Study Questions: Part 1

Genesis 1, Hal Quatier August 30 to 2006

Sabbath Afternoon, August 10

Memory Text:

> **"And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." KJV – Mark 8:34**

"From the chosen companions of His ministry the scenes that lay before him were made known. He had called them to follow Him, and they had left all to follow Him. They had seen Him healing the sick, raising the dead, and cleansing the hands of His enemies, and having upon the cross of Calvary. Since he had seen them in the world, they had been witnesses of the power of God in his presence. He knew how bitter hate and unbelief would persecute them, and how they would be tested in the hour of their trials." DA 413.3

"He was about to tell them of the suffering that awaited him. But first he went away into a place where he could be alone, that he might be prepared to meet his words. Upon joining them, he did not at once commence that which it was necessary for them to hear. He knew that they were in a condition to be overburdening their minds with the thought of the suffering that awaited the coming trial. He asked, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? DA 412.3

"Christ now put a question to the disciples, saying to the Pharisees, Whom do men say of me that I am? Peter answered, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." DA 411.4

"Jesus answered Peter, saying, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven." DA 412.2

"After Peter's confession, Jesus charged the disciples to tell no man the things they had seen and heard. The time was not yet come for the proclamation of these truths. Peter, James, and their brother, John, the people, and even the disciples, had to follow a conception of the Messiah that a public proclamation of the truth would have tended to confirm. Jesus was anxious in the work that by his teaching he was preparing himself to them as the Saviour, and thus he desired to give them a true conception of him as the Messiah." DA 414.4

Sunday, August 11

Seeing Clearly

> Read Mark 8:22-30. Why did it take Jesus two touches to heal the blind man, and what does it mean to us spiritually?

"As Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And His disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Then having anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, he said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is translated, Sent). He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing." DA 470.3

"Christ was not a partisan. He was opposed to anything in the Pharisees, even by Christ's disciples. While Jesus conducted their error, he did not explain the cause of their error. He did not say that they were blind because they had sinned against the light. He did not say that they were blind because they had sinned against the light." He did not say that they were blind because they had sinned against the light." He did not say that they were blind because they had sinned against the light."

cast into the sea." And He added, "If thy hand cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed, rather than having thy two hands to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire. And if thy foot cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life halt, rather than having thy two feet to be cast into hell." Mark 9:43-45, R. V. DA 438.2

"Why this earnest language, than which none can be stronger? Because "the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." Shall His disciples show less regard for the souls of their fellow men than the Majesty of heaven has shown? Every soul has cost an infinite price, and how terrible is the sin of turning one soul away from Christ, so that for him the Saviour's love and humiliation and agony shall have been in vain." DA 438.3

Friday, August 16

Further Thought

When you therefore make the Kingdom of God your chief interest, then you will most surely find yourself in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing and reaping God's richest blessing. You can then rest assured that He will open the way and take you where you need to be even if He has to lift you out of the well, and to tell the Ishmaelites to carry you into Egypt and to put you working in Potiphar's house. He may even have to take you into prison before He seats you with Pharaoh on the throne. Or He may cause you to run away from Egypt and have you keep sheep around Mt. Horeb. He may bring you against the Red Sea while the Egyptians are pursuing you. He may bring you into the desert where there is neither water nor food. The lion and the bear may come to take your lambs, Goliath to kill your people, and the king may cast you in the fiery furnace, or in the lions' den.

Yes, hundreds and thousands of things may happen, but he that trusts in God and does His work well shall find all these so-called hindrances or mishaps wonderful deliverances, and avenues to success, all carrying out God's marvelous plans, and God's way toward your promotion from one great thing to another. When you are in God's care and in His control never say the Devil did this or that regardless what it be, for he can do nothing except he is allowed to do it. Always give God the credit.

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