

The Breeze Is Worth The Flies

I. The vision of covered wagons and Church.

- **Ephesians 1:18** - *“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know ... what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.”*
- **2 Corinthians 4:7** - *“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels.”*

A. Here’s the question, if that is true, than how do I release the gold, the inheritance or treasure that others are carrying for me from their lives into mine?

B. Psalm 118:25-26 - Gives us some insight and instructions

- 1. Once a man is chosen God fills him with “*Salvation and Prosperity*” and then sends him to a certain grouping of people who have been praying.**
 - a. Hebrew word for salvation is “Yasha” which means salvation, deliverance, and victory.
 - b. Hebrew word for prosperity is “Tsalach” which means to advance, make progress, succeed, or to be profitable.**
2. When you blessed the messenger you get the message.

C. New Testament equivalent of this principle. Matthew 23:37-39 - Let’s look at three phrases.

1. “Who are sent” - The Greek word for sent is “Apostello” which means to order one to go to a appointed place or person.
2. **“Your House is left desolate”** - The Greek word for desolate is “eremos,” it means to be deprived of the aid and protection which is needed for prosperity. To lay waste as a result of neglect.
 - a. Like a flock deserted by a shepherd.
 - b. In this situation it is the flock that deserts the Shepherd, because they didn’t recognize Him as such.**
3. “Blessed is he” - the Greek word for blessed is “eulogeo” which means to cause to prosper, to make happy, to bestow blessings on.
4. **It’s not just saying “blessed” but doing those things that will ensure that he who is sent to me is blessed.**

II. The principle of receiving causes the releasing of power.

A. Matthew 10:40-41 - By receiving one another, we release the Christ in that person into our lives.

1. The ministry of Jesus is placed in the minister.
 - a. **John 20:21 Jesus said to them "as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."**
 - b. The one is being sent carry's the authority and the power of the one who sent him.
 - c. **When God sends us to someone we become "God With Skin On" to those people.**
2. The Greek word for receive here is "Dechomai" which means
 - a. **to receive favorably.**
 - b. to receive with hospitality.
 - c. **to treat him who was sent with generous kindness.**
3. Luke 10:16 (NASB) "The one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me."
 - a. **The greek word for reject is "atheteo" which mean to neutralize the power that produces the effects.**
 - b. We reject and neutralize because of being unbelieving, unforgiving, critical, legalistic, judgmental, etc.
4. **Verse 41 - In order to get what a prophet has you've got to embrace, receive with hospitality the prophet.**
 - a. The greek word for reward here is "misthos" which means dues paid for work, labor which is reward with results.
 - 1) **It costs him to have what he has for you.**
 - 2) It means you also must labor to get the reward of his labor.
 - 3) **It's not working to produce the reward it working to receive the reward.**
 - 4) It takes work to receive people (treat with generous kindness)
 - b. **It has the idea that as you enter into the reward of their labor they should be able to enter into yours. Galatians 6:6**

- c. Receive a Worship leader get a Worship leader's reward
Receive a Pastor get a Pastor's reward
Receive a Teacher get a Teacher's reward (Receive a Tree Cutter)

B. Big Question! What if the person who is sent to us is foolish, weak, or flawed.?
Big Answer! Those are the only kind of people God has to use.

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1. What God does is the treasure, whom He sends is the earthen vessel. (Up-To-Grove)
 2. **Don't let the earthiness of the vessel keep you from the treasure it contains.**
 3. Remember God uses foolishness to bring us wisdom, weakness to bring us strength, things that are not to bring to not things that are.
 4. **God will use someone's imperfections to carry and carry out His perfect will for your life.**
- C. John 1:11-12 - One of the implications of this scripture is that it is harder to minister to people who know you than ones who don't.
1. **One of the things that frustrated me as a pastor is that I had to go to other churches in order to experience a greater release as I ministered.**
 - a. I didn't know that some of that stuff was in me and I couldn't wait to get back home to share it only to find when I got there it was gone.
 - b. When I was around people that didn't know me I had more.**
 2. It also frustrates me that an outsider can come in and have a greater impact in our area than one of our own.
 3. **An outsider has a greater impact because he is not hindered or neutralized by unbelief which is a result of focusing in on the vessel instead of anticipating the treasure.**
 4. Matthew 13:57-58 - And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor (less esteem) except in his home town, and in his [own] household." And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.
 - a. **Jesus was shut down because of unbelief.**
 - b. Faith in or faith of releases virtue (woman with issue of blood)
 5. **“To as many” & “Not many miracles”** Ministering to those who know you, is difficult but not impossible.