

# LESSON 4

## HIS WAY IS LOWLY

### INTRODUCTION

TO BE SPIRITUAL TREES OF LIFE, WE MUST DEVELOP ROOTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- We must be subdued in the Lord.
- We must learn to hearken to His voice.
- We must take hold of the hope of glory and allow God to rise up in us.
- We need to develop meekness and lowliness of heart.

EVERY LIVING TREE OF NATURE HAS TWO DISTINCT PROPERTIES

This is also true of spiritual trees of life.

- It has its own vitality.
- It has an effect on the world around it.

OUR PERFECT MODEL AND EXAMPLE OF THE SPIRITUAL TREE OF LIFE – THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

HOW JESUS WAS THE PERFECT EXAMPLE

- His roots of righteousness were deep and far-reaching.
- He bore sound fruit. (Gal. 5:22)
- His fruit is still greatly sought after.
- His service to man is still gentle and simple, but amply protective and comforting.

MAN'S TENDENCY IS TO REPRODUCE GOD'S TREE OF LIFE IN OUR OWN WAY

JESUS CHRIST GAVE US THE KEY TO TRUE MINISTRY IN THE SPIRIT AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY

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- Luke 4:18 – “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty the bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord (full atonement and liberty for sins at cross and resurrection).”
- Zechariah 4:6 – Jesus let us know that His ministry would not be “by might nor by power,” but by God’s Holy Spirit.
  - Man has a tendency to set his heart on the might and power, rather than the Spirit of might and power.
  - If we want to see the greater works, we need to get our eyes and our hearts on Jesus and the Spirit that was upon Him, and off the works of power and might.

#### WHAT CHARACTERIZED THE SPIRIT THAT WAS ON JESUS?

JESUS HAD A LOWLY, MEEK, HUMBLE, PATIENT, AND KIND SPIRIT (MATT. 11:29)

#### MEEKNESS AND LOWLINESS OF HEART EQUALS POWER

- The Spirit of God is a Spirit of power. (Acts 1:8)
- The Spirit of power is given and expressed through the meek and humble.
  - Men of the Bible who were meek, humble, lowly and had the power of God.
    - Abraham – Father of Faith. (Gen. 18:27)
    - Jacob – Father of God’s bride, Israel. (Gen. 32:10)
    - Moses – Deliverer of the nation of Israel out of bondage in Egypt. (Ex. 3:11; Num. 12:3)
    - David – the mightiest and greatest King on earth. (2 Sam. 7:18)
    - Solomon – the greatest wisdom of any on earth and ruled with power. (1 Kings 3:7)

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- Isaiah – powerfully used. (Isaiah 6:5, 38:15)
- Jeremiah – a powerfully used prophet. (Jer. 10:23)
- John the Baptist – the greatest man ever born to woman. (John 1:27)
- Paul – exemplified power of God more than any other since Pentecost. (Rom. 7:18; Phil. 4:12; Eph. 3:8; 1 Cor. 15:9)
- Other examples: Joseph, Samuel, Josiah, Job, Elizabeth, Mary, Stephen, Peter, John
- God uses the meek and lowly of heart. In fact, the power of God is always to the meek, lowly, and humble of spirit (Psalm 138:6; Prov. 22:4, 29:23, 11:2; Isaiah 57:15; Micah 6:8; Matt. 5:3; Luke 17:10; 1 Cor. 10:12; Eph. 4:1-2; Phil. 2:4-8)

### CONCLUSION

IF WE ARE TO BE REPRODUCTIONS OF THE TRUE TREE OF LIFE AND BRING THE SHADE AND PROTECTIVE REFRESHING TO THIS EARTH, WE MUST BE MEEK, HUMBLE, AND GENTLE. HOW?

- Remain vitally united to Christ who was meek, lowly, humble and gentle. (John 15:4; Gal. 2:20)
- Do the work of the kingdom as He did, never drawing attention to ourselves, but giving all the glory to the Father. (John 15:8; John 17:4)
- Be like Paul, who understood that meekness and lowliness of heart equal power – “when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Cor. 12:5-6, 12:10; 1 Peter 5:5; James 4:6)

WE MUST DAILY KEEP OURSELVES IN LINE IF WE ARE TO MINISTER IN THE SPIRIT AND POWER OF JESUS AND BE TRUE SPIRITUAL TREES OF LIFE, BOTH IN EXAMPLE AND SERVICE.