

Attaining to the Resurrection

Those who have been co-rulers with Him now will be co-rulers with Him in eternity. He is not reigning unless He has been enthroned. Therefore every morning we come with a thankful heart and we come forgiven and without anything separating us from Him. It is always with thanksgiving that we offer prayers — never without thanksgivings. 1 Tim 2 — There is only a certain amount of time we can pray, but everyone has time to pray because we are a small household. It has to be spontaneous, no long pauses because everyone is lifting up their praise, their petitions, their supplications. We know we are to pray for the things in Mt 7, and we are to pray for the world, intercede on behalf of the world who cannot pray. If we cannot pray or praise, we know we have some kind of blockage, something is holding us back. Because otherwise we are all thankful, we are all for Him. It shows me if I'm not thankful, it shows me there is something I have to do — go to the throne of grace and find out what's going on with me, if I'm not thankful. If you're not thankful you should come here and say, "Help me; I can't seem to get grace; I can't receive mercy." You might need to see something that our Father is showing you that you are missing. And that means you are progressing — things that our Father was able to tolerate before, He is no longer able to tolerate. Therefore He disciplines us. He doesn't just give us grace in our obstinacy. He doesn't let us go on. We have to ask, "Father, what is it I'm not forsaking? What is it I am doing that doesn't please you?" Pr 28:13 — We cannot conceal our sin. It has to be uncovered, revealed confessed. He wants us to prosper, progress, going through the narrow door into the wide open space of His kingdom. In this life we go through that door.

There are things we used to tolerate that we cannot tolerate anymore. If we are not progressing we are merely confessing our sins, not forsaking them. So they are overcoming us, and we are not loving Him as we should be. If we love Him we will pay the high cost. If you love someone you will lay down your life for him. If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. *He who has My commands and keeps them, the Father will love him and I will allow him to know Me.* So if you love someone you'll be true to him. Let's lift our hands up knowing that we've loved each other enough to not have any dissension between us — not thinking someone sees something in you and is thinking something about you.

Chanowk: I was thinking about what we heard about glory, how He gave us glory so that we can be one. I understood that glory is a weight, and it is to make us one, an inner worth that makes us respect each other. But then I thought about other glories, and the most known of them is the one you get when you are the best, the fastest, the strongest, the best, the most beautiful, the most gifted, the best carpenter, etc., and I thought about how that is the glory that *Satan* wanted. He rejected our Father's glory because he wanted his *own* glory. He wanted himself to be preeminent. I saw I had always been going after *that* glory, that he had been offering me all my life. That kind of glory is filling mankind — they are all striving for that glory of Satan. That glory of Satan causes us to strive to stick out, to be noticed, to be the winner, the gold medal winner. But the glory of our Master is different because He is not going to make us stick out, but His glory is causing us to be one. He has given us an inner worth that is far more than the value Satan can offer us. It is so much that we don't have to desire that personal glory. We're satisfied to be a people gathered under His anointing. And all our glories are together going to glorify our Master. If we have received that glory, we wouldn't strive for recognition because we are filled with an inner worth we don't have to look for something else. That's how man is supposed to be. I'm thankful He has given us this value. We don't have to look for anything else.

Also, I was remembering that we learned that it's not how much you have of the Holy Spirit, but it's how much the Holy Spirit has of you. I was thinking it was like this with His glory. It's how much we give Him. Because sometimes we are still filled with the world and we walk away from Him and we want Satan's glory. But the more we give ourselves to *Him* and reject Satan's glory, the more His glory can fill us.

If we are filled with His Spirit, wanting to do His will, you have no trouble respecting and submitting to Him.

That's why He said He has given us His glory — “so you can be one.”

If we have inner worth it means we are not receiving a worthless spirit. If we are, it is really difficult to sense your oneness with that person because the worthless spirit is a profoundly evil spirit. A son of God with a worthless spirit — this is a contradiction. Everyone assumes they have a worthless spirit hanging onto them. Don't exalt that worthless spirit like that.

Hannah: When we receive a worthless spirit, we are receiving the evil one himself.

Dean: Before glory was only on the leaders, but it seems like today His glory will rest on the one who takes out the trash or who stands up and speaks to the Gentiles.

The New Covenant is a foreshadow of the next age (Heb 8:10-14). They shall *all* know me (verse 11) — that means they all will have His glory. Paul said, “That I might know Him...” (Phil 3:10). We will all know Him, all experience the first resurrection because we are all one, from the least to the greatest. Some have more abilities and some have greater talents given to them, but they are all one. Everyone is doing his part. So therefore everyone is receiving His glory. Phil 3:10 shows what glory is. If we are all receiving His glory, we will be glorified with Him later on when He comes in His kingdom. And right now, “They will all know Me from the least to the greatest.”

Paul talked about what it means to know Him in Phil 3:10. What does it mean to know Him for His glory to be upon us? If you “know” someone, you are intimate with him, you share life with him. We share; we are one with the Holy Spirit. Phil 3:10 says that to have a part in the first resurrection is something to *attain to*, something to reach. It is a goal, something that has to be attained to. When you are attaining something you have to do something to get it. But Paul goes on and tells what you have to do to attain that. It talks about obedience. It talks about *Manasseh* there — verses 12-14. That is an attainment that he is racing toward the finish, forgetting the past, taking hold of what He took hold of us for. He took hold of us for a purpose and we have to walk in that way. That's the works He prearranged for us before the foundation of the world when He sat down and discussed each one of us and chose us and what each one of us would be doing. He is going to give us His Spirit to help us be led in those works.

And it goes on and says that he talks about this with tears in his eyes that there were brothers whose god was their appetite, their stomach (Phil 3:17-19). He is talking about brothers and sisters who are not attaining to that goal. This is continuing on the same lines as treating the past as dung — what you had to do to attain to the goal of the first resurrection. It's what Chanowk was talking about. Paul used to glory in these things — his training, education, etc. — but he had to count it as dung. What you attained to in your own natural strength brings glory to yourself. But he has to count it all as dung. That's the glory he has to put behind him and treat it as dung in order to receive the glory of our Master (Phil 3:7-8). If he wanted to, Paul could have gloried in his accomplishments and his zeal; he was getting to be a very famous man. But he had to count it all as dung in order to receive the glory of Messiah.

So if we *are* receiving His glory, we will be like it says in Phil 3:10.

And we have to understand that no one will experience the next age who does not attain to the resurrection. We will all be resurrected to be *judged*, but some will not be worthy to participate in the *life* of the next age. Rev 20:5-6 — talks about being worthy to participate in the next age: “*Blessed are those who have a part in the life of the resurrection.*” We will be resurrected to be judged, but not all will experience life in that resurrection unless we are doing exactly what Paul is doing — striving for the goal. We believe that Paul made it because of what we can read in 2 Tim 4:6-8, and all will who long for His coming.

Now if I were to go around the room and ask who is longing for His return — all who loved His appearance — these are the same people who would rather be absent from the body and present with our Master. Which is best, to die and be with Him or stay here and have a prolonged life here to bring about His will? Paul said he would rather go ahead and die and be absent from his body and be with our Master. Paul didn't have a fear of death. But if you do have a fear of death, there is something there that shouldn't be there. Because it *is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God if we are obstinate (Heb 10:31). Paul said that he

finished the course and his life was poured out as a drink offering (Phil 2:17).

When the priests of old offered the burnt offering they also offered the meal offering and the drink offering. The drink offering was poured out. The significance of the drink offering was absolutely pouring out your life.

David did it too. Those mighty men of his risked their lives crossing enemy lines to get him water to drink. And then when they brought it to him, David poured it out. "It's not worthy for me to drink this." It's not worthy for me to live my own life. My life is to be lived absolutely for Him. After you pour it out you cannot get it back.

Paul, in Phil 2:17 said, *"Even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all."* We cannot lift our hands up at the morning and evening sacrifice unless our life is being poured out. We are pouring our life out — not living for ourselves but for Him. You are living for *His* glory not your own glory. We really have to understand these things in order for us to press on to the goal.

Some may resist this message, but if so, you know that it is an evil spirit that is not allowing them to hear it.

Don't think that we cannot be ministered to by *evil* spirits. Our Master gave us an object lesson with Peter. In one moment Peter said, "You are the son of the living God," and the next moment he was saying, "Master, you are not going to go up to Jerusalem!" So, be very careful. That is why we have to walk circumspectly, in fear and trembling, making sure we are not under the influence of an evil spirit that is trying to keep our Father's will from being done.

So for whom is He going to come back? Those who long for His coming, those who have confidence. You should have confidence when you come here because you are pouring your life out, devoted to the distribution, which is the same as Heb 13:16 — don't forget to distribute and to do good deeds and to share, communicate, distribute. Because if we are doing that, we are not becoming a clergy/laity system. It is the way we build up the kingdom together.