



The Atmosphere of the Disciple

Sermon

When you are full of the knowledge of God....there is liberty and those around you notice it and feel it. They might even be set free simply by coming into your atmosphere!

In order to be filled with the knowledge of God however, you have got to be disciplined!

Isaiah 50:4-6 (NASB95)

4 The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, **That I may know how to SUSTAIN** the weary one with a **WORD**. He awakens Me morning by morning, He **AWAKENS** My ear to listen as a disciple.

5 The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient Nor did I turn back.

6 I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.

SUSTAIN: To support something from below. The Hebrew has the sense of lying underneath to bring support.

WORD: Setting in a row; arranging in order.

AWAKENS: To dig or bore.

The purpose of discipleship is:

- To bring the student to the place where they know how to support others from a place of humility through the systematic use of the Word of God by the unction of the Holy Spirit.
- This can only be accomplished by removing all obstacles to hearing.
 - The obstacles to hearing are strongholds of the heart.
 - Strongholds of the heart are your beliefs that are not based in truth.
 - Once the ear is opened by the removal of strongholds of the heart, then the student is:
 - Able to be filled with the knowledge of God and this will:



- Empower you to be obedient to your calling.
- Empower you to press on without turning back.
- Empower you to set others free simply by coming into your presence. (because you are walking in the liberty of the truth).

There is an atmosphere that follows the disciple!

Luke 24:32 (NASB95) *They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”*

The culmination of the obedience of Jesus in discipleship and ministry created an atmosphere that could be felt by those that came into contact with Him.

This is not just because He is God.

Jesus first demonstrated discipleship then ministry.

His experience can become our experience.

Isaiah 8:16-22 (NASB95)

16 *Bind up the testimony, seal the law (doctrine) among my disciples.*

Bind-to be straightened or narrowed

Seal-to set a seal upon

Prophetically, God wants His disciples to straighten doctrine and seal it. It is to be unchangeable. The simplicity of truth will always lend it self to this very process.

17 *And I will wait for the Lord who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob; I will even look eagerly for Him.*

18 *Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are **for signs and wonders** in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.*



Mentor-Disciples—Father-Children
Disciples are for signs and wonders.

19 *When they say to you, “Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter,” should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?*

In these last days there will be a temptation for weak willed un-discipled people to consult mediums and spiritists.

20 *To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because **they have no dawn.***

Dawn—breakout into light

They have no breakthrough without having the word of God.

If the disciple does not speak according to the word, there is no sustaining the weary.

21 *They will pass through the land hard-pressed and famished, and it will turn out that when they are hungry, they will be enraged and curse their king and their God as they face upward.*

22 *Then they will look to the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and they will be driven away into darkness.*

They will have no light! Those who have rejected the teachings or doctrines of God have no light.

Even though someone may be a believer, if they do not submit to the process of being disciplined, they will walk in darkness.

Hosea 4:6 (NASB95)

6 ***My people*** *are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the*



law of your God, I also will forget your children.

MY PEOPLE!

PRIEST—(ka-heen) The root of which means to be prophetic. It means “to predict”

Forget your children—This is not vindictive but indicative of the result.

The disciple carries the atmosphere of light!

Philippians 2:14-16 (NASB95)

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

*15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, **among whom you appear as lights in the world,***

16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NASB95)

*14 **“You are the light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;*

15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NASB95)

*18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory,** just as from the Lord, the Spirit.*

You, as a believer, and as a disciple, are going through a process whereby you are being filled as a container is filled with water.

You start out empty.

The ultimate goal is to be filled up to a certain measure.



Ephesians 4:11-13 (NASB95)

11 *And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,*

12 *for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;*

13 *until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.*

The knowledge of God even has an odor on you.

2 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NASB95)

14 *But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.*

15 *For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;*

16 *to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?*

Your atmosphere is perceived differently by the believer and the unbeliever.

To the unbeliever you smell like death; you remind them of their ultimate destination; you remind them of their pending judgment; you remind them of hell.

To the believer you smell like life; you remind them of their ultimate destination; you remind them of being found not guilty because of the blood of the Savior; you remind them of heaven.

I just revealed to you why you might be getting strange reactions when you come around certain people.



Discipleship produces an anointing.

When Jesus reached the age of thirty, He was finished with being discipled and it was time for Him to enter into His ministry. His baptism in the Jordan marked this transition from Disciple to Teacher. Note the event in light of this.

Luke 3:21-23 (NASB95)

21 Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened,

22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

23 When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, the son of Eli,

Luke 4:1-2 (NASB95)

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness

2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry.

Luke 4:14-21 (NASB95)

14 And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

15 And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.

16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.

17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,

19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your



hearing.”

The anointing did not show up in the life of Jesus until He finished the discipleship process.

Anointing is the seal, favor, and power of God to accomplish destiny. Note that Jesus was anointed to do something.

Now I want to fast forward to the end of Jesus ministry on earth and see the end of His disciples’ training to see if they too received an anointing.

John 20:21-22 (NASB95)

21 So Jesus said to them again, *“Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”*

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, *“Receive the Holy Spirit.”*

The pattern is established. There is an anointing to accomplish God’s purpose which is your destiny once you have completed the discipleship process.

The anointing is part of your atmosphere. As a disciple you are going from glory to glory as you are being filled with the knowledge of God.

Once this process is completed, you receive an anointing to complete the job.

The word for *“anointed”* in the Hebrew means *“to stroke”* or *“Draw the hand across”* *“To spread over with anything, especially to lay colors on”*

The Holy Spirit descended like a dove, He spread over Him as a garment of authority would be placed upon a person given authority.

Now consider the following:

Isaiah 10:27 (NASB95)

27 So it will be in that day, that his burden will be removed from your shoulders and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be broken because of fatness. (oil or



anointing)

Anyone that is anointed must also be on assignment.

Because you are on an assignment from God, any yoke of bondage that comes into the atmosphere of that anointing has to be broken. You as the anointed vessel may not even be aware of a person being set free.

LETTER

I REALLY WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU GUYS AND HOW MUCH I AM GOING TO MISS YOU. THE OTHER NIGHT WHEN WE ALL GOT TOGETHER , WE REALLY ENJOYED THAT . WE DON'T GET TO GET OUT MUCH. WE KNOW EVERYBODY GETS BUSY SOMETIMES IN LIFE , BUT IT WOULD BE NICE TO GET TOGETHER ON THE WEEKEND SOMETIMES . ON SATURDAY , (MY HUSBAND) REALLY OPENED UP WITH ME WITH A BUNCH OF STUFF . YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ALL OF US . I HAD NO IDEA HOW MUCH MIKE NEEDS YOU RIGHT NOW . SINCE (HIS BROTHER WAS MURDERED) (MY HUSBAND) HAS BEEN GONE THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN THE SAME . BUT SINCE YOU CAME DOWN HERE FOR A VISIT , THAT MEANT SO MUCH TO US , ESPECIALLY (MY HUSBAND). YOU REALLY OPENED (HIS) EYES . YOU HELP HIM IN SO MANY WAYS THAT I CAN NOT EXPLAIN IT . HE SAID THE ONLY PERSON HE NEEDS IN HIS LIFE RIGHT NOW , TO HELP HIM AND HIS FAMILY UNDERSTAND ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO (HIS BROTHER), IS YOU. BECAUSE HE FELT ALL THE STRESS THAT WAS BUILT UP INSIDE HIM GO AWAY WHEN WE ALL GOT TOGETHER ON FRIDAY . THAN THE NEXT DAY , ALL THE STRESS CAME BACK . I HOPE I EXPLAINED ALL THIS RIGHT TO YOU . WE HOPE YOU HAD A SAFE TRIP AND MADE IT ALRIGHT UP THERE . WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU !!!! LOVE ,

What happened? The anointing broke the yoke of bondage. You have the potential to carry an anointing that will affect those who come into your presence when you take up your calling, enter into discipleship, and answer the call when you are sent out!

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NASB95)

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.



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