

Obstinacy(Letter from Connie)

Dearest Katherine,

You have been in my thoughts often since I've been gone. I know I really love you and I wanted to share some of the things our Master has been speaking to me since I've been gone.

It is vital for the sustaining of our lives that we remain in perfect communion at all times. As soon as we are up in the morning our first thoughts should be to ask for our daily bread. When it comes to our physical food we are to be thankful for what He has provided, but in order to receive our daily amount of grace we must ask Him.

The characteristic of a true member of the seed of Abraham is to ask and keep on asking, seek and keep on seeking, and He will remain faithful. The only reason we would not do this is because we have an obstinate heart.

Obstinacy is a lack of diligence in obeying the Sovereign's commands willingly. Whenever we reason out why we don't give ourselves to our Master we are being obstinate. Every morning, we must go to our inner chamber, our closet and ask that we would have our daily supply of grace. When we don't do this we are free prey to every other spirit, and before the day is over we are "laid flat", unable to recuperate for several days. We must find the our Master in our heart, the prophet who lives within us, who bears witness to what we know to be true. If we do not hear His voice, then it is because we have allowed ourselves to go on in our own strength apart from loving and obeying Him from a pure conscience.

When we were baptized we were sealed in Him, we were given pure white garments. When we are unfaithful to Him, by not confessing our sins, allowing our hearts to stray from Him, our love "waxing cold", we soil our garments. As time goes on and we remain in this condition, the soil goes deeper and deeper and becomes a stain — which is very hard to get out. If we are not diligent to keep our garments white, we will find ourselves numbered among the lawless ones whom the Sovereign spoke of saying, "I never knew you." The reason He didn't know them was because they hadn't been diligent to keep their wedding garments white — their conscience pure, and their communion with Him sweet. Our love for Him must cause us to not allow anything to separate us from Him. As those called and chosen, we must take advantage of the authority we have to rule over our own flesh. We are capable of judging ourselves as we maintain our communion with Him. An example that made God's heart closer to me was this: When the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, it was like they received eternal life. It was a free gift to them. But God wanted them to have so much more. He wanted them to go to the land He had prepared for them; Canaan. Canaan is like the Kingdom Age (millennia reign). The people had very obstinate hearts though, and that generation of people had to wander around in the desert until they died because of their unbelief. If they had only maintained their communion with Him they could have entered the land. So it is with us. We receive eternal life, salvation was — we saw our desperate need and cried out to Him to save us. Now our goal is to maintain a pure conscience and perfect fellowship with Him. When we are not doing this, then we go our own way, doing deeds apart from His initiative —*lawlessness*.

Our Master will return, and for all those who have not kept their garments white, it will be as though He came as a thief in the night. But to all those who have had communion with Him continually, it will be no surprise to them when He comes. We must receive His loving reproof and discipline now so that we will not be judged along with the world. We will have to receive it sometime and it would be better now than during the time of the great celebration of the Lamb — during the wedding feast.

We must wage war against every evil thing which taxes our soul. This is the narrow road. It's a lot easier to give into self-pity, worthlessness and the like, than to suffer in the flesh and confess your sin and be honest with our Master. Messiah is cutting a rock-like character in very un-rock-like people. He has given us all we need to live the overcoming life — grace, and communion with Him. We can combat any spirits which plague our soul through this intimate fellowship with our Father. We must also judge ourselves as to what our true motive is for overcoming. If it is not because we love Him purely and supremely above all else, then our overcoming is in the flesh and our whole life's deeds will end up in an ash heap higher than heaven (vain attempt to please God in the flesh).

It all hinges on us whether we enter into the eternal glory with the Lamb of God in the seventh day. We can't

blame anything on God or the church or anyone else because of our unbelief. In Galatians 5:16-26 (please read this), it speaks of walking by the flesh and walking by the Spirit. The fruits of our flesh are listed here, but what spirit are the fruits of the Spirit? Are they from our spirit or the Holy Spirit? These fruits love, joy, peace... faithfulness..., are all fruits produced in our lives through the regeneration and continual fellowship which the Holy Spirit does in us. This is only done as we give ourselves to Him, commune with Him, let Him in when He knocks and dine with Him. Then the Holy Spirit can work in our spirit to regenerate us (continue this work — 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14) making us new. Our garments will be kept white by confessing our sins, receiving our brothers and sisters, and loving our Master with *all* our hearts.

Not all Israel is Israel, and we must give ourselves to being who Israel is or we won't be Israel. The seed of Abraham hears and obeys. It's simple. All we need to do is cry out (beg) day and night. We must receive the oil which comes from the Sovereign or we will be unworthy of the Kingdom and will be worth no more than to be thrown out and burned.

When we love Him, we have a *glow of love*. It is not a drudgery to serve our brothers when we are in communion. We must express this love, acknowledge Him and praise Him. He is enthroned on the praises of His people. He is made King.

I know our Master has convicted my heart so much of resistance and obstinacy to His Holy Spirit. We have to be violent against these things, having a true estimation of ourselves. We must stand on His great love for us and His *great salvation*. It is nothing we have done and nothing that He's not provided a way for. At our baptism we were given white robes which we must keep spotless until the day of redemption. This comes by being open and confessing these deep rooted sins (bosom sins) that we know "good and well" that we hang on to. Our Master can save us.

He loves us Katherine.

I love you,
Constance

September 7, P.S. Katherine, our Master really spoke here recently. Get Joellen's letter and read it if you can. It clarifies this better. Remember that when all else fails "Praise always works." Nothing is complicated when we're confessing our sins and we aren't relying on our own reasoning. The deeds of the flesh are evident when we aren't filled with the Holy Spirit — anger, malice, etc. Before Messiah comes back there's not going to be one bit of strife within us. Only communion changes our heart, council only cultures us into getting better. Allow the Holy Spirit to do it's sanctifying work in you. You belong to Him.

I love you — Connie