

GOD'S BEEHIVE OF DIVINE SWEETNESS

TEXT:

Judges 14:8-9:

⁸ And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion.

⁹ And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion.

As we learn from our Text, to find a beehive in the carcass of a lion is somewhat of a miracle. God is teaching us something here: if we are going to be sweet, we have to be dead to self which is like a roaring lion, seeking it's own way. It is thru self that satan seeks to destroy the believer.



God wants us to be sweet in our souls — as sweet as honey! God has a beehive, but where is this Heavenly beehive?



The queen bee is like the Spirit of God. When He is there, the bees come bringing blessing.

If you fight Bible bees off, you will be stung. If you go from this meeting “*all swelled up*”, I will know that you took a pass at God’s bees, and you got the worst end of it.

It was death to the enemy of Samson by the power of the Spirit Who brought about this source of unending sweetness. *We enjoy partaking of the sweetness of others*, but it has never crossed our minds to get to that place where we die to self and find there our own place of blessing.

We fight foes which are wretched and vile. We win only by the power of the Spirit. You cannot glide to Heaven without a battle, for the same devil who attacked Jesus will not leave you alone.

After God wins the battle for you, then you become God’s personal property in a new dimension. It is bad to fight the bees of the Bible, my brothers and sisters, for you will get such painful stings that you will have to get in or get out. The bees are buzzing around your head even now.

THE WORD OF GOD GIVES EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS OF WHAT WE **ARE** TO BE AND WHAT WE ARE **NOT** TO BE .

WHAT WE **ARE** TO BE:

1. BE YE THEREFORE PERFECT

Matthew 5:48: Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father Who is in Heaven is perfect.

2. BE WISE

Matthew 10:16: Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.



3. BE YE READY

Matthew 24:44: Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.

4. BE YE CLEAN

Mark 1:41: And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth His Hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, "I will; be thou clean."

5. BE OF GOOD CHEER

Mark 6:50: For they all saw Him, and were troubled. And immediately He talked with them, and saith unto them, "Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid."

6. BE CONTENT WITH YOUR WAGES

Luke 3:14: And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, "And what shall we do?" And he said unto them, "Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages."



7. BE WITNESSES UNTO ME

Acts 1:8: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

8. BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 9:17: *And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, Who appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.*



Acts 11:16: *Then remembered I the Word of the Lord, how that He said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.*

9. BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF GOD'S SON

Romans 8:29: *For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren.*

10. BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND

Romans 12:2: *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, Will of God.*

11. BE OF THE SAME MIND

Romans 12:16: *Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*

12. BE HOLY

1 Corinthians 7:34: *There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she Who is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.*

13. BE STEADFAST

1 Corinthians 15:58: *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

14. BE ABLE TO COMFORT THEM WHO ARE IN ANY TROUBLE

2 Corinthians 1:4: Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

15. BE OBEDIENT

2 Corinthians 2:9: For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

16. BE LED BY THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:18: But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the Law.

17. BE YE KIND ONE TO ANOTHER

Ephesians 4:32: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

18. BE ABLE TO STAND AGAINST THE WILES OF THE DEVIL

Ephesians 6:11: Put on the whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.



19. BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND IN THE EVIL DAY

Ephesians 6:13: Wherefore take unto you the whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

20. BE ABLE TO QUENCH ALL THE FIERY DARTS OF THE WICKED

Ephesians 6:16: Above all, taking the Shield of Faith, wherewith ye shall able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

21. BE BLAMELESS

Philippians 2:15a: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke,

22. BE YE THANKFUL

Colossians 3:15: And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

23. BE THOU AN EXAMPLE TO THE BELIEVERS

1 Timothy 4:12: Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

24. BE IN BEHAVIOR AS BECOMETH HOLINESS

1 Peter 2:5: Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

25. BE DOERS OF THE WORD NOT HEARERS ONLY

James 1:22: But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.



26. BE PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

2 Peter 1:4: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious Promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

WHAT WE ARE TO BE NOT:

1. BE NOT LIKE HYPOCRITES

Matthew 6:16: Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

2. BE NOT AFRAID, ONLY BELIEVE

Mark 5:36: As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

3. BE NOT WEAK IN FAITH

Romans 4:19: And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

4. BE NOT HIGH MINDED

Romans 11:20: Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high minded, but fear:

5. BE NOT WISE IN YOUR OWN CONCEITS

Romans 12:16: Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

6. BE NOT OVERCOME OF EVIL

Romans 12:21: Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 Corinthians 6:9: Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

7. BE NOT ENTANGLED AGAIN

Galatians 5:1: Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

8. BE NOT DECEIVED

Galatians 6:7: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

9. BE NOT PARTAKERS WITH THEM

Ephesians 5:7: Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

10. BE NOT UNWISE

Ephesians 5:17: Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the Will of the Lord is.

11. BE NOT DRUNK

Ephesians 5:18: And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;



12. BE NOT BITTER

Colossians 3:19: Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

13. BE NOT WEARY

2 Thessalonians 3:13: But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

14. BE NOT ASHAMED

2 Timothy 1:8: Be not thou therefore ashamed of the Testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel according to the Power of God;

15. BE NOT UNFRUITFUL

Titus 3:14: And let our's also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

16. BE NOT SLOTHFUL

Hebrew 6:12: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the Promises.



17. BE NOT FORGETFUL

Hebrew 13:2: Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

18. BE NOT CARRIED ABOUT with strange Doctrines

Hebrew 13:9: Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

19. BE NOT MANY MASTERS

James 3:1: My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

20. BE NOT IGNORANT

2 Peter 3:8: But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

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