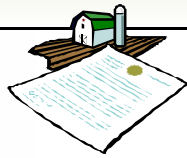


“Character Between The Lines”

By Mrs. Sojourner



An initial glance at Deuteronomy 2 may make one conclude that it is no more than God instructing Moses on how to proceed to the next step in Israel's journey. Please take the time to read this chapter and consider with me some, as The Sojourner would say, "layers of the onion."

This passage shows that following God's directions in the timing and manner he instructs is key. For example: I was surprised that in Deut. 2:9 and in 2:18-19 God instructed his people to NOT provoke people of two specific areas, or attempt to take over their lands. God explained to Moses that those lands he had given to the descendants of Lot. Let us apply this to the work/ministry God has for you to do. He may have instructed you to work with a certain group of people or in a specific geographic area. If he is specific, you be specific. That other area that you may be gazing at thinking it is "greener pastures" may be assigned or promised to someone else. Besides, our all-knowing

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Father gives each person a task that they are specifically suited to do. If God did not call you to a certain area, your trying to work there will just be an exercise in frustration.

Something else this passage shows is that God keeps his word. Israel is God's chosen people, but here we see that God had previously given the descendants of Lot and the descendants of Esau certain portions of land. God did not in any way go back on his word to Lot or Esau to provide for Israel. Respecting his commitment, he expected Israel to do the same by only going to the area he commanded.

These "layers of the onion" confirm again we can obediently trust our omniscient God is keeping every promise he ever made.

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“It Would Love You”

(Teaching Sketch)

John 15:18-27



“God is love,”¹John 4:16 is a very familiar scripture to most believers in Jesus as has been pointed out before. This statement has caused some people to determine therefore, “If I am a Believer in Jesus Christ, then my life will be full of peace, love, and joy.” Well yes and no! You see when you are in this life not all people will be completely open and loving toward you. This is what Jesus was telling the disciples here in John 15:18-27.

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the world system. That is why Jesus told the disciples, “If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”²John 15:19

The Name Of Jesus

The name of Jesus is very powerful. Using the name of Jesus, Believers have the power and authority to heal the sick, cast out demons, and perform other signs and wonders. Jesus spoke of this, “And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”³Mark 16:17-18

Where Do I Belong?

The major question I (we) must ask myself is, “Where do I belong, in the satanic world system or in the Kingdom of Heaven, Christ’s realm?”

Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

Scripture:

John 15:18-27^(NIV)

The World Hates the Disciples

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the words I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’^[a] If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. ²¹ They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ He who hates me hates my Father as well. ²⁴ If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: ‘They hated me without reason.’^[b] ²⁶ “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out

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John
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Psalms
35:19;
69:4

from the Father, he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”



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That decision is the most important that can be made for it is an eternal decision.

Not For Me Alone

The decision to live in Christ’s Kingdom is not a decision of philosophy but a decision of great environmental importance. Christ protects those in his Kingdom, Christ provides for those in his Kingdom, and Christ blesses those in his kingdom. The world will do what appears to be the same but without the eternal benefits—without peace, and without blessing. It will sap the life out of it’s subjects! Christ’s Kingdom is not for me alone but also for those will come into God’s Kingdom because of me. The world says it is yours, don’t share, get all you can, share only what you must to get more! The world is lonely. Christ is always there.

My Counselor

Christ’s Kingdom never leaves a person abandoned or alone. He is always there anointing, gifting, empowering for his glory. My counselor says I am to testify of him not only in being “good” but in power as the sick are healed, delivered, and saved by my faithfulness in delivering a compelling Gospel message in word and deed!^{John 15:27}

Just so you’ll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during “Praise & Worship” (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

