

LESSON TEN  
APPLYING WHAT YOU RECEIVE IN THE HEAVENLY REALM

*Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptised into Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3; 23-27*

If we are then sons then it is possible to have fellowship with Him through prayer and to also see and hear Him in the heavenly realm. By putting on Christ and His Heavenly clothing, we will even **taste Him in the Heavenly Realm.**

*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is a man who takes refuge in him! Psalm 34;8*

**We will feel His touch**, even in the Old Testament God touched His people.

*Saul also went to his home in Gibeah, and with him went men of valour whose hearts God had touched. 1 Samuel 34;8*

When I was called by God as an evangelist, I saw a glimpse of Jesus pointing me to the Father and as I turned to him I found myself in a white mist. I could not see anything. I could not hear anything. But what I felt changed my life forever. **I felt one tiny drop of God's immense love, mixed with the most terrible sorrow for the peoples of the Earth and I burst into tears.**

If I had just seen the vision, it may not have been enough. If I had only heard the call, it may not have been enough, but to feel God's heart mixed with love and sorrow, I can never forget.

I had to respond, I had to go out as an evangelist, there was no other way. I had no confidence to do this work, but I had felt God's heart for mankind and that was more than enough.

So I went out and God has done the rest. **God did what I could not do**, He moved in power and miracles. He raised children from wheelchairs, opened blind eyes, healed the deaf and dumb. He saved me from difficult situations, and gave me powerful sermons to preach. The Lord has done it all and I just gasp in amazement. Allowing Him to raise us up In Him and live from the Heavenly Realm is all we need, nothing else.

**What about His aroma?**

*But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumph procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? 2 Corinthians 2; 14-16*

These verses show that our senses are also valid in the Heavenly realm.

We were visiting our daughter and husband in Cornwall. They have a three-D Optical computer.

When one puts on the goggles it takes you into another virtual reality world which is only illusion, yet makes you feel you are there. I tried out the roller coaster rides, driving a spaceship through our galaxy, and going on a walk through a medieval village. In each activity you could feel the movements, see all around you and experience what was going on at a new level.

This was just fantasy, yet the movements involved your senses. How much more should we experience the reality of God's Presence!

Yet somehow people are prepared to put on the computer, download the subject they want to experience or participate in, put on the goggles, put on the hands and then finally click the button.

Yet when it comes to experiencing the glories of God, one is barely prepared to prepare themselves in prayer.

Come on friend, there is a better way to live than worldly ways and fantastic computer games etc.

That is to rise up in prayer to a living God who will hear your prayer, answer your prayer and enable you to see with new eyes what He has in store for you. I promise you, it will be good and you will never turn back. After all the spiritual realm is reality. Living our short lives on this earth can almost be compared as virtual reality, compared to eternity with Christ.

**But how?** Some of you may be saying.

Ask the Lord what He thinks about the situation and simply do as He tells you.

*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours In Christ Jesus, Philippians 2; 5*

**Time is running out, we can no longer just do what we think.** We need to use our minds to think about the same things Jesus thought about.

For instance, Jesus thought about the value of a soul.

*For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? Mark 8; 36-37*

How much is a soul worth to you? God thought John 3; 16 that you were worth dying for. Read Peter 2;24 and Hebrews 9; 26.

**Our tongues.** We also determine the course of our lives by what we say.

Read James 3; 1-12.

**The last fruit of the Spirit is self control.** Self control is so important, that we need to practice it daily, until we get the victory of it in every area of our lives.

Mercy is what God has done for us, but grace is what God does in us.

Sanctifying grace is the ongoing grace that transforms us to become more like Jesus. As we practice self control, His sanctifying grace will transform us more and more.

*For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

## *Philippians 2; 13*

As we yield to God, so He is able to form and transform our beings through our self control making us more like Jesus.

Then there is also a strengthening grace and serving grace.

Our Life and creativity comes from the spirit and should be expressed through the soul.

How?

At the centre of the soul is the heart where decisions in the natural take place. The mind will look at the pros and cons and the emotions will look at your desire. Some people are more mind ruled and others are more on the emotional side, living more from the moment. Mind ruled people are slower in making decisions as they need to check things up, but the mind yielded to the Holy Spirit will hear God's decision. They are connected to the Holy Spirit receiving God's input.

*God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5; 5*

### **We need to receive God's love and live from Him.**

*For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14; 17*

We receive God's righteousness, peace and joy as we surrender to Him and live from Him. A spirit led person takes all into consideration and realises that his mind and emotions are not good enough, as this person knows there is lack of knowledge, but the Holy Spirit knows all things and leads you in the right way. We cannot trust in our own understanding because sin can wind it's way through our mind and emotions, but as we trust in God, dumping the self life, we find a higher life In Christ to live from. By our lives being de-throned and the Holy Spirit taking control, peace comes and brings our mind and emotions into their right place under the Holy Spirit.

We have lost control, but gained individuality. We surrender our hearts to Christ and receive His power. Through daily surrender, we can now live our lives from His love. When we don't surrender, then we have to live in a limited way from our mind and emotions.

**It is not just receiving God's love, but giving it out in release**, by doing what He tells us to do. If we don't live out the energy God gives us, it comes to nothing. Just like exercising. Eating gives energy and the potential is shown when exercised. We have to receive love and power from God, which produces the energy to do His work.

We first have to sit and receive and then release what we receive in action. Read Ephesians 3; 14-19

We first receive the fruits of the Spirit, grow in them, to then release them in our work for the Lord and in our own personal lives. The more we surrender our hearts to Jesus, the more we will become like Jesus, able to then release His power through the ministries He gives us.