

EXPERIENCING HIS ABUNDANTNESS

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Scriptures:

Contaxt: Lev. 26:3-13

Specifics:

Leviticus 26:10; John 10:10

And old stores long kept will be your food, and you will *take out* the old because of the new; (Leviticus 26:10 BBE)

And ye shall eat that which is old and very old, and *bring forth* the old *to make way* for the new. (Leviticus 26:10 LXXE)

And you shall eat the *[abundant]* old store of produce long kept, and *clear out* the old *[to make room]* for the new. (The Amplified Bible)

你們當吃那豐盛，屯積已久的陳糧，然後出清陳糧，為新糧挪出空間。

John 10:10 I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. (John 10:10ASV)
I came that they may *have* and *enjoy* life, and have it *in abundance* (*to the full till it overflows*) (The Amplified Bible)

我來，使他們能得著且享有生命，並且擁有那能滿溢出來的豐盛。

I. You shall eat the **abundant** old store of produce long kept.

a. Can you say in the past year (or years) God has provided for you abundantly? I mean physically.
-- **Spiritually you should**. He is in you, He is working day and night non-stop, why shouldn't you?

Why are you here week after week? Some church preach healing, faith, deliverance, ... Christ is not divided, and our focus is always to be on His fullness.

-- I'm talking about the physical abundant provision. Are you not making it this morning to the church? I hear **BUT????????????**

#Yes, you have some debts to deal with. But, I thought messages have deliver to you that you need to put things in order. So, do it and keep believeing.

#Yes, you have some payment that is chasing after you. Okay, you also got the message what you need to do to make progress and pray for His grace to carry you through.

Compare with yourselves, not others. Are you agreed with me now, that He has provided for you abundantly?

b. When it says in the word, you shall eat the abundant old store of produce long kept.

-- He is saying that **He has provided abundantly**, eat them.

-- you are able to eat the old, because **you have left-overs** from yesterday.

-- you can only eat the old when you **see** He has provided.

-- you can only eat the old if **you have stored** when He provided.

-- you shall eat the old **freely** and **joyfully**. For you are His children, He provides, you partake.

Jesus said even if you dont believe me, just by the things I do, you shall believe. Do you believe He provides? then claim it until you experience the overflow of it.

II. AND clear out the old, **make room** for the new.

Wait! Wait! Wait! I cannot catch up. Some of you say. I can barely eat the old, now you want me to get rid of the old.

You know what? eating the old is good, but it is not enough God says. I have more for you, He said.

-- I am not talking about how you feel. I am talking about His Word, His promise, Words that come from the creator of the Universe, Words that come from your Father in Heaven. Words come from the One who has, who is, the all powerful One.

Where does your faith rooted on? (without root it will not grow, but die, like the Christmas tree in your house.) On the Word, on His promise, on Him. Not on your feeling, not on your failure, not on your experience in the pass.

Here in the Word, it says, **clear out** the old.

There are some signs that expose our problems in the flesh if we have problem getting rid of the old:

-- holding the old, expose a **heart of poverty**. thinking that holding the old is **the only way to own** anything.

First of All, **we do not own** anything.

Secondly, holding means **hopeless**; disbelieve that your God will provide and that He is ready to give, He is delightful to give and give abundantly

Third, He gives **out of His will and His Grace**, not because of our deeds.

So, yes, put your life in order, walk in His order.

However, give or not, we do not use it as our credit. In other words, keep **NO credit** on whatever you do and not do.

Faith =\ I do it right, I deserve it.

Faith = believe in Him. who He is and how we relate to Him.

-- Therefore, holding the old means, this is the only way I can have. This is how God ultimately provide for me. I shall be content in here, I shall camp here and manage what is in here, this all that God can do for me.

--> **result of not able to clear out the old** can be:

- i) you have what you believe you have.
- ii) fear of giving away and giving up.
- iii) relationship with your God is incomplete, unhealthy, limited...
- iv) circle around problem of need and not able to come out.
- v) blind to see God s abundantness.
- vi) not able to flow out and help others or become catylist of the Kingdom
(remember the parable: sell all you have to obtain the treasure of the Kingdom.)

Quote of Dave Force: The world is greatly in need, but the house of the Lord is empty so it cannot help.

-- Now, **clear out the old means**:

- i) **giving up, giving away.**
- ii) **breaking off** bondages, cut off that which belongs to the past, freedom to believe, freedom to bless others.
- iii) storage **for the purpose of distribute** instead of feeling of security.

III. and clear out the old and **make room** for the new.

Make room for the new means:

-- **Faith for expansion.** Isa. 54:2 says

Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations; spare not: lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.

-- you will not make room unless you are **hungry for more**.

ex. First Class experience on the plane: ate too much on the appetizer, no room for the main course.

--> to be hungry for God, you have to **change your life style** - not fill up by hundreds of small things and close by things (near sighted) but to have a scope of the Kingdom in His heart. Plug yourselves in His sight.

-- to make room, you need to **overcome fear/ the security on the things at your own hand** instead of His Hand.

--> increase your **spiritual appetite**.

-- you can only do it according to your faith. God will do the measure.

But I say to every one of you, through the grace given to me, not to have an over-high opinion of himself, but to have wise thoughts, **as God has given to every one a measure of faith.** (Rom. 12:3)

Ephesians 4:7 But to every one of us has grace been **given in the measure of the giving of Christ.**

IV. Receive the pouring of the new.

Purpose of Clear Out, and Make Room is to receive the pouring of the new.

-- Receive **according to the measure of your faith.**

-- are you **Receiving or earning?** in other words, do you have hard time to receive? It is a serious question. It reflects your relationship with your Heavenly Father.

-- **Receiving by faith = breaking the curse** (remember the curse in Genesis 3:17: **the earth is cursed on your account; in pain you will get your food from it all your life.**)

--> it come with the salvation brought from the Son of God-- restoration of relationship, order, ways outside of the cursed nature...

--> as far as you are in the Son, you have a restored life which lasts to eternity, and every **fullness in Him is in you.** (read Eph. chapter 1)

-- How does it work? It is pure Grace from Him and received by faith from us.

-- Receive = ownership but = take in, becoming steward in the Kingdom.

you freely receive and freely give.

Matthew 10:8 freely it has been given to you, **freely give**

So, ask yourself, where am I today? eating the old? clear out the old? making room for the

new? or receiving the pouring of the new?

It is up to you. and at some point you need to make decision.