

MINGLED WITH THE MESSIAH

TEXT: (Hebrews 3:14, TPT)

¹⁴ For we are mingled with the Messiah, if we will continue unshaken in this confident assurance from the beginning until the end.

INTRODUCTION

1. “For we have become participants in Christ if we hold firmly until the end the reality that we had at the start” (Hebrews 3:14, CSB).
2. “For we have become companions of the Messiah if we hold firmly until the end the reality that we had at the start” (Hebrews 3:14, HCSB).
3. “After all, we will remain Christ’s partners only if we continue to hold on to our original confidence until the end” (Hebrews 3:14, GW).
4. “Move your heart closer and closer to God, and he will come even closer to you. But make sure you cleanse your life, you sinners, and keep your heart pure and stop doubting” (James 4:8, TPT).

I. BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WITH THE MESSIAH

1. “I am Ezekiel the son of Buzi, a priest. I was living among the Jewish exiles in Babylon by the River Chebar. One day when I was thirty, the heavens opened before my eyes, and I saw visions of God! It happened on the fifth day of the fourth month during the fifth year of King Jehoiachin’s exile. It was then that the word of Yahweh was *powerfully* revealed to me, and I felt the *mighty* hand of Yahweh come upon me!
As I looked *into the spirit realm*, I saw a fierce whirlwind and a massive cloud coming *toward me* from the north. Within the approaching cloud I saw raging flames of fire—flames enfolding themselves in flames! And outlining the *glory cloud* was a radiant light. And in the center of the flashing fire, I saw a substance of *blinding* brilliance with the appearance of electrum” (Ezekiel 1:1-4, TPT).
2. “Then the LORD said, ‘Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?’” (Genesis 18:17, NIV).
3. “Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” (Genesis 18:25, NIV).
4. “‘I have seen these people,’ the LORD said to Moses, ‘and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation’” (Exodus 32:9-10, NIV).
5. “But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. ‘LORD,’ he said, ‘why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’”? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people” (Exodus 32:11-12, NIV).

A. That Place Changes Your View of God

1. “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty” (Isaiah 6:3, NIV).
2. “The whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:3, NIV).

3. "Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.' At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke" (Isaiah 6:2-4, NIV).

B. These Meetings Give Perspective

1. "'Don't be afraid,' the prophet answered. 'Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.'
And Elisha prayed, 'O LORD, open his eyes so he may see.' Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha" (II Kings 6:15-17, NIV).

C. A Place of Being a Part of God's Decision Making

1. "You have made known to me the path of life" (Psalm 16:11, NIV).

II. REQUIRES SUBMISSION TO GOD

A. Mary and Joseph Submitted to the LORD

1. "Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.
But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.' ...
When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus" (Matthew 1:19-21, 24-25, NIV).
2. "'You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.'
'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?'
The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.'
...
'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled'" (Luke 1:31-35, 38, NIV).

B. Consider Others God Used

1. "By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family" (Hebrews 11:7, NIV).
2. "By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Hebrews 11:8-10, NIV).

3. "By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward" (Hebrews 11:24-27, NIV).
4. "The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend" (Exodus 33:11, NIV).

C. God Wants to Use Your Life

1. "I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May it be to me as you have said'" (Luke 1:38, NIV).

CONCLUSION:

1. "When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened" (Jonah 3:10, NIV).