don't have faults, bad habits and sins. They do. But despite that, God wants us to focus first on our part and clean up. In labouring to introspect, we are addressing the hypocrisy Christ points out; *that we hide our own flaws (sometimes even from ourselves) by drawing attention to other people's flaws so that ours don't show up so clearly.* For illustration, the minister made reference to '**The law of Inside attraction**' that, **what you carry inside attracts your reality or outside life.** Example 1. Constantly attracting people who betray you in close relationships because you have not dealt with a parental abandonment issue from your past. What you are seeing is a manifestation of your belief that you cannot trust anyone with your feelings. Example 2. You are someone who has a constant need to prove to others that you are "right." Chances are you will attract people who strongly disagree with you because they also have the need to convince others to see life from their perspective. Example 3. You dislike controlling people because, most likely you carry some bossy tendencies within yourself. What troubles you in others, usually is a reflection of your own self! Pointing a finger, 3 are pointing back at you, only the thumb is neutral! The admonition is loud and articulate... '*lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us...*' - deal with all internal toxicity as you clear up for clarity! By the help of the holy spirit, we gird up our loins to clear all clutter in our hearts with semblance of fear and anxieties, manipulation and frustration, intimidation and insecurities, control and domination, insignificance and the inferiority, toxic and draining relationships, just to name a few, to the end that we, '*...run with patience the race that is set before us,*' and with all clarity, '*looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith*' Hebrews 12:1-2.

1. Explain clutter, in your own understanding.
2. In light of the teaching what is the importance of an 'inside job' Hebrews 12:1-2
 - What ought to be our attitude as we endeavour to clear clutter? Luke 24:30-32, Psalm 146:8
3. What is your personal response in light of this teaching, more so, in pursuit of supernatural clarity?
4. I invite us to join together in a fresh new commitment, to set aside time for prayer, alone and in families, and in our groups, imploring the Lord to help us, in the words of the Psalmist in **Psalm 19:12–13**, as an extended application of this teaching.

Memory Verse: "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye." (Matthew 7:5).

Grace and peace be multiplied!