

“April 4th was a very special day. So when you see the numbers and you read promises in My Word that I will return, don't turn away in pain or cringe as you remember the bitter disappointment, but look at it as a reminder of My deep love. Look at what I was willing to put us both through in order for you to receive your full reward”. (Out of the Ashes of the Old)

Jesus speaking in prophecy: I walk from the path we are on and down to the riverside and place our shared experience in a little container and set it in the water, I watch carefully; making sure the river gathers the container to itself and then I return to you on the pathway, we then make our way onto the bridge that spans the waterway. The container is somewhat like those floating lanterns people release at dusk just as the new year is about to begin. We watch silently as the old passes out of sight. My promises are set in Heaven, but I see they are not yet completely set in your mind. For them to become a part of your very being you must look only to Me, My Keys and My Word—nothing else, no other thoughts must be allowed to enter your mind—none.

You stand on the next bridge in our journey wondering what direction I want you to take now that April 4 is drifting down the river as it wends its way to that eternal sea where our Father keeps safe all things that ever were and will ever be. We are holding hands as we watch—I voice My thoughts in your ear, “My love, you are not yet completely settled in mind and heart as to why I engineered April 4...I pause briefly then venture further, “you wrestle with My explanation because you fear the opinions of man— *The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.* Do not listen to those fears; April 4 is just as I have explained in all My Words to you on the subject.

The enemy uses this time of finding your footing to attack, to unsettle your thoughts, to bring doubt, confusion and fear of man, fear of the future. Look into My eyes dear one—I, *even I, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mere mortals... that you forget the Lord your Maker?*

Dusk is falling on April 4, it drifts away to the timeless sea, to be ever in the mind of God, leave it there. In its stead I placed a special Key in your hand— remember?—a Key that was forged from all that you experienced leading up to that date—the Key of 44. *The Key symbolizes completion after a season of testing, representing a transition from preparation to fulfillment. It is linked to our blood covenant and your faithfulness to keep My Word even though it seemed to have failed.* The Key is linked to John 15:16, for you are a chosen generation, chosen from time immemorial, a peculiar priesthood to pass through this time in earth's history.

The Key signifies My Father establishing what He has been preparing since the very beginning. The Key *serves as a reminder to maintain faith, stability, and trust in divine timing.* April 4—4/4 was not a mistake, it was divinely prepared. Just as My prophet David was divinely prepared for his mission; then at the precise time I struck the Key of David and he came to life to lead My children to freedom. “*The key of David is that chord which I strike upon thy harp to awaken thee from slumber—that signals thee to come to life to help my children in the time of their great distress. I have awakened thee through the Key of David, and thou hast awakened and led My Children--My People--to freedom!*”

David experienced a great tearing and anguish of heart before I struck his special Key that opened the door to his destiny of being the Endtime Prophet spoken of in the Bible. Psalm 68—*But there we sat on her floor in her little living room in her tiny cottage, dejected, discouraged, and defeated--a month or more after our arrival--with virtually no doors open to us, no church bookings for meetings, and almost no money--and there were about eight or ten of us trying to live in grandmother's tiny three room cottage on a back alley. I'll never forget after the Rosebowl parade, as we sat in the lot there in the ark, how we were already getting discouraged because the lord had opened no place for us!--and the lord spoke and said he was preparing a place for us, but it was not quite ready yet, and if we could just be patient and wait, he would open the door! little did we dream that it was going to take six or seven months for the door to open.* (Psalm 68) And what was My message to David in the MO Letter Psalm 68—“Be still and wait, faith takes patience, He that hath begun a good work in you will complete it unto the end.”

What was My message to the Family just prior the Reboot— *When the old is burned and gone, when the once tall, proud trees are no longer there overshadowing what lies below, then the new growth has a clear view to the light. Nothing is blocking their vision; nothing is holding them back, for all that once was is gone. All that remains is the light above, and they have but to turn their faces toward that light and growth shall come quickly.*

So shall I set about building and creating a new forest, a new work, and so shall I raise up the new saplings and those who are worthy to be called My disciples and who will love Me and desire Me and My Words and My light above all. So shall these little ones grow and flourish and prosper and be found faithful, with the fertile ground of My Word alone underneath them. Gone will be everything outside the surety of My Word, and from this stripping will I reactivate My Bride to be all that she is destined to be and bring forth all the fruit she is destined to bear. (Deliverance)

Am I not fulfilling that promise in you, are you not those saplings that sprang forth from that great fire, as you sought and desired My Light? The stripping continues for I said—*Gone will be everything outside the surety of My Word, and from this stripping will I reactivate My Bride to be all that she is destined to be and bring forth all the fruit she is destined to bear.* I stripped David from the system of his day, I tore you from the old Family system, and I continue to strip and tear until all is gone from your minds and hearts, but the surety of Me, My Word and the Keys. For only then will you reach your destiny and bring forth the fruit I desire for you to bear.

If you do not place complete trust and faith in My Words, then you will not have the power to finish what I've been preparing since the very beginning. My Words, My Keys and I are One—without complete and absolute trust in these three elements you will not be able to make your way through the darkness ahead. David's children that abide in My Word today hold the Key of 44 as well as the multitude of Keys that are the Keys of the Kingdom. They must focus on their power for the darkness that surrounds you is gross.

The Keys are somewhat like the Light of Elendil in the movie Lord of the Rings, the Keys were created for this time of gross darkness. Up until now you have been practicing using their power, you have been deepening the cords of our love relationship, tuning the harp of your heart, lightly picking at the strings of your prayer and praise. Adjusting the tension with the tuning pegs of My Word.

I hear a slight groan as you say inwardly: "only tuning our instrument, is all we've been doing up until this point?" Well you've had a few rehearsals—real enough—but the actual event, the show where you'll need to have full command of the Seven Thunders is about to begin. Yes I know I've been promising for years that the "big show" is coming, it almost came, but I withdrew when I saw that not all was exactly as I wanted.

April 4 was Me carrying through on My Word by stripping away more of what's hindering you from becoming those Brides I spoke of in Deliverance. You passed through the stripping feeling unsettled and unsure of what to do next, I stripped away all that you were and all that you thought you had—for I have not yet perfected that which I began in you from the very beginning. For those of you who want to be the disciples and brides I want you to be and not what you think you should be, then lay aside all your preconceived ideas and thoughts and come before Me prepared to be stripped naked and bare.

"So shall My promises and My Word be fulfilled, and so shall this cause a mighty stirring and a mighty widening of the eyes of all My children. So shall a great hush and respect and reverence for My Word fall on all My children worldwide—where a healthy respect and fear of Me and My Word has fallen by the wayside.

This shall cause a mighty turning and repentance in the hearts of many, and get them back to the basics of Me and My Word. And so shall a beautiful new forest be created from the ashes of the old.

So grab ahold of that hope, because that hope is firmly grounded on the fact that I have a greater purpose in this—an end purpose. Though it is now out of sight—Genesis 22:4— it is nevertheless there on the horizon and will show its glorious face if My wayward children will turn to Me and seek hard after Me." (Deliverance)

Note: The "yonder and worship" in Genesis 22:4 is clearly for us, as in passing through the veil and bowing our heads in worship and submission. (See: "He's Not Afraid of Bad News") and there lies the power of 44 $2 \times 2 + 4$ —44 is double 22—we are receiving the double blessing for holding on and passing through this "affliction".

"You've got to believe that April 4 was God's will, the very best thing that could have happened to you at this stage in the battle." (Refueling and Then Away)

Prophecy continues: Although I speak of prayer in the following excerpts, the principal holds true in all tenets of your discipleship, for I have not lowered My requirements. I hold to a high standard, and for you who wish to be those Brides I speak so fondly of in the Words of David then you must walk this walk My way. You have forsaken much, but there is still more that must be removed.

"For you to be powerful in prayer, you'll have to stop holding Me to your own standards of what you think should be done. Are you asking Me for My will or yours to be done? When you pray, state the petition you have need of, but ask Me to work in My way. You can give Me direct requests, but know that I will answer in My way, which is so far removed from your way that it's like it says in the Bible, "as far as the heavens above the Earth." You'll never fully understand how I work. Sometimes I answer exactly as you wanted, and sometimes it seems nothing like what you wanted."

"There will be many steps of faith that I will ask of My children. Each time you make the right decision to take that step of faith, you will find your faith increased, for you will have activated your anointing of greater faith. It is within each of you, as I promised. But the only way to see the fulfillment of that promise, the only way to feel the anointing, to see the tangible proof, is to use it. For that very purpose will I set before each of you many tests of faith. I will test your faith again and again in order to give you opportunities to exercise it. I will test your faith in whatever areas it needs strengthening." (Prophecy Vitamins on Faith - Part 1)

Prophecy continues: April 4 was My hand moving in what you deemed a shocking way in your lives. You followed My Word into the fire, I am keeping My promise to you and now bring you out of the fire, just as I brought all My prophets throughout history into—through and out of what seemed to some a fiery death.

Do not fear what others think of you, if they were to retrace their steps through the Words of David, as you have done over the past six years, then they would know of a surety that My hand is moving in your lives. Don't lose momentum having come this far by faith, don't fear the change of pace—the lift required to come even higher into the spirit with Me. Put aside the ways and thoughts of the carnal mind, it matters not what man thinks, it only matters what I say. I am looking for a surety in you, a stand of faith on My Word alone.

You really have to have the feeling that it's really worth dying for!—Any mountain—the mountain of this life, the mountain of accomplishment, the mountain of obstacles, of difficulty—if you're going to climb them, they have to be worth dying for, to brave wind & cold & storm, symbolic of adversities. (Mountain Men)

Prophecy continues—Never fear: When the lights finally come on, and it's time to take your place on stage, when you're seated and all last minute tuning is complete, when I tap with My baton, the conductors stand and all falls quiet. It will then be time to fully embrace your calling, to command that instrument you've come to know so intimately—because of the many years of repetitious practice.

I see you're nervous, you have thoughts of how will you ever be in command of the Seven Thunders as much as you would like. No one, especially you humans, are perfect. Keep your eye fixed on My baton, I am the Commander in Chief, the Conductor, I will bring all instruments together as one. Don't look at the audience, don't look at the other musicians, just focus on the music score sheet. Unity with Me, only but only comes from focusing on the Words on the page. If you're going to truly be in command of your instrument of prayer or praise or prophecy or loving Me, or absorption of My Word you must focus on Me, for I am the Master Key. If one string on your instrument is out of tune, how can the instrument produce a clear, harmonious sound? Won't it affect the whole orchestra?

The years of practice, the trials and tests, the mistakes, the repetition—of having to go over your lessons again and again, is what gives you command of the weapon in your hand. The purpose of passing through the fire of purging or repetitive practice sessions is all part of gaining command of the Seven Thunders. It has taken you years to get where you are today, I know you will never be perfect, but that is not what I'm looking for. Use the Keys that I placed in your hand when a bridge is needed. It is the Keys that fill in all the gaps and that will make the whole show a success. The Keys are those support struts in the bridges I use to get you to the other side, they make your destiny and the destiny of many others possible.

Why Analogies, Parables And Allegories

For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath...many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. (Matthew 13:12,17)— See also: Isaiah 6:8-13

Just as a bridge is used in music to introduce something new or build interest before returning to the main theme (verses or chorus), so do I use analogies, parables and allegories to break repetition in the story of your life, that being discipleship—the life you live for Me is the main theme and it remains the same.

And how do I raise up My New Church Brides from the pool of brides in My house? I touch them with the finger of affliction, I test and try their mettle in the fires of tribulation. I do not lead them on the pathways of ease and comfort within the world.

My extended metaphors—Analogies, Parables And Allegories— help make the theme of your life stronger, fresher, more abundant, clear and more understandable. Your April 4 episode was *a touch from My finger*, now wait for it, the grand finale, the crescendo is yet to come. Remember, I'm the One with the baton, I'm the One who signals the downbeat, you're expected to make your entrance on Key. That's the analogy, the reality is—you wait for My still small voice to give you the signal or in musical terminology—the downbeat. You sit comfortably in your seat, with confidence, because you've obeyed My voice right up to the point where I'm standing before you with baton in hand. The instrument in your hand is under your command, but you are under My command.

Another Parable

Amongst other elements, your obedience to the Words of David and Maria was poured into the Key of 44—if at any time you placed your hand over the mouth of your vessel, My pouring would stop, and the refining process would cease. The process of alloying the different elements has taken many years; many times I've put you in the fire, carefully watching as your metal turned red, orange or yellow, depending on My goal at the time so were you held in the fire.

I pour My Words into all My brides, her love for Me—equated by obedience and yieldedness—determines her quality. In the giving of My Word I don't play favorites, I pour equal amounts into My chosen ones. I pour freely that all may receive, I pour into the open and receptive crucible, then I place the crucible into the fire. This is the process I use on all My brides in order to achieve the quality I seek.

What comes next is the tensile test, can My bride stretch without breaking. This is a comparison to what I said in **Luke 5:37 & 38**—*no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.*

If My brides continually strive for obedience throughout their life as My disciples on earth, then as each time of testing and trial arrives they would flex and stretch as well-tempered steel or as new wine bottles. I prepare My battle-brides carefully before choosing them when it's time to engage the enemy in hand to hand combat.

Each revolution I bring into the lives of My Children of David is a time of growth, of stretching in obedience to the new moves of My spirit. I prepare the minds and hearts of My brides with New Wine. Those malleable brides whose tensile had been strengthened from previous revolutions, stretch to receive the new—and it is rarely without struggle, even great struggle. My purpose for pouring out New Wine is not to deliberately break bottles. I am a changing God, I have said, all things change, and that's true in the material realm as well as the spiritual realm.

You must change and your desire is a big motivator; you can't sit down there when I need you up here higher in the spiritual realm, fighting these new battles. You have to slip out of the fingers of the old you and fly. Those wings are real, but you must activate them by faith in the Keys, or else you will never escape as a bird into the heavenlies.

God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God. (Psalm 55:19)

Question: So what happens to all those shattered bottles, those that refuse to stretch? They fall behind the frontline of battle and in time, if they don't reignite the flame in their hearts, they turn away into the darkness—for *this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.* My spirit shall not always strive with man's; yet these ones that turn away have not escaped the fire, their changing days are not over simply by placing their hand over the crucible and allowing the fire to cool.

The April 4 test was the latest, but by no means the last. For I desire the purest of faith in My Brides, even great faith that will endure "affliction" as I endured affliction to the end.

Paragraph 22 of "A Prophecy of God—on the Old Church and the New Church," ML #A—22. "For I, the Lord, have done it, that I may glorify My Name and preserve her whom I love ... My hungry ones who love Me and not My wealth, who cherish My Person, not My palaces, who ravish Myself, and not My power only, and who dwell by My side in nakedness and humility and adoration. ... She which was least among all the daughters of men shall become My beloved and My darling one, My loved one. This is the Bride of Mine affliction. This is the darling of My Tribulation... She it is that loveth Me, therefore do I delight in her and do highly honor her" 23. "I look not on the outward appearance, but upon the heart, and she loves Me with all her heart. Therefore, she pleases Me greatly... Come with Me, therefore, My fair one, and let Me be ravished with thy love!" (End)

My purpose is to find faith in My brides at My return, the purer the faith the happier I am. Isn't it your desire to make Me happy? Isn't that the desire of every true bride?

Ye have not chosen Me but I have chosen you

I choose My true believing brides, much the way the kings of old chose their Queen from the pool of women in the king's house. I have many, many brides, millions, but those that would sit on My knee as My true, believing, intimate, lovers are those that continually choose Me no matter what tests of faith I bring into their lives.

Dad speaking about the woman in Revelation Chapter 12 — "This woman is the Queen of heaven, she must be the wife of the King! And who is the King of Heaven?—Jesus Christ the Son of God, her Bridegroom, her Husband, her King--& she is the Queen! THEN who is this Woman, if she is the Bride of Christ, the Queen of Heaven?

She can be no other than the entire complete church of Jesus Christ from the beginning to the end, from the Garden of Eden to the Revelation, from the Beginning to the End of the World, all those who are true believers, who loved God, who received Christ the Messiah as their Savior, all those who love Jesus, all those who believe He is the Son of God, all those who are married to the Bridegroom, all those who are the Bride of Jesus Christ from the Garden of Eden to the Revelation!

She is the bride of Christ! She is no other & no less than the Bride of Christ Himself, the very Queen of Heaven, wife of the King of Kings! (End)

Prophecy: It is only through many tests, trials, tribulations and affliction that the true bride finds herself chosen from among many. Jesus loves all His brides, it is true, however not all are chosen. It remains in the hand of the bride to be that one, and is that not a natural occurrence?

Esther 2:2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:

Revelation 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Esther 2:3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them:

2:4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so. (Old Church New Church)

2:12 Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with other things for the purifying of the women;)

2:13 Then thus came every maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.

2:15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

Queen Esther speaking in prophecy: Those days of purification were not happy days for most of the young women that were gathered together unto Shushan the palace. Apart from the fact that boyfriends, family ties, engagement plans and dreams of a life with the one you loved, having their children, in fact any future life plans were dashed to pieces at this royal proclamation.

Being thrust without consent into this unimaginable situation was terrible enough but with the added real life implication of not being chosen as queen horrified many of us, it was to most, a sentence of death. There were of course those that had little to nothing back in the life they had left behind, those few were thankful for at least a secure future, even if it meant not being chosen as queen or ever being called again by the king after that one fateful night that would determine the future of every girl in that house. It was like being suddenly ripped from your home and thrust into a one man brothel, no love, no life outside that house, ever again in this life.

Oil of myrrh was the perfect choice—our old life—gone, dead and buried. Myrrh...many of us came to abhor the scent of that perfume. My initial reaction to what was happening in my life was one of dismay; if it wasn't for my personal faith in God and the constant counsel and direction that came to king's house from my cousin Mordecai, I would never have been chosen as queen. Mordecai continually encouraged me that nothing happens without God's approval, it was God who had arranged this seeming tragedy. In time I began to accept his words and a tiny spark of faith began to grow in my heart. Arranged marriages were quite normal in those lands, and in our society, boy-girl relationships were family affairs. So although the thought of being suited to a heathen king was outrageous, the concept of being handed over

Going in to the king in simple apparel following the orders of the blue angels.

Lovemaking with Jesus! ML #1525

"He has raised us up His New Church, a young Bride bursting with energy and a passionate love for her Bridegroom!—An alive, vibrant, warm, living, beautiful body that responds quickly, fervently and ardently to His slightest touch, and who is wildly ravished with His Love!"

Jesus speaking in prophecy: And how do I raise up My New Church Brides from the pool of brides in My house? I touch them with the finger of affliction, I test and try their mettle in the fires of tribulation. I do not lead them on the pathways of ease and comfort within the world.

Afflictions and tribulation are not the only means I test My Brides, the greatest tests come through the pouring in of My New wine—I test their love for Me using My Word—and those that truly love Me seek and search diligently for My will, they listen intently for My whispers that wait for release within My written Word just as a genie waits for the unstopping of his magic bottle.

My true believing Brides are love slaves, whose only desire is to obey My slightest command. They understand the High Calling. They comprehend why they are in My house and what My house in the earth plane is for. They do not play-queen with the perfumes and finery in My house, they may be tempted by the glitter and gold, but they see beyond the trinkets, jewels and gems of this present world and lay them aside for the pearl of laying down their will.

So in a sense I raise up My Bride, but in another sense they raise themselves up through their faith filled service. They are My slaves, yet at the same time they are My lovers. They are chosen, yet on the other hand they make it their life's desire to be those who catch My eye.

"Prophecies of the Handmaiden of the Lord!"

"My Bride shall enter into My chamber, and I Myself will lie with her and honor her before all the handmaidens".

Submit Yourself to God--Yield and Obey, Part 1

"To be the kind of Bride He wants, you've got to first of all have enough faith in His Love to obey, and come and strip off all of the outer garments of appearances, cover-ups and false fronts, and expose yourself to the Lord, totally yielding yourself to Him in submission and humility. You must be willing to be stripped bare before Him. You're just you, and that's what He wants!—You!—All of you!"

"So you've got to drop everything, forsake all, come to Him and be willing to be stripped bare, abandon all false cover-ups, and just expose yourself to Him. And then you've got to let Him make love to you and fill you with His Spirit and His seed, the Word of God, which, when conceived in responsive hearts, brings forth fruit!"

Loving Jesus Revelation

"See, God doesn't always work the way we think He should. That's because man's mind does not see as God sees. The Lord has ways of humbling His children, always keeping them humble. The churches don't really humble themselves, so He can't use them so much, He can't give them so much, He can't trust them with so much in the Spirit. But you have constantly been humbled and He knows you can take it! And it's because of that willingness to be humbled that He makes you great!"

Jesus First

But sadly, just as the initial vibrant, alive, hot, sexy love in which many marriages are born cools off after a while until the relationship becomes just a routine formality, so it sometimes happens with Christians, the Bride of Christ. They forget how much the Lord has done for them, and that first wonderful love they had for Him gradually fades. They may have started off ardently in love with Jesus, eager and willing to do anything for Him, but after a time their fire and fervor cools, and the relationship becomes cold, formal and frigid.

So You Want to Be a Disciple? For God's Sake Be the Best!

And it doesn't matter how many or how few of you people there are. Little is much if God is in it! So don't let the Enemy convince you that there aren't enough of you to make a difference. If you put your will on God's side, if you give your all, holding nothing back, even if you're a Gideon's band, you're more than enough!

Never before has it been of such great importance that you people raise the banner of revolution high and unite as one and take your stand as dropouts. The Enemy is fighting you hard, so you've got to fight back even harder—with your spiritual weapons, with personal decisions and commitments that the Enemy can't shake, and with determination to give your all and live the truth as never before.

You've scaled rough and rugged mountains, swum through raging currents, and made it through many difficulties. What you have accomplished so far is tremendous and worthy of praise—but what will be said of you tomorrow? Will you hold true to your calling? Will you cling to your faith? Will you boldly proclaim the truth? Will you receive with open arms your commission for the future? Will you live, breathe, and speak the Revolution? Will you carry on for Me? Your future is in your hands!

These are the days of strengthening your faith, of proclaiming your convictions! It's the year of the resolute and determined, the bold and the brave, the year when those who stand strong on the Rock of the Word and truth will be raised above the storms, and those who stand on earthly soil will be washed away. It's not the naturally strong or charismatic who will stand, but those who live the Word, proclaim the truth, and dwell in the Spirit.

Verses On The Fear Of Man Vs. Trusting In God

Proverbs 29:25

"The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe."

Isaiah 51:12–13

"I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mere mortals... that you forget the Lord your Maker?"

Matthew 10:28

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

Galatians 1:10

"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? ... If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."

Psalms 118:6

"The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

John 12:42–43

"They loved human praise more than praise from God."

This shows how fear of man can lead to compromised faith.

Acts 5:29

"We must obey God rather than human beings!"

Matthew 13:10-17 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever

hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: for this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Isaiah 6:8-13 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, and the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

IQ—There's coming a time real soon when you won't want to make one wrong move. ...You're going to want to be as close to the Lord as you can get, so you'd be wise to get rid of whatever it is in your personal life that's keeping you from being a do-or-die soldier. (ML 3186:35)