WHAT IS YOUR PRIORITY

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**For our text, I want us to look at a very important Scripture that God is speaking to us in our day: Ps 46:10 – Be still, and know that I am God:**

**What is God saying to us in this verse? I believe the Lord through the Holy Ghost is saying – (Settle down, become quiet in my presence and listen and you will recognize me and understand that I Am God!!)**

**In this Newsletter, I want us to look at a very important 8 letter word – PRIORITY! Do you really know what it means? There are many books and seminars today teaching people how to get their lives in order by understanding and setting their priorities! The highest Priority in your Christian life is knowing God and serving Him in the beauty of His Holiness; it is loving and pleasing Him, fulfilling His Will.**

**Can you say from your heart – I want to know my God better? I really want to know Jesus, to hear His voice and be led by Him? In this 8 letter word PRIORITY, it will determine whether you will prosper and be blessed or not! It will determine if you will have success and maintain Victory in your life; and it will surely determine if you will have God’s peace in your heart and mind! Priority means “Putting God first” in everything you do. It is making Jesus number One above all things and all others! It is keeping a Spiritual mind.**

**Have you ever seen such an age of sights and sounds that continually grapples for your attention day and night? We surely live in a fast paced, energetic, disordered generation! Our society is anxiety driven with activity – We run, we do, we are on the go, rushed for time, racing to beat deadlines, fulfilling obligations and at the end of the day, we end up in exhaustion, mentally drained and we crash. The saddest part of it all – We have left God out, we failed to spend quality time with Him, we didn’t take time to Pray and commune with Him and read His Living Word. For the most part, we have become so disconnected from the Spirit of God in these last days – therefore, gone is our strength, gone is our joy and gone is peace of mind! We have become an empty shell.**

**PRIORITY OF KEEPING FOCUSED**

**Can you say – Lord, would you please help me and keep me focused upon you?**

**In 2009, a research team at Stanford University studied more than 200 students in an experiment that included switching between tasks and memory exercises. This study found that the students who viewed themselves as being good at multitasking, because they were in the habit of doing several things together at a time, they did worse than**

**those who preferred to perform only One task at a time! Multitasking made it difficult to Focus their Thoughts and filter out irrelevant information.**

**Maintaining focus when our minds are distracted is too hard of a challenge! The study found that you cannot give your full attention and your all on more than One thing at a time! I’m afraid that Social media is killing us, it is stealing time away from communing with God in prayer and reading His Holy Word. I have watched people, I see them glued to their devices surfing the internet, shopping, texting, continually viewing and listening to their smart phones. One young Christian teenager told her Godly grandmother a while back – “I would go crazy and die without my Cell Phone. I cannot live without it”! What happened to our marriage to Jesus? Where has our first love gone to?**

**Technology is good and can be a blessing if it is used right with God in the forefront! I believe this modern electronic tech is the biggest invention of evil that the devil has ever made and plotted for the human race in these last days. Millions of souls are being pulled into and caught in Satan’s world wide web, it has become a snare to the soul! It’s surely becoming the enemy’s tool to disconnect people from the Spirit of God and what is Holy! The Internet has become a world of iniquity. The sights and sounds of what you see and hear will live on in the mind, it becomes a fantasy world of entertainment that we become absorbed in and we are disconnected from God’s presence! Gone is the anointing, gone is our worship and praise; gone is our effectiveness in God’s work; gone is our victory and shout!! This is the tool of the enemy that has made the Church weak, worldly minded and powerless!**

**ONLY ONE DESIRE**

**Ps 27:4 – (Let’s hear from the psalmist Daivid. Tell us your Heart David) Vs. 4 - One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire (seek and pray) in his temple.**

**What are you saying to us David? My single focus in life is meditating on God and beholding the beauty of the Lord. It is my strength, my joy and my overcoming power.**

**I’m afraid when our minds become overloaded in going in so many directions, it is starving our spirit! When this happens, we are not giving God out best, we become weak and drained and we cannot hold up in our trials. When you get to this point, you will crash! This is why you must spend quality time each day alone with God. You must breathe in Heaven! Your spirit must be revived in His presence – This takes time. You cannot rush through and hurry your devotion to Him. You cannot read a chapter in your Bible and say a 5 minute prayer to get you through the day – IT WILL NOT WORK!!**

**TUNED IN TO HEAVEN!**

**Have any of my readers ever heard of “Green Bank Observatory” in Pocahontas County West Virginia? Green Bank is located within the national Radio Quiet Zone in the Appalachian mountains. There the government built and erected the world’s largest fully steerable Radio Telescope! It is 300 feet (100 yds) across the big curved disc that is pointed toward heaven. 365 days and nights a year, the astronomers listen for signals from heaven and the universe.**

**The town of Green Bank has 143 residents. Wi fi, cell phones and all wireless devices that run on radio signals are not allowed in Green Bank because they would interfere and drown out the signals from the heaven above! It is a place without internet, called the quietest town in America. All interference is blocked out as the big disc is trained on the sky listening for heavenly signals! It has to be dead quiet in a 20 mile radius around the telescope. There are no Radios, no TV’s, no fit bits or smart watches allowed around this huge telescope. If you go there, modern technology must be left behind.**

**I want to say this: If it was so important for the astronomers to have it dead quiet with no interference in Green Bank so they could hear signals from the heaven above and not miss them, how much more is it important for us, God’s born again Christians to be tuned to Heaven to hear from God?**

**Is it possible that we can’t hear from the Lord anymore because there are too many distractions and it is not Quiet enough? Could it be that we cannot hear the Holy Spirit’s voice because there’s too much noise, commotion and racket? Believe me, the busiest place on this planet is the human mind! It constantly goes and goes and runs like a giant movie screen with sights and sounds that we have taken in. Many times after the day’s work and chores are done, in our mind we still visit, we hold conversations without even taking a step. Our minds must be brought under subjection and emptied out in the presence of God in much prayer. We are surely a busy people, we have so many obligations, so many irons in the fire, our plates are full, we are spread so thin, guess who is left out? God is!! No wonder we are so powerless and down!**

**If we are going to hear from Heaven and have the Holy Ghost speak to us, guide us, strengthen and help us, we must shut some things down, stop and turn off the noise and distractions that fills our minds and pulls them away from the Lord!**

**JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE**

**You must remember – Jeus is our example! Though He was the Son of God, He was also the Son of Man in human flesh. Now you know why He had to go into the mountains and quiet isolated places to be alone with His Father and pray!!**

**Luke 5:16 - And He (Jesus) withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.**

**The scriptures before this verse said the people pressed Him with their problems, crowded Him with their conditions. What is the Lord wanting us to know? People can press you, crowd you, smother you for your attention until you are spiritually, mentally and physically drained. This is why you MUST have a quiet place to be alone with the Father and get renewed and refreshed in your spirit!**

**Luke records again one chapter later in Luke 6 that the Scribes and Pharisees were dogging Jesus, accusing Him, finding fault and running Him down and Luke said they were Mad! Vs 12 says the conflict became so great that Jesus went up into a mountain to pray and continued all night in Prayer. When you are pressed and stressed, you must have a QUIET PLACE to empty out to obtain the peace of God! When you steal away and pray, the Holy Ghost inside your heart will give you renewed inward strength.**

**Mt 14:23 - And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, He was there alone. The Bible makes it clear Jesus had to break away, He separated Himself from everybody and everything to get in the presence of His Father to get energized and renewed strength! The anointing power comes in waiting on God and lingering in His presence.**

**CAN YOU HEAR GOD WHISPER?**

**I want to ask you – are you in a place that you can hear God should He whisper to you?**

**ELIJAH’S QUIET PLACE**

**In I kings 18 & 19 we have the story of the prophet Elijah. Not only do we see his mighty strength, Faith and power, but we also see the weak human side. He was just like us when pressured, facing opposition and trial. The wicked king Ahab, king of Israel, had an ungodly wife by the name of Jezebel, who was very wicked. Elijah had just prayed a 63 word prayer on top of Mt. Carmel in the face of all of Ahab’s 450 false prophets and God miraculously sent down fire and consumed the water soaked sacrifice which the false prophets could not do. He then brought the devil’s crew down from the mountain to the brook of Kishon and slew all of them there.**

**Wicked Jezebel sends Elijah a message of threat! “Elijah, I’m after you, I’m going to kill you if it’s the last thing I do! I’m going to take your life and stop your ministry!” (Some of you reading this Newsletter, that’s what your enemy the Devil wants to do to you! He wants to destroy you and stop God’s anointing in your life. He doesn’t want you preaching, praying, singing and shouting God’s praise. He’d like to stop you testifying and put your light out. He’ll pressure you, weary and discourage you to stop God’s Call and the gifts and talents He’s given you!)**

**So Elijah runs!! He runs to the mountain! We now find him back in a cold, dark, damp lonely cave all alone, saying – “Lord, I’ve had enough, just take me on, I’m tired of the struggle and fight!” All Elijah could hear was threats of the enemy. It ran over and over in his mind till it took his peace and hope away. Fear now took over till his faith and strength were all gone! He thinks its over, it’s the end, I can’t go on any longer – Lord, I’m tired, weary and done for – just let me die and get out of this mess!**

**While he’s thinking all this, he’s back in the QUIET cave. A good time and place to hear from God isn’t it? Guess who shows up? The Lord visits him to teach him – He passed by and a great strong wind rent the mountains and break in pieces the rocks, but the Lord was not in the Wind; after the Wind an Earthquake, but the Lord was not in the Earthquake; and after the Earthquake a Fire, but the Lord was not in the Fire; and after the Fire a Still Small Voice!! And it was so that when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in the Anointed mantle and came out of his cave. The Lord tells him – “I’m not finished with you Elijah, it’s not over, there’s more work for you to do! Get your Oil and go, I’ve got some people for you to anoint”!! So, Elijah left the cave of depression and went on his way renewed in spirit!**

**DO YOU HAVE A QUIET PLACE**

**Do you have a Quiet and Secret place where you can retreat to, to hear from God and be Renewed? If you really like it Quiet, there’s a place in Minneapolis Minnesota you can go to. There they have a room they built that absorbs 99.99 percent of all sound! It’s the world famous Anechoic (Echo free) chamber of the Orfield Laboratories – it is called the “Quietest place on earth!” People who want to experience this soundless space are required to sit down to avoid getting disoriented by complete lack of noise. No one has ever been able to spend more than 45 minutes in this room. It’s so quiet that when you speak, it feels like you and your words are immediately absorbed and swallowed by the soundless space!**

**Well, we don’t need that much silence to hear from God, neither does it take a stick of dynamite, but we do need our Daily Quiet time of praying and waiting on God in His Divine Holy Presence! Are you tired of the hustle and bustle, the rat race of this high geared busy noisy world all around you? Dear reader, we are bombarded on every side by family, friends, work demands, obligations, business and every day cares and I’m afraid all the sights and sounds and images we ingest and are taking in is draining us of the life and liberty of the Spirit of God!! We are in this world but we are not of it! All that is in it, is the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life. All that we take in in a days time in this fallen world will surely fill you with negative emotions until it drowns out the Voice and the Peace of God! Are you yearning and longing to hear from God and feel His Sweet Divine presence? Do you long for Peace and renewed strength and a fresh Anointing?**

**Ps 46:10 – Be still, and know that I am God: Make time and find your Room of Silence and Quiet till you hear His Voice saying – “Child, I Am with you. I Am your Joy and your Peace!” May God Bless all my readers!!**