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FELLOWSHIP MEETING - ISSAQUAH

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The bible has a great deal to say about foolish men and women. We read about the wise Virgins and the foolish Virgins, and we read of the foolish Galatians. The reason Paul classified the Galatian Church as "foolish" was for the reason that he had preached to them the pure Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, but after he had gone away, there came other kinds of teachers who brought polluted ideas of the Gospel Paul preached and they tried to preach a mixture of Moses and Christ. When you try to mix anything in with the Lord, that is foolishness. Even though it might have been a true man like Moses, to try to mix a man like Moses with one like Christ is foolishness. These teachers were bound they were going to have a church half Moses and half Christ. It was for that reason the Lord Jesus Christ passed through the transfiguration scene. He wanted those Apostles to know, first of all, that marvelous changes could take place on the human body through prayer.

The praying of today is merely "wordosity". Even the church of God has not learned the secret of bible praying. The revelation is clear enough in our bible if we can throw our will and our weight on the side of God's Word and the Power of the Spirit of the Lord; we would soon be able to really pray. For that reason Jesus took three of His beloved Disciples with Him, to have three witnesses at this transaction. As He entered into the Garden and knelt and prayed, "the fashion of His countenance was altered." You cannot kneel three minutes in the presence of God and not have a change come over you.

That man Christ, was all that a human being ever could be, and after He prayed the fashion of His countenance was altered and even His very raiment showed forth a Glory that came from without and made it white and glistening. It was the Glory that was within Him. Too many of us are looking for something to come to us from outside. God is concerned with your inside. The outside is one thing and the inside is another thing, altogether. We pay a lot of attention to the outside but do not bestow attention to the inside. "As He prayed the fashion of His countenance was altered and His raiment became white and glistening." The dewdrops in the morning sun glisten but this was the burning brilliance of the Shekinah Glory of God. Christ was transfigured as the Glory of the Godhead rested on that Eternal Son; as He stood there, there appeared to Him two other men. Their names were mentioned. You can always satisfy yourself as to who the two witnesses of Rev. 11 are, for these two men were Moses and Elijah. Some folks try to say they are Enoch and Elijah because Moses died, and no man can die twice. They say because the two witnesses died at the end of the Tribulation Period, that Moses could not possibly be one of the two, because then he would have died twice.

It is the privilege of every human being, if they want to follow God, to die twice. If you can be born twice, you can die twice. The trouble is, most of us are afraid of dying. We are not like the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord came down from the Glory. He laid all on one side and came to live with mankind. He was incorruptible and eternal. This Gospel was first preached on this earth by an Immortal Being. Christ died, but not because of His mortality. He died because God had given Him a nature big enough to love the world. The Holy Ghost lights every soul into this world.

These two men were Moses and Elijah. When the Disciples awoke they were afraid and said, "Lord, let us build three Tabernacles here; one for Thee, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Then God spake out of Heaven and said, "This is my Son; hear ye Him." Moses came and is gone. Elijah was the most brilliant Prophet of the Old Testament. He was translated to the Glory world, in chariots of fire, but God says, I don't want you to spend any more time with them. This is my Son; He supersedes them all.

If we can ever get a vision of Christ and realize what God has vested and invested in the Lord Jesus Christ, you will never want any other Being, in earth or Heaven, to share the Glory that belongs to Him alone. Any man is a fool that ever thinks he can put anything alongside of Jesus. He is Lord of all and the greatest Name in Heaven or earth has been written on Him, the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost -- the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Paul said that preaching of the Word of God was looked upon by the world as foolishness and, do you know, there never was a day or generation of people on the face of this earth, that are becoming imbued with that kind of rot like this present one. How hell hates real religion.

Can't you see how ever Agency that can be impregnated with the powers of hell, are bent upon getting God's Word out of the running. They want to bring about a world Godless, Christless, and without the marvelous purity of the Spirit of God in it. I tell those fellows right now, they may put Religion off the air via Radio Broadcast but they will never put it out of this earth.

The devil has tried that so long it is time the old devil was getting tired of that job because he knows he is going to be defeated. Christianity has got to take more and more of the spiritual tonic of the Word of the Living God. The world looks upon God's Word as foolishness, but Paul tells them this straight truth that, anyone knows it is a fiat with God that the foolishness of God is greater than all the wisdom of the world put together. Paul was one of the greatest scholars of the world, but when the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him all that scholarship passed.

They are trying to tell us that education is what we need and they quote Paul as the greatest scholar of his time. I don't know how much Paul knew of Science, Art, Literature, and Philosophy of his time, but I know that when Christ met him on the Damascus road, he lost it all, he laid it all on one side.

I tell you, young men and young women, that the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. The world is over-run with foolishness in these last days and times. Jesus talked to His Disciples who walked with Him  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years and when they saw He was going to be nailed to the cross, everyone of them left Him. After He had risen from the dead, He met those men on their way to Emmaus and they were talking to one another like some preachers talk today, "Oh, we had really trusted that this had been He who would redeem Israel; that this was Messiah, but now He has been dead three days and though one of the women said He had risen, but that never could be." As they were talking, and were way down in the mouth, just like preachers today..OH THAT THE POWER WOULD FALL! The Power is falling everywhere -- you are asleep! The Glory of God is in the world and God has revealed it, in the Word of God; in the Gospel of Christ, and in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have spoken!" That is where the ignorance and sin of the world comes today. They are stacking up before us, on a pedestal, men with a long line after their name, and students sweating to get a degree, and when they get it they control a Gas Station or work in a Ten Cent Store.

Why don't we realize that in Jesus are hidden all the treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge. (Reading of Scripture II Cor. 12:1-8) You know and I know that the Apostle was talking about himself. He was the man who had suffered in his own body, and while under the agonies of that suffering he was called up into Paradise. His nature was torn asunder. His body lay under the shattering stones of Persecutors in Derbe and Lystra. Read back in your bible and you will see Paul lying smashed under the stoning. He said, "Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned---" When the Jews stoned a man they smashed him until he was dead. They found the greatest stone they could pick up and after they struck him to the ground, they would take those stones and smash them on his body. Paul was smashed, and while the body was crushed and dead and bleeding on the ground, something caught Paul into Paradise, into the third Heaven. Don't pay any attention to anyone who tries to tell you there is a seventh Heaven. The third Heaven is where God lives -- Paradise.

Here is a man who had persecuted the Church. We ought to be ashamed to name the name of Christianity. We should shut the doors of the church and get out and kneel until we get some place with God. Sometimes, with our anointed creation, we can discover the impress of God on it. God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Gen. 6 read about the Ark and you can understand how God is three in one. Moses worshiped one God. One Ark saved Moses and it had three stories. In Creation you can discover God if you are mindful and prayerful and the Holy Spirit anoints your human nature - which He will. You cannot show me a scheme of God's creating in this world that is not fashioned like Himself. There are spiritual qualities in man that often he does not understand himself. That is a deplorable condition in mankind. Oh, God, make us prayerful students.

Paul's body lay crushed and smashed and bleeding under the stones at Lystra, but the spirit of him took advantage of that opportunity and ascended to hear the conversation in Glory. If Paul had ever written all he heard that day and the natural man would read it he would go to the Asylum in 15 minutes. You think you understand the marvelous aspects of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe the day is NOW when God wants you and me to realize that we are not to glory in the natural body and in the strength of the natural body. These things are temporary and vanishing. He wants you to glory in the kind of a man that Paul was - a man that could suffer death physically and at the same time leave the shattered body of his earthly house and ascend to hear that marvelous conversation in Glory.

There is one way in which everyone of us can discover the truth as it is in Jesus, and that is through our own Christian experience. Christian experience will bring you face to face with God. God wants men who are not afraid to die for the Gospel. If you are, you should not be in the church at all. Paul was not glorying in the man who could die and be lying in his

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