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***Fellowship of the Mystery – Part III***

***Finally, My Brethren***

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**Joshua 9:3** **And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai, They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up; And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* mouldy. And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.** **Joshua 9:3-6**

**Fellowship of the Mystery – Part III – Finally, my brethren**

Have you ever heard anyone say that all you have to do is “Put on the Whole armour of God” and you will be victorious? That is not what Joshua experienced nor is it the way to be victorious today. Joshua made an unwise league, however, that is not God’s Fellowship of the Mystery The preparation for battle is first and finally, Brethren, Put on the whole armour of God.

**Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.** **(****1 John 3:6-8****)**

**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them**. **(****Ephesians 2:10****)**

**For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.** **(****Ephesians 6:12****)**

We have followed Joshua’s battles, victorious at Jericho and know that this army is an example and ensample for all of God’s warriors in these last days. (I Corinthians 10). The LORD is preparing Joshua to be victorious in battle just as He is preparing us today to be more than conquerors.

Just as Joshua was victorious when he sought God first, then listened to His Word, and followed with obedience, so it is the same today. Remember, after Jericho, Joshua had a great defeat because he forgot to seek God’s face. After the defeat, Joshua fell on his complaining and God told him to get up? When Joshua did get up and did what God commanded, he then experienced victory, and we will if we do the same.

Last week we saw Joshua making an unwise decision and didn’t seek God first. Joshua’s vow had to stand, and the Gibeonites were make Hewers of wood” and “drawers of water” for the Israelites. Like Joshua, we must make our decisions by the Word of God or we will suffer the consequences as did Joshua.

This week we will see the consequence of the unwise decision made by Joshua and Israel, and we can learn that neither Joshua or ourselves can put on our armour and be victorious in battle unless we are prepared and actually have faith, righteousness, preparation of the gospel of peace, and the Sword of the Spirit. We can not “put on” what we “do not have.” Today, Joshua was victorious over the Kings of the North because he did it God’s way as God had prepared him. When Joshua learned this truth, we read that God fought his battles:

**Joshua 10:40** So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded.
**Joshua 10:41** And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon.
**Joshua 10:42** And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

1. **Five Kings of the North**

**Joshua 11:1** And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard *those things*, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,
**Joshua 11:2** And to the kings that *were* on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,

**Joshua 11:3** *And to* the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and *to* the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and *to* the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.
**Joshua 11:4** And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that *is* upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.
**Joshua 11:5** And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

**II. Be not Afraid**
**Joshua 11:6** And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.
**Joshua 11:7** So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them.

**Joshua 11:8** And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

**III. Joshua Obeyed**
**Joshua 11:9** And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.
**Joshua 11:10** And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms.
**Joshua 11:11** And they smote all the souls that *were* therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying *them*: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.
**Joshua 11:12** And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, *and* he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded.
**Joshua 11:13** But *as for* the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; *that* did Joshua burn.
**Joshua 11:14** And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.
**Joshua 11:15** As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

**Joshua 11:16** So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;
**Joshua 11:17** *Even* from the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.
**Joshua 11:18** Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.
**Joshua 11:19** There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all *other* they took in battle.

**IV.** **The LORD fought their Battles**
**Joshua 11:20** For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, *and* that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.
**Joshua 11:21** And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

**Joshua 11:22** There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.
**Joshua 11:23** So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

**Remember in Ephesians the was preparing us for battle with the revelation of the Mystery of His will. What is the LORD’s will? God’s will was never that only one group of people were to live forever with Him, but God loved the whole world.** (John 3:16), **in fact, God wants to gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.** (Ephesians 1:9-10)

**What is the “Mystery”?**

**That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.** **(****Ephesians 2:7-18****)**

**Just as Joshua, we must seek the LORD, Listen to His Word, and do it. This is the preparation for battle, and finally brethren, put on the armour.**

**V.** **Walk Worthy of your Vocation**

**Ephesians 4:1** I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
**Ephesians 4:2** With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
**Ephesians 4:3** Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
**Ephesians 4:4** *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
**Ephesians 4:5** One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
**Ephesians 4:6** One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.
**Ephesians 4:7** But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

**The grace of God manifests on earth**
**Ephesians 4:8** Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
**Ephesians 4:9** (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
**Ephesians 4:10** He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
**Ephesians 4:11** And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

**Ephesians 4:12** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
**Ephesians 4:13** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

**Grow up and refuse to be lead astray**
**Ephesians 4:14** That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
**Ephesians 4:15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:
**Ephesians 4:16** From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

**Don’t Walk as other Gentiles Walk**
**Ephesians 4:17** This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,
**Ephesians 4:18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:
**Ephesians 4:19** Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
**Ephesians 4:20** But ye have not so learned Christ;
**Ephesians 4:21** If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

**Put off the corrupt old man**
**Ephesians 4:22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
**Ephesians 4:23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

**Put on the New Man**
**Ephesians 4:24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
**Ephesians 4:25** Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.
**Ephesians 4:26** Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
**Ephesians 4:27** Neither give place to the devil.
**Ephesians 4:28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.
**Ephesians 4:29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**Grieve not the Holy Spirit**
**Ephesians 4:30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
**Ephesians 4:31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
**Ephesians 4:32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

**Therefore, be followers of God**

**Ephesians 5:1** Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
**Ephesians 5:2** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.
**Ephesians 5:3** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
**Ephesians 5:4** Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
**Ephesians 5:5** For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
**Ephesians 5:6** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.
**Ephesians 5:7** Be not ye therefore partakers with them.
**Ephesians 5:8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as children of light:
**Ephesians 5:9** (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
**Ephesians 5:10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
**Ephesians 5:11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.
**Ephesians 5:12** For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.
**Ephesians 5:13** But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.
**Ephesians 5:14** Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

**VI. Walk Circumspectly as Wise – not Fools**
**Ephesians 5:15** See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
**Ephesians 5:16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
**Ephesians 5:17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.
**Ephesians 5:18** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
**Ephesians 5:19** Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
**Ephesians 5:20** Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

**Husbands and wives submit yourselves One to Another**
**Ephesians 5:21** Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
**Ephesians 5:22** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
**Ephesians 5:23** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
**Ephesians 5:24** Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.
**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
**Ephesians 5:26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
**Ephesians 5:27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
**Ephesians 5:28** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.
**Ephesians 5:29** For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:
**Ephesians 5:30** For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

**From whom is Paul Quoting?**
**Ephesians 5:31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.
**Ephesians 5:32** This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
**Ephesians 5:33** Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife *see* that she reverence *her* husband.

**Children obey your parents**

**Ephesians 6:1** Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
**Ephesians 6:2** Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)
**Ephesians 6:3** That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
**Ephesians 6:4** And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**Work as unto Christ**
**Ephesians 6:5** Servants, be obedient to them that are *your* masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;
**Ephesians 6:6** Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;
**Ephesians 6:7** With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:
**Ephesians 6:8** Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether *he be* bond or free.
**Ephesians 6:9** And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

**VII.** **Finally My Brethren – The Wiles of the Devil**
**Ephesians 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
**Ephesians 6:11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
**Ephesians 6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.
**Ephesians 6:13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
**Ephesians 6:14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
**Ephesians 6:15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
**Ephesians 6:16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
**Ephesians 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
**Ephesians 6:18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
**Ephesians 6:19** And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
**Ephesians 6:20** For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
**Ephesians 6:21** But that ye also may know my affairs, *and* how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:
**Ephesians 6:22** Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and *that* he might comfort your hearts.
**Ephesians 6:23** Peace *be* to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
**Ephesians 6:24** Grace *be* with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen. Written from Rome unto the Ephesians by Tychicus.

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