

Come Up to Me



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Good morning, Precious Remnant.

Today is the day that the majority of the Christian Church celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Well, those of us who have celebrated Passover have already honored that fact, but each day we know that the power of His resurrection keeps us, empowers us, and motivates us to press on into the fullness of all that He's called us to be. Now, the message I want to give today is the one I mentioned in my last message that I received last weekend.

On the Thursday and the Friday before that weekend. I had had a feeling of intense loneliness wash over me. It was stronger than normal, and then, on the Friday morning, the Lord began to speak to me to address this topic of the feeling of loneliness amongst the remnant. You know, Jesus felt like this in the midst of the disciples, as He knew and carried things in his Heart that none of them would understand and none of them could see spiritually. The remnant experiences the same thing in the midst of families who

have no understanding of the times. Some of the remnant are physically all alone. Some are emotionally alone, married to spouses who have no interest in setting themselves apart for the Lord. And so, the Lord wants to speak on this topic of loneliness; the sensation of loneliness amongst the remnant. As the Tip of the Spear pierces ever deeper into the dense darkness that is rolling in, and the rest of the spearhead is blissfully unaware of what they are about to pass through, the extent of the feeling of separation and loneliness becomes more and more tangible within the hearts of the remnant. But we must remember, precious remnant, we are those mentioned in Malachi three - those who fear the Lord, speak often to one another and think on His name, whose names are recorded in the Book of Life and who are to be His jewels in the day that he openly declares them.

Another of His jewels was Moses. That humble man also pressed higher and higher, passing into the darkness of the cloud on Mount Sinai, knowing that there he would have a tryst with the God of heaven and earth, face to face. And for those who don't know what the word 'tryst' means, it is an appointed meeting with a beloved - a secret appointed meeting with a beloved. There is that sense of secrecy in the word 'tryst'. In Exodus 20:21, it says:

'And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was'.

That word 'drew near' is nagash H5066 in the Strong's concordance. It means 'to bring near, to lie with a woman or to worship, or to ascend higher'. So, in the word for 'drew near', there is a sense of drawing closer for the purpose of intimacy.

Isaiah 60:2 says *'Darkness will cover the earth and gross darkness the people... but the Lord will arise upon you and cause His glory to be seen upon you'*. That word 'darkness' there is 'arafel'. And where it says *'the Lord will arise upon you'*, the word is 'zarak' - 'to shoot forth beams, to rise as the sun'. Remember Malachi 4. It says the day that burns like an oven comes and the wicked will be left without root or branch, BUT for those who fear His name, the Sun of Righteousness will arise (will zarak) with healing in His wings. It's connected to the glory being seen upon those who fear the Lord. Remember when Moses came back down the mountain, his face shone with the glory of God, because he had been basking face-to-face in the glory of God for 40 days.

That's the thing about pressing into the darkness, about being separated from the pack. There is an appointment and a tryst with the God of Glory. Exodus 24:12 says it was it was an invitation issued to Moses alone. It was not issued to the elders or the priests who were feasting on the lower slopes of the mountain, that I mentioned in my last message. It was an invitation extended by God to His friend Moses. He said, **“Come up to me into the mountain and be there”**. ‘Come up’ is the word ‘alah’, meaning ‘to ascend’.

Beloved, it's steep going up higher and you're leaving the rest of the pack behind. Those who have feasted on the lower part of the mountain are not invited. Only two people ascended; Moses and his servant, Joshua. It's lonely leaving the brethren behind. It's hard climbing higher up a rocky mountain. But God has called His friends to come up to Him - not just to come up for the sake of being up higher, but to come up TO HIM and be there. It's not a quick visit. **Be there** - this speaks of a tarrying in a place where you can't see or get orientated, because the dark cloud obscures your sense of earthly perspective. It's quiet in the dark cloud until God speaks. And most of all, it's lonely and it's probably a little bit scary. No one else lower down can see what's going on with you. The others lower down can't understand what's happening, why you've separated from the pack and gone up higher? They did not receive the invitation. They did not read the invitation. Moses heard the invitation. God has obscured their vision with the thunder cloud - and you have to forgive them for not understanding what's going on with you.

They are where God has appointed them to be, but you, Tip of the Spear, God has called higher, and He is hiding you. And He is hiding your meeting place with Him. In Exodus 24:15, it says that the cloud covered the mountain and that word ‘cloud’ is ‘thunder cloud’. In other words, it's a dark cloud. The word ‘covered’ in Hebrew means ‘to conceal, to hide or to cover for protection’. And Exodus 24:18 says that Moses was in the midst of the cloud. That word ‘midst’, the Hebrew word means ‘to sever’. Beloved as you separate from the pack and you come up higher into the midst of the cloud, there is a cutting off and a sealing in with God. Here there is appointed an impartation, the receiving of a message for others on the lower slopes or in the valley, and a commissioning, with great detail involved. But all around you is a thundercloud and all other people can see is a cloud approaching, while in the midst of the dark cloud, you

are face-to-face with God. Far below, the people of God are falling down and worshipping an Egyptian idol.

You know, Jesus, in Matthew 26:38, asked His three closest disciples to watch with Him for one hour. He told them He was struggling. He said He was 'exceedingly sorrowful', and they just slept on the watch! You know, we who are the Tip of the Spear desire to have faithful friends stand with us and support us as we carry the weight of knowing what is about to happen, but men fail us just when we are at our most vulnerable. There is a loneliness in that! We find ourselves in the place of 'Gethsemane', the olive press, alone, praying to our Father and asking if there is some way to avoid going through what we see up ahead. But sadly, there are some who have walked with us in the past, who now sleep when they should be watching, who have no understanding of the times - that betrayal for the Body of Christ is up ahead. By the third time Jesus had checked on his friends, the appointed time had come and He had quieted His heart and had totally submitted to the will of the Father. And it says in verse 45 that He said to them, "Sleep on!" The time for watching with Him is over. The next chapter was at hand. We have to come to terms with the cup the Father has appointed us to drink, alone - even though those we have walked and talked about God with are a stone's throw away. It's us and God. It's us and God. And there's a loneliness in that.,,

So, back to Mount Sinai. There's dense darkness and in hiddenness there is an encounter with the glory of the Lord. As I said, this is an equipping encounter, a face-to-face, even in the midst of the thunder cloud. And it's lonely getting to that place, beloved. You climb alone, you press into the thick darkness by yourself - and each step you take moves you further away from those who've stayed behind, but you must learn to look with the eyes of your heart. You press towards face-to-face. You ascend into the glory light. You move towards your appointment for empowerment.

THIS IS NOT A JOURNEY TAKEN BY CROWDS. It's only by invitation, issued to the friends of God. He tells His secrets to His friends, and we must stop being governed by our natural senses and other human emotions. Our spiritual eyes and ears must become our foremost instruments of navigation. To check our position at this point by our natural eyes and ears is to invite double-mindedness, fear and fatigue to set in. I want to read to you from Jeremiah 23:18, 19 and 20.

'For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord and has heard His word, and who has marked His word and heard it? Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind, it shall fall grievously on the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord shall not return until He has executed and performed all the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days, you shall consider it perfectly (or understand it).'

Now that word 'latter' means 'endtime'. So, it says in the endtime days, you will understand this. So there are those standing in the counsel of the Lord and, following it, there is an appointment for a whirlwind of judgment to fall upon the head of the wicked. It says the same thing in Jeremiah 30:23 and 24.

'Behold, the whirlwind of the Lord goes forth with fury. A continuous whirlwind will fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord shall not relent until He has done it and has performed the intents of His heart. In the latter days or in the endtime days, you will understand this'.

I want to draw your attention to Jeremiah 30:21. It speaks of a leader; one who goes before a company, shall proceed from the midst of them. *'And I will cause him to draw near and he shall approach unto Me, for who is it that has engaged his heart to approach unto Me, says the Lord'*. Who would have the boldness and dare, on his own initiative, to approach Me, says the Lord (in the amplified Bible). So, we see that it is God who issues the invitation. He causes us to draw near. God said, "Come up to Me," and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was. No one comes near to God of their own accord. In the glory cloud, it is by invitation only.

The Hebrew word translated 'lonely' is H3173, the word 'yachiyd', and it means also 'united, only, beloved, desolate or solitary'. And it comes from a root word, 'yachad', which means 'to become one'. So, in the word 'lonely' is hidden the purpose for which a loneliness is brought about in a spiritual sense. It is in order for you to become one, to be united with the Lord as His beloved - and one does feel desolate in the sense of closeness to others, because by virtue of the Lord singling you out and issuing you an invitation to 'come up to Me', one is bereft of others - because they did not receive such an invitation.

We are not only separated FROM those on the lower slopes and in the valley, but one is separated UNTO. Even at a wedding, the bride leaves her father and mother and cleaves to the groom. In Western culture, when a bride leaves her father's arm and steps towards her groom, there is a separating from all that she has belonged to before, from all that identified her before. It may be only 1 or 2 steps in the natural, but there is an aloneness in that movement. No one goes with her. She takes those steps alone. She is a solitary, lonely, the beloved of the bridegroom, as she moves toward becoming one with him.

YOUR APPOINTED PLACE

Now, precious remnant, who fashions the spearhead? Its Creator, of course. Who decides which part of the metal goes to form the tip of the spear? It is the hand of the Creator that hammers and heats and forges the spearhead just as He chooses. Some parts of the spearhead are hammered and filed and sharpened more than others. The tip of the spear must be the sharpest of all. It is appointed to penetrate the target; to pierce the barrier - and because of this, extra care and attention is given to this tip of the spear, shaping and sharpening. More of its substance is cut off and removed. It's a lonely place ahead of the pack, but it is the will of the Creator that positions and portions just as He pleases. The design is His and the necessary treatment to fit the appointed place in the spearhead is part of His pattern. Isaiah says that God declares '*He creates the smith that blows upon the coals and makes a weapon fit for its purpose*'. All the circumstances of your life that combine to make a 'fire pit' to shape a spearhead, are by His mysterious design and appointment. And if He rains more blows and pushes you further, and shapes you more minutely in order that you may be part of His Tip of the Spear Company, know that all heat, every blow, every polishing is with Divine purpose.

Song of Songs says about the bride, '*My love, My dove, My perfect one, she stands alone, above the rest*'. Not only does this mean a standing out in terms of beauty and purity, but a separating from the crowd; a standing alone, a loneliness. There is a loneliness in being chosen as part of His beloved. Many were called, but few were chosen. Few make themselves ready. Few are obedient to the call to be holy as He is holy. And as a result, as one presses further in this Christian walk, in these endtimes, sometimes it's hard to find friends who are of the same heart. Sometimes those who are formerly your friends, you no longer have anything in common with. You may bump into them in the street and after the initial, "How are you and how's the family?" there's really

nothing to say to each other. And you come away from those encounters with an incredible feeling of loneliness and loss - relationships that meant so much to you in the past. This separation between you is not because you had a fight, not because there's anger and resentment between you, but because you've moved in different directions. Some have stayed where they were ten years ago spiritually and haven't grown. Some have fallen back into the world. Some have gone into captivity. And yet there is a remnant that's pressing on, pressing on ahead of the rest, in pursuit of the Beloved - and it's lonely! It's lonely, in an earthly sense, doing that.

Psalm 45 says, '*Forget your people and your father's house for the king desires your beauty*'. Forget, separate from mentally, emotionally and finally, positionally from the lineage of earthly birth. You know, today, on this day when the resurrection is celebrated, there are a lot of family celebrations, but sometimes, you can sit in the midst of your earthly family and feel an intense sense of separation unto the Lord, even in the midst of them. You're sitting round the same table - and yet there's a gulf that you can't tangibly put your finger on, because you've done the forgetting of your people and your father's house, because the King has desired your beauty. There is a leaving of an old identity and a moving into being the Beloved of the Lord; the only one He has eyes for.

Come up into the cloud, precious remnant. Keep climbing and penetrate that dark cloud where your natural senses will be of no help to you. Press on. You are moving towards being bathed in the glory light. Be there in the midst of the darkness. Tarry there. Don't clamor back down to the known and the familiar. Don't descend to the lower slopes because it feels safe there. You know, it's not like when you're in a department store that has different stories and you climb up the steps or go up the lift to see what's on the top floor. And you go around there and you look on all the racks... "Is there a garment that fits me? No, there's nothing I want to purchase here!" and you go back down to the lower slopes. That's not what this is. You have to come up to Him and BE THERE. Tarry there in the midst of the darkness, even though you can't see anything that you can identify or relate to or even get your bearings from. Be there! Don't descend to the lower slopes and to the place of safety. Dwell there, knowing that you've been called by invitation to come up to Him for a face-to-face. Know that the glory light will presence itself around you. As you say, "I don't know where I am. I can't get my bearings. I can't relate to others in the Body anymore. I feel so alone, even desolate, solitary, afraid," wait in that hidden place! The God who positioned you by His hand as part of the Tip of

the Spear; the One who called you to '**come up to Me and be there**' will not disappoint you. He keeps His appointments. He will not fail you. This One who calls you 'friend' will meet you in the tryst, face-to-face, and you will be changed from glory to glory. There is an earthly glory and there is a heavenly glory. One star differs from another in glory, and there's a measured portion of glory appointed you.

The dark thundercloud on top of the mountain is going to roll down into the valley in judgment, just as happened at Mount Sinai, when those in vile idolatry were given recompense for their choices of worshiping the gods of this world - but you, with shining face, the glory having permeated your earthen vessel from your face-to-face tryst, will not be among those appointed to the sword.

The loneliness and separation unto the Bridegroom is also an appointment unto protection and passing over. The pressing into the darkness where God is is not a moving into danger, but a shifting into being sheltered under the shadow of His wing. And as your heart responds to the invitation to 'come up to Me and be there', know that you move towards glory light, towards impartation and instruction and deeper friendship with God. Those on the lower slopes have feasted and seen God and survived. They've eaten and drunk in His presence, but as they descend to the valley, they are in danger of following the crowd into idol worship and its accompanying judgment. You, by virtue of the invitation issued you, Tip of the Spear, are appointed encounter and protection. So, do as Paul did. Forget what lies behind. Forget your people and your father's house and press forward to what is ahead. Press on to take hold of that for which Christ took hold of you.

Exodus 20:21 says that Moses drew near into the thick darkness where God was. He didn't study the darkness. He didn't stop to look at what it consisted of. He did what Paul said centuries later: *'I press on TO TAKE HOLD of that for which Christ took hold of me'*. Now, that word 'take hold of' is the word 'katalambano'. It means 'to fiercely seize to make your own possession'. 'Lambano' means 'to put a hand on and take hold of'. But katalambano is filled with passion and purpose and single mindedness. Moses was not put off by the thick darkness that surrounded him. It did not make him think twice about what he was doing, climbing higher and higher. He knew God had said, "**Come up to me and be there**". He knew somewhere in the center of this darkness, he was appointed an encounter with God. The word for 'press on' is 'dioko'. It means 'to

pursue'. But it also means 'to suffer persecution'! As you climb higher and the darkness gets thicker and the separation between you and the pack gets greater, there is persecution that will come. And we know that persecution is coming upon the true Body of Christ; the believers who do not want to compromise in their walk of separation and holiness unto the Lord.

The word 'darkness' is the word 'araphel'. And the root of that is the Hebrew 6201 'araph'. It means 'to drop down'. You find that same word used in Deuteronomy 32:2, which is called the Song of Moses where God speaks and He says His doctrine will drop as the rain. You know, a thick, dark storm cloud contains raindrops. And as you climb higher, deepening in separation unto Him, the rain of God is your portion. You will be washed and saturated with His spoken word, just as Moses was. Psalms 18:11 says, darkness is God's 'hiding place', and Psalm 97:2 says 'clouds and darkness are around Him' - and that word 'cloud' is 'thunder cloud! So, the thick darkness is a sign that God is going to show up, because this is what accompanies the coming of God; dark thunder clouds.

Beloved, it's no mistake that you were born in this endtime generation. You were appointed to be here. Ephesians 1:4-6 says '*that we might be for the praise of His glorious grace*', and verse 12 says '*so that we who first hoped in Christ have been appointed to live for the praise of His glory*'. Now, here's the connection we must make - in Exodus, it says the glory of the Lord was on the mountain and the thunder cloud stayed there. When the people looked at it, they saw devouring fire on the top of the mountain. So, the glory of the Lord can manifest as a thunder cloud and devouring fire. The glory of the Lord is not always sunbeams and little sparkly things and light. Sometimes, it's wrapped in a cloak of dense darkness and is accompanied by fire. Now we, as this end time generation, have been appointed to live for the praise of His glory. In THIS season it is for the praise of His glory in the form of a dark thunder cloud and devouring fire. And how can we live for the praise of his glory unless we come up higher and are given understanding and impartation from the mouth of the Very Lord who has come surrounded by that cloud and darkness? As the thunder cloud settles, He's calling a remnant to come up to him and be there.

Psalm 92:2 says that righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne. We know from what happened on Mt. Sinai that the execution of righteous JUDGMENTS

follow the descent of the thunder cloud, and He's calling a remnant to come up in separation unto Him. The world and the wicked are appointed judgment. Remember what Jeremiah said in verse 30, that a whirlwind of judgment will fall upon the heads of the wicked. Fierce anger and indignation, as God executes the intents of His mind in judgment upon the heads of the wicked, will continue until they are accomplished. And in the endtimes we will understand this because we will see with our own eyes the reward of the wicked.

Psalm 91 says that those who dwell in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Now the shadow is caused by the thick thunder cloud, that one ascends into the midst of, and it says that *'a thousand will fall at your side and 10,000 at your right hand, but it will not come near you. Only a spectator shall you be as you witness the reward of the wicked'*. The thunder cloud, by the very word that is used when it 'covers', speaks of a covering for PROTECTION and separation for those who are willing to 'come up to Me and be there'.

So, beloved remnant, you are experiencing a loneliness more and more as you press on up higher and higher, but draw near, be single-minded. Katalambano. Be seized with passion and purpose and singleness of eye in your quest to press on to take hold of that; to seize for your own possession, that for which Christ took hold of you. The loneliness is part of a 'separation unto', of a 'becoming one' with the Bridegroom. May the spirit of Truth and the God of all Comfort give you further understanding, as you press on in Him, knowing that He who called you up higher, to ascend and separate from the pack, will not disappoint you. He will show up. He will come and impart to you. He will come and speak to you. You will emerge from that place with the glory of God upon your face.

Selah.