

## Out of the Darkness and into Light

### A Bottle Of Oil of Gladness

James 5: 13-16

Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him,

anointing him with

## Oil

in the name of the Lord

and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed.

Isaiah 61: 1-3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

Because the LORD has anointed me

(Hebrew 1:9: "YOU (Jesus) HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD,

HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE **OIL OF GLADNESS** ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS.")

To grant those who mourn in Zion,

Giving them a garland instead of ashes,

**The oil of gladness instead of mourning,**

The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.

First, let us make sure  
we are unhappy not because  
we have idolized something

1 Timothy 6: 6-10

But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and

**pierced themselves with many griefs.**

Psalm 16: 1-11

Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good besides You."

**The sorrows of those who have bartered for another god will be multiplied;**

The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup;

I will bless the LORD who has counseled me; Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.

I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;

**In Your presence is fullness of joy;**

**In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.**

**I would rather have Jesus**

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I'd rather be His than have riches untold;

I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands; I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand

Refrain

Than to be the king of a vast domain; or be held in sin's dread sway;

I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

Second, let us make sure  
we have not neglected the most precious gift from God  
The Holy Spirit

John 14: 16-27

Jesus said

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may be with you forever; that is the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, ... the **Helper**, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. **Peace** I leave with you; **my peace** I give you.....

**Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.**

1 John 2: 26-27

The Apostle John said

These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. As for you, the **anointing** which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as **His anointing** teaches you about all things, **and is true and is not a lie**, .....

Romans 14: 17

The Apostle Paul said

.... for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and  
**joy in the Holy Spirit.**

Third, let us make sure  
we seek earnestly to restore  
our intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit

Sweet Hours of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer; that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne; make all my wants and wishes known.

**In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,**  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare; by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Psalm 63

O God, You are my God; I shall **seek You earnestly;**

My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

..... Your lovingkindness is better than life,

**My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness,**

and my mouth offers praises with **joyful lips.**

When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches,

For You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I **sing for joy.**

1 Peter 1: 6-9

In this you **greatly rejoice**, even though now for a little while ... you have been distressed by various trials, ..... even though tested by fire, ..... and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you **greatly rejoice**

**with joy inexpressible and full of glory,**

obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

Fourth, we should know for sure that  
 Jesus said  
 we must go through distress and gladness simultaneously

Isaiah 53: 1-6

Who has believed our message?

He was despised and forsaken of men; A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
 And like one from whom men hide their face; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

**Surely our griefs He Himself bore; And our sorrows He carried;**

Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken; Smitten of God, and afflicted.

Luke 9:23

Jesus said

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me,

**he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.**

Matthew 5: 11-12

"Blessed are you when people **insult you and persecute you**, and falsely say all kinds of evil  
 against you because of Me.

**"Rejoice and be glad**, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the  
 prophets who were before you.

1 Peter 2:18-23

Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but  
 also to those who are unreasonable. For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a  
 person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

**For you have been called for this purpose**, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an  
 example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;  
 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept  
 entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

James 1:2-3

**Consider it all joy**, my brethren,

when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Romans 5: 3-5

..... **we also rejoice in our tribulations, knowing** that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because

**the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit**

**God Has Not Promised**

God has not promised skies always blue; Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;

God has not promised sun without rain; Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

**Refrain:**

**But God has promised strength for the day; Rest for the labor, light for the way,**

**Grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing kindness, undying love.**

God has not promised we shall not know; Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;

He has not told us we shall not bear; Many a burden, many a care.

God has not promised smooth roads and wide; Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;

Never a mountain rocky and steep; Never a river turbid and deep.

Fifth, we should know for sure that  
 before Jesus comes back to subdue the nations  
 horrible things will happen to the whole world  
**BUT**  
 those who are alert and prayerful will be saved

Luke 21: 10-36

Jesus said

Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven..... Then they will see **THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD** with power and great glory. But when these things begin to take place,

**straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**

Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap; for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth. But keep

**on the alert at all times,**

**praying that you may have strength to escape all these things**

that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Matthew 24: 10-22

And at that time many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will rise up and mislead many people. And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will become cold.

**But the one who endures to the end is the one who will be saved.**

**Moreover, pray that when you flee, it will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.**

For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will again. And if those days had not been cut short, no life would have been saved;

**but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.**

**It is well with my soul**

When peace like a ri-ver, attend-eth my way;  
 When sor-rows like sea billows roll;  
 Whate-ver my lot,  
 Thou hast taught me to know;  
 It is well, it is well, with my soul.

**Refrain**

**It is well, (it is well);  
 With my soul, (with my soul)  
 It is well, it is well, with my soul.**

Though Sa-tan should buf-fet though tri-als should come; Let this blest assu-rance control,  
 That Christ has regar-ded my help-less estate; And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo-ri-ous thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,  
 Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight; The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
 The trump shall re-sound, and the Lord shall descend; Even so, it is well with my soul.

Sixth, please know that  
 Jesus commanded us to accept help from one another  
 Just like accepting help from HIM

Matthew 18: 15-20

“If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, ..... If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. .... Again I say to you, **that if two of you agree on earth** about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For

**where two or three have gathered together** in My name, **I am there in their midst.**”

John 13: 1-35

Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that

**He would depart out of this world to the Father,**

having loved His own who were in the world,

**He loved them to the end.**

During supper, ..... Jesus, ..... got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” ..... Peter said to Him, “Never shall You wash my feet!” Jesus answered him,

**“If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”**

..... If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet,

**you also ought to wash one another’s feet.**

For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; ..... Where I am going, you cannot come.

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another,**

**even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.**

By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

... the Father of mercies and **God of all comfort**, who **comforts us** in all our sufferings

**so that we will be able to comfort those in sufferings with the comfort**

... For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance,

so also **our comfort** is abundant through Christ ...

which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer ...

as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of **our comfort**.

Job Chapter 42:7

After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite,

“My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because

**you have not spoken of Me what is right as My servant Job has...”**

1 Corinthians Chapter 12: 4-11

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit,**

**and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;**

**to another faith by the same Spirit,**

**and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,**

and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

Seventh, please know that  
 God may decide to let a physical or mental sickness  
 remain in the body of a Christian  
 and HE may direct us to seek medical attention

2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me **a thorn in the flesh**, (a messenger of Satan to torment me) —to keep me from exalting myself! Concerning this

**I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.**

And He has said to me,

**“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.”**

..... Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

1 Timothy 5: 23

**No longer drink water exclusively, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.**

Proverb 31:4-7

It is not for kings to drink wine,  
 Or for rulers to desire strong drink,  
 For they will drink and forget what is decreed,  
 And pervert the rights of all the afflicted.

**Give strong drink to him who is perishing,**

**And wine to him whose life is bitter.**

**Let him drink and forget his poverty**

**And remember his trouble no more.**