

June 28, 2019

Warm hellos to you dear brethren, and spiritual family here on the Coast of the Gulf of Mexico, and scattered children of God.

My wife and I pray and hope this finds you all doing well, and that again your week has been blessed!

I Hear Thunder

Just having finished cleaning up the yard from limbs and debris from last night's storm I was startled as I sat down to my computer to finish up some details prior to the upcoming Sabbath. Kaboom-Rumble-Clap-Crash!

Not an unfamiliar sound for this time of year with the summer storms common to lower Alabama...but it brought to mind something I want to share with you all this evening.

Society is learning the humans need and desire a great amount of compassion. I remember in my post graduate studies having to carefully study and research the concept of compassion when it came to counseling. Over the years I've listened to many who shared their stories where others lacked compassion in working with them. Sad actually.

I am reminded of the occasion when Christ and His disciples journeyed to Jerusalem. On their way, they planned to rest at a Samaritan village. The group sent messengers ahead to arrange accommodations, but the village refused to be cooperative. Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, but the Samaritans wanted nothing to do with the trip, because of their hatred for the Jews.

The disciples with Christ were torqued! These villagers refused Jesus! How dare they! (Luke 9:54) "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven and destroy them!?"

James and John, nicknamed the "sons of thunder" were enthusiastic for what they believed. They lacked however a very important ingredient: the compassion that comes from God's Holy Spirit. We often overlook this key ingredient of using God's Spirit in our daily lives. We're to be helpers of other's lives, not destroyers.

Sometimes, if not careful, it seems we all can be more inclined to be like the sons of thunder, than compassion, merciful, forgiving Christians.

Compassion and mercy in this world faces extinction. (Romans 1:29-31) We see a picture of the days we now live in. II Timothy 3:2-5 says in those last days people will refuse to love others or even forgive them by extension.

Last night in our Mount Carmel Fellowship weekly evening interactive Bible study, we talked about a faithful servant having mercy and being forgiving. Compassion fits right in with that focus.

Matthew 5:7 also reminds us that if we are merciful, we will obtain mercy. We all desire to have others be merciful to us don't we? Compassion similarly is an area we all desire others to have such with us as well.

The startling clapping of the thunder, reminded me of the importance of having compassion for our fellow human beings around us...being merciful and forgiving...

...as I close this letter, as I do every Friday evening...as we enter His Sabbath...reflect on this with me, will you?

And again, may God continue to richly bless you. Our prayers and thoughts are with you daily! Please do pray for us as well.

-*Scott and Gayle Hoefker* (Pastor and wife, The Living God Ministries Gulf Coast)

The schedule for this week's Sabbath is:

June 28th / Friday: Gifts for the Lord/ Praises/Gifts and Prayers to welcome God's Sabbath
7:00 pm (via Teleconference live connect)

June 29th / Saturday: Spirit and Truth Worship Services 10:15 am, with local services held in Montgomery and Spanish Fort. All others are welcomed and encouraged to connect live to Worship Services via our normal phone conference. **There will be a potluck noon meal after worship services in Spanish Fort.** There will also be combined fellowship of LGM/CGI in Montgomery @ 1:00 p.m.

June 29th / Saturday: Sabbath Fellowship Study (Interactive Bible Discussion) **4:00 pm** from Spanish Fort with Scott Hoefker (connect live with all others via telephone conference).

Upcoming dates for TLGM Gulf Coast:

July 5th / Friday: Gifts for the Lord/ Praises/Gifts and Prayers to welcome God's Sabbath 7:00 pm (via Teleconference live connect with Stephen Glover in Montgomery)

July 6th / Saturday: Spirit and Truth Worship Services 10:15 am, with local services held in Spanish Fort and Montgomery. (All are welcome and encouraged to connect live to Worship Services via our normal phone conference).

June 6th / Saturday: Sabbath Fellowship (interactive Bible Discussion) 4:00 pm *from* Spanish Fort with Scott Hoefker (connect live to all others via telephone conference).

* Please rsvp with my wife, Gayle if you plan on attending here in Spanish Fort on **June 29th** to facilitate planning.

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Our Daily Bread Recordings

Sunday through Saturday / Our Daily Bread [listen anytime 24/7 to a recorded 15 minute message] Call 1-712-770-4709 (note this call in number is different and ends in "9"), then when asked, enter code 112165# [reference code numbers are on "Spiritual Fellowship Opportunities" on this website <http://www.tlgministriesgc.org> or at "Resources/Archives" on <http://www.haggai114.net>]

Daily Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday – Friday / **Morning Sacrifice** (Prayers & Scripture Reading) at 6:00 a.m.
Sundays / **History & Background of the Gospels** (Interactive) at 6:30 p.m. [Scott & Friends]
Mondays / Africa Discipleship at 7:00 a.m. [Glovers & Moses]
Almond Branch Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. (Interactive) (Stephen & Friends)
Tuesdays / **Haggai Fellowship** (Interactive) at 6:30 p.m. (Interactive) [Stephen & Friends]
Wednesdays / Africa Discipleship at 7:00 a.m. [Glovers & Moses]
1st & 3rd Wednesday / **Sons of God Fellowship** (Young men training) at 6:30 p.m. [Stephen & Friends]
2nd & 4th Wednesday / **Lydian's Fellowship** (Ladies) at 6:30 p.m. [Esther/Gayle & Friends]
Thursdays / **Mt. Carmel Fellowship** (Interactive) at 6:30 p.m. [Hoefkers & Friends]

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