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How Long Wait? Can You?

“... whether it was day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.” Numbers 9:21. Could you let the Lord lead you today and you would obey? We Americans have become so spoiled to better times to that what money and prosperity buys, that probably, not many would instantly get up and move, but would want to discuss this with the Lord first, let’s debate this or let’s talk about it first! Some would even pretend they didn’t hear Him and try to forget it. Some would even argue with God about it! And some, would just say no! **GOD FORBID!!**

The scripture, Ephesians 3:17, *“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,”* Some have taken this literally. Some have become so rooted in material things and grounded by outlandish buildings and structures that they couldn’t move even if God came and physically picked them up! They have become as the rich fool, they have their barns full and instead of giving and feeding they tear down the old small barns and build new larger ones. Jesus says, *“... take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”* Luke 12:15. Whether this be in millions and millions of dollars in buildings or to millions and millions of dollars in bank accounts. Covetousness, deeply rooted, *“But God said unto him, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is that layeth up treasures for himself, and is not rich toward God.”* Luke 12:20, 21. Could you get up out of your **designer bed** and take off your **designer pajamas** and put on your **designer suit** without even a whimper or an ‘uh’? Isn’t God worthy of our obedience? Shouldn’t we be ready as were the children of Israel in the wilderness? Are we better in God’s eyes than they were just because we have more material things and comforts? Who gave you these comforts anyway? *“And so it was, when the cloud abode from even unto morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed.”* Numbers 9:21.

The only cloud some see is the cloud painted on their mural of their 60 foot vaulted ceiling! **It doesn't ever move!!!**

We are to be, rooted and grounded in love and have Christ living in our hearts by our faith and that we ***“May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height: and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with the fullness of God.”*** Ephesians 3:18, 19. Jesus' love, remember when Peter's coat was missing and Jesus wanted to give him His off His back? Was this covetousness or was it some of Jesus' love?

Did Jesus use His power and authority and **NOT** feed the thousands of people and kept it to Himself for maybe a *rainy* day? Did He not save His disciples in the stormy sea that night by walking out to them on the water and immediately upon getting in the ship the winds ceased? He didn't save or store or put away His love for everyone. He exercised it and so should we!! We are to love one another; that doesn't say to love only the influential or the ones of your choosing or the ones just in your own church. Jesus didn't just heal and teach and feed His disciples. I try to talk to some people of other churches and you would think I had the plague. Their faces would crack if they would smile or say hello. They've been so indoctrinated in man's religion they have lost Jesus' teachings! Do you suppose they would smile to God if He said for them to move, their cloud is passing?

“And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle, according to the commandment of the Lord they journeyed.” Numbers 9:20. Has your waiting upon the Lord really **grounded** you? Could you get up and move when the commandment of the Lord comes down to you? Or, has your roots grown to deep? In material things? Could you journey? **WOULD YOU JOURNEY???**

Without this faith that you are rooted and grounded in, you do not even know who Jesus is! In faith, not material things, we are to pick up our cross daily and follow Him, wherever His cloud goes by day or His fire at night. ***“So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.”*** Numbers 9:16.

Just to be in God's mind and trying to do what I am supposed to do is enough awesome ability for me! I don't know how people do not want God. How do they read and preach and learn His word, then let their ears betray them by some enticing voice? I know how they let it happen, by the continuing and continuing bombarding by Satan and his buddies! It is a battle royal and a larger battle than that. Always I am under attack from something, Satan throws me! There is never any rest from it, even in my sleep. The scripture which tells us to pray without ceasing, it is so very correct!!! At every corner battles are fought, some are lost, but **PRAISE GOD most are won, only by His grace.**

Are your battles being fought for you or is a lot of aide offered to you? Have you been a willing recipient of His aide? Have you moved when the cloud moves by day or with fire by night? Have you been warmed by His fire like glow by night? It is time to stop telling Him, **NO!**

“At the commandment of the Lord the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the Lord they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents.” Numbers 9:19. Have you waited, did you make it all the time the Lord made camp or have you moved without getting antsy? Did you win that battle with the Lord assisting or did Satan win and you did not wait upon the Him? Your personal war, how are you doing? Can you sense heaven or do you feel warm? My and your battles are all part of this big war which God and Satan are fighting. God wants **YOU** and Satan doesn't want God to have you! Satan doesn't even want you; he just doesn't want God to have you!!!!

How long can you wait? How long do you want to wait? **CAN YOU WAIT?** ***“At the commandment of the Lord they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the Lord they journeyed: they kept the charge of the Lord, at the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.”*** Numbers 9:23. Are you keeping the charge of the Lord? Are you obeying? ***“But God said unto them, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: ...”*** Luke 12:20.

Repent, change from your sinful ways. If tonight your soul would be required of God, would you want to just talk about it or would you without hesitation say, **YESSSSSSSS!!!** Rooted and grounded in faith, not material things! Father, I'm a sinner, I repent, forgive me. Loosen my bondage on material things and let me increase in faith. Save me, love me! Amen.

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