Class Three – His Realm verses Ours... Whose will win?



***Matthew 8: 23 Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples. 24 Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

<u>26</u>Jesus responded, "Why are you afraid? You have so <u>little faith!</u>" Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm.

27The disciples were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Even the winds and waves obey him!"

- Division of realms --- Disciples freaking, Jesus sleeping.
 - Disciples on the surface in the waves, Jesus in the depths at peace

Realm of Faith --- Disciples put their faith in what they saw, felt, tasted, touched in THEIR REALM, the earth and their senses. Jesus spoke of faith in union with Him in His realm.

• KIND of man Jesus is. Jesus is not a SOUL man of the senses. He is from above and lives in the Father. He dwells in Spirit and Life, not soul and flesh.

***Mark 4:35 And the same day, when the evening was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. 36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. 37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And <u>he arose</u>, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 And he said unto them, <u>Why are ye so fearful</u>? how is it that ye have <u>no faith</u>? 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

- "Let us pass over unto the other side": Jesus' intention was to bring them from their place to where He was going. Jesus desires to carry us out from our realm of the senses and into His realm of oneness above in the Spirit (in Christ).
- "carest thou not that we perish?": Because the disciples measured Jesus' heart and intentions by His sense realm demeanor, the accused Him of not caring and became offended with Him. They demanded a proof of His love by pressing Him to move in their sense realm in a certain way.
- "he arose": The accusations and pressure of the disciples caused Jesus to move in a way contrary to His true nature and purpose. Resurrection is meant to come from a release of selfless giving unto death through the nature of God. This rising came from disciples who knew nothing of His true nature and way and demanded a show in their realm.
- "why are you so fearful": Jesus is confused with how his own could be so deeply entrenched in a realm that He is not apart of.
- "how is it you have no faith": Jesus did not say that His disciples had "little faith" here... but no faith. Jesus is bewildered as to HOW those who have been so close to him could be so utterly removed from Him in His true being and realm.

***Matthew 8:23 Then He got into the boat and His disciples followed Him. ²⁴ Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. <u>But Jesus was sleeping</u>. ²⁵ The disciples went and woke Him, saying, "Lord, save us, we're going to drown!"

- "But Jesus was sleeping"
 - --- Lord help us to discern the difference between our soul and our spirit. Our soul may be panicking with fear based on outward trials, but deep within our spirit Christ is at rest, in oneness with the Father, and He is our true life.
- "The Disciples woke Him"
 - Lord, we are sorry for demanding that you leave your realm to come into ours. May our hearts turn from the earth and our souls to take our place in you and find rest and peace.

We only fall into temptation when we fall down from our place in Him above into the earth and the realm of our senses.

²⁶ He replied, "You of little faith! Why are you so afraid?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

²⁷ The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey Him!

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Which realm was shaken? Which realm is unshakable and why?
- 2. Describe the differences between the two realms.
- 3. The sense realm demands the spirit realm should change to it and fix it... which realm should be Lord over the other?
- 4. How do we "change realms"?
- 5. Where does fear and unbelief come from?
- 6. Will we become offended with the Lord if we insist on dwelling in the sense realm? Could we misunderstand His heart if we do this?
- 7. Can we enter into HIS REST when we insist on living in OUR REALM?
- 8. Jesus was a man who lived in the Spirit Realm and not the Sense Realm. What kind of humanity are we now that we are born again? Which realm should we be living in?