*Tuesday, July 5, 2011*

**Flesh And Blood**

Hebrews 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; (15) And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. (KJV)

When you really think about it our Lord who is seated at the right hand of our Father in heaven is not asking us to do anything that He wasn’t willing to do Himself while He walked this earth for a brief time. He set the perfect example by dying to self and any carnal desire that would have got in the way and impede His spiritual journey home. Because of this perfect sacrifice we no longer have to live in fear of what will take place once we put off our earthly temples.

1John 4:17-19 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. (18) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. (19) We love him, because he first loved us. (KJV)

Some day there will be a day of judgment for all mankind, a day which some are looking forward to while others dread the thought, hoping they will make it. When you truly realize that the plan of salvation is really based on love, then that loving relationship will cast out all those old doubts and fears that have dogged God’s creation. After all, who or what else could really get rid of a spirit of fear except a Spirit that was much greater and more powerful? Yet with that said why do so many, even of God’s own people, still live in fear?

1Corinthians 13:8-10 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. (9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. (10) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (KJV)

Love never fails us; however, all those things that other people spoke about you, or said would take place, just vanish and dissipate when you come to the realization that greater is He that is in you than all that chaos and nonsense that is in the world. Once you know the truth and let the truth set you free, then you will be able to depart and let go of any doubts and fears of your lower fallen natures.

1Peter 5:10-11 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. (11) To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (KJV)

Along with the blessings of God comes the flip side which does include some suffering as well. Yeah I know, it would be great if it was just the bless me club like so many false prophets portray; however, the reality is that we all go through some growing pains at times. As you press forward in your walk in the Spirit you will see that, as all things become new it takes a while for the flesh to catch up with the Spirit. The Spirit is willing to move forward in a newness of life that does include change; it’s just getting our minds renewed to the fact of the new realm that we have just stepped into. Kind of like a job promotion, it may seem overwhelming at first, but eventually you catch on and it eliminates all the fears and doubts that you had in the beginning.

Hebrews 12:22-23 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, (23) To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, (KJV)

So come on up and see what the Lord has for you today, and don’t be afraid of change but rather embrace it, knowing that it will cause you to grow and mature in the realm of the Spirit. Perfect refers to maturing; so let’s put away the childish things of our flesh and blood past, and let the new man take over today.