

What did Jesus Speak On?

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One major fact that I have noticed in God's Word is that Jesus spoke on prayer and love more than **SIN**. Why because He knew that if we as his disciples would avail ourselves to **PRAYER**, love would automatically follow, and our fleshly nature would become smaller and smaller. Our wanting to have our own ways would begin to shrink as we spend **quality** time in prayer. Our ability to work well with others would become second nature. Even to our own self-will.

As I was sitting here at my office at Camp Perry, I began to pray and seek the face of God about some events that seem to pop up every now and then. As I sought divine answers, He spoke these words to me very plainly: "There is a 'Spirit of Jezebel' that wants to take over. That 'Jezebel' is not as noticeable as we were taught that it was. We were taught that it only operated in the female and that you see it by the way she looked and carried herself. But that's not the case at all. That 'Spirit of Jezebel' is shown through the acts of being disagreeable, murmurings, discontentment, strife, having my way or no way, anger, etc. Now all of the above traits are the working of the "**Fruits of Flesh**."

You that are a part of Rivers of Living Water have heard me speak these words many, many times: "A mouse doesn't need a large hole to come into a house – just a small crack that to us may be insignificant, but to him or her is as large as our door." If we neglect to take the **time to seal** up that crack, in a matter of days not only will that one mouse take residence inside our dwelling place, but so will other mice!

Spending **quality** time in prayer will expose all the areas in our lives that do not bring honor to God the Father. The great prayer that King David prayed simply said . . . "Search ME, O God, and **KNOW ME**." And we all know that if we allow the Holy Spirit to search us, He will reveal those strongholds that may have appeared to me. "That's just the way I am" will disgust us so until we will gladly say "Take it far from me, Lord."

The days are growing more and more wicked. We have a great job set before us, and that job begins within us so that we can appear as the children of **LIGHT**.

Rivers, let us seek in prayer, the mind and very heart of God. Let us do as the Word **COMMANDS**, to not seek our own way, but put ourselves last. Let us work **TOGETHER** knowing that these are the "Last and Evil Days."

Lastly, I personally want to that **ALL** of those who worked so tirelessly with Superintendent Evangelist Betty Jones during our Vacation Bible School. It really does take a Village of Workers to raise up this next generation. Those young people are in such a need of guidance and **all** of them need to SEE and HEAR **unity** in the **Body of Christ**.

Once we place our hands on the gospel plow (and that denotes work) and we allow our old fleshly nature to rear its head, the Word tells us that we will not be worthy to advance forward in God's Kingdom.

Love to all, and as the Apostle John penned those centuries ago and his words yet resonate today in August 2014, "**My Beloved, let us love one another**." Remember that there has been set aside a time of Intercessory Prayer: Wednesdays,

Saturday evenings, and, of course, Sunday mornings.