

649-666 John 6:49,66; Jn 14:15-18; Rom. 8:28

The word of the Lord says He opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

(Prov. 3:34; James 4:6) Are we too proud to say, "Jesus, help me!" Grace is available to us for every area as we humble ourselves under His mighty hand.

How often do we find ourselves occupying the throne of our heart? Does He satisfy our need at this moment? **Matt. 6: 25-34.** Be faithful today, right now. Don't borrow from tomorrow. Honour Him in what He has given this day. Our goal in all things is to bring Him glory.

Signs are given, the **sermon** is delivered, **sifting** happens.

If we love Him we will obey Him realizing that in everything that happens to us He will work it to our good. We are not offended by the word but endeavour to walk in it. We want to be faithful to follow His commands. Amen?

You're my brother from another mother. When we come together at celebration time it's about what's on the table, the things that make for a good meal. It all comes from God. Christ's table makes for a better/lasting provision. Regardless of what we may achieve on earth, we cannot secure a place in heaven for ourselves. Every good and perfect gift comes from the Father. **James 1:17.**

How much do we focus on what we don't have? God will take what we do have and multiply it. If we want triumph in our lives we need to obey the voice of God. We are so attracted and motivated by the crowds. Signs and wonders attract crowds. Jesus asks us to leave the crowd behind. Sometimes He sends us into the storm. But remember this, He is there to either deliver or carry us through.

Jesus' sermon is: "I am the bread of life, eat of Me." If we are prepared, this could well be the church's finest hour; this time of economic downturn. There will be people searching for answers and if you have not prepared, if you are searching right along with them then they won't be coming to you for answers; you won't have anything to give them. **Psalms 37:25** Who are the righteous, those who love God and obey His commands. It may not always be easy, we can't pick and

choose the ones to obey, but in the end we do obey. He feeds us but our focus can't always be on what we get from Him. We need to leave that and move on,

Phil. 4:11 learning to be content in every situation. **Rom 8:28** We zero in on our calling, our talents, our contributions, but as believers all that is secondary to loving God. Does sin still tempt us like some sweet or have we had our fill of it? Like the lottery we want to cling to 6:49- the win fall without the responsibility. Do we realize we already have it? The Lord's Table gives us the win fall. There is a sifting; when the message comes and we don't like it because it's contrary to our traditions or what we believe or practice and we turn back and stop following Him, that's the 6:66. He will let us walk away. We stay with Him or we leave; the choice is ours. We each have to make the decision. We think that a problem or set back (a storm) means a failure but it is a step up. We will not see the victory unless we are willing to go into the storm. When we are obedient and experience a set back, crisis or struggle we need to see it as a graduation gift from God. He wants to promote to a higher level in our walk with Him. Will we respond well?

What marks our lives? If we love and obey Him there should be much fruit in evidence.