

III. b. Havilah: Repent of Un-Nakedness

I would like to tell more of what the Lord showed me, regarding the 2 dogs on the porch. It is how we approach these dogs (the Holy Spirit) that determines when we enter The House of the Lord. It depends on if we are approaching the house to give, or to receive. If we come to receive, we go to the little dog. We stay on the porch and we receive warm fuzzies from the cute little puppy. We then go away feeling better about life, but return to the world with little change.

However, when we approach the big dog, we come to give. As we approach the porch, we ask the Lord, “What is holding me back from entering your house?” “What must I lay at your feet to be closer to you?” He told me, “**Repent of Un-Nakedness.**” After digging in the Strong’s Concordance to fully understand the meaning of this, the Lord began to open my eyes. *Un-Nakedness* meant anything we were wrapping ourselves in that keeps us from entering Eden, “The House of Pleasure.” After Adam and Eve had sinned, they covered themselves because they saw that they were naked and were ashamed. They were ashamed because they were in sin. The Lord tells us to repent of our sin.

Sin in the Strong’s means *offense, sin* and comes from a word meaning *to miss the mark (and so not share in the prize)*. “**I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus**” (Philippians 3:14 KJV). Mark (Skopos, in Greek) means *to peer about, “skeptical” through the idea of concealment, a goal; mark*. The Strong’s tells us of another word that is comparable to, but the opposite of mark (*Keposna*). It means *a covering* and is like a word meaning *through the idea of noticeableness; a covering*.

Sin is a covering. We need to “**press toward the mark**” so that Christ can remove the covering and free us from sin. “**Let us therefore; as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you**” (Philippians 3:15 KJV). We are not perfect when we are covering ourselves with sin. **Repent of Un-Nakedness.** Approach the big dog and let Him reveal your covering. Let Him show you what is holding you back from perfection in Christ.

Once He showed me this, I started approaching the Throne of God asking, “What’s holding me back?” Instead of approaching the little dog when I still wanted to live my life in the flesh, I started approaching the big dog wanting to die to flesh, so I could live in the Spirit. Instead of going to the Lord to receive, I went to the Lord to give up more.

When I started approaching Him in this manner, He started to reveal to me what had been my covering. I had wrapped myself with worry, bitterness, selfishness, and unfaithfulness. He revealed to me that I had been worrying about how I was to provide for my family. I had bitterness towards the people that had hurt me in the past. I wanted to do things out of my own will instead of the will of the Lord, and I didn’t have faith in the Lord, knowing that He could provide me with everything I needed. The next time you go to the House of God ask yourself, “In what manner am I going to the Lord? Am I going to receive the warm fuzzies and get filled for the day, then live my life the way I have been?” Or, am I approaching the Lord so He can reveal to me how I must die to myself? What in your life must you give up so you can enter into the House of The Living God?

The Lord gave me the analogy of the dogs, because it stressed the pain of dying to your self. It would not be fun to walk up to a dog and let him tear you to pieces. It would be extremely painful, and you would likely be resisting and trying to fight for your life. We have the Spirit living inside us from God, and this Spirit wants to know God. However, we also have the flesh wrapped around us, that comes from the sin we were born into. The sin living inside our flesh does not want to die, and the flesh is going to put up a fight. **“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul” (1 Peter 2:11).** We have to be willing to die to this world daily. **“And he said unto them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and come follow me” (Luke 9:23).** We have to kill our flesh daily. **“I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily” (1 Corinthians 15:31).** It is much better to die to our flesh, so we can live in the Spirit. **“For to me to live is Christ, but to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21).** The more flesh we kill off on this earth, the more our Spirit grows and we can spend more time with Jesus in heaven. **“For I am in a strait between two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you” (Philippians 1:22-23).**

If we approach the ferocious dog which cannot stand the flesh, and we stay until he kills the flesh, it would be over quickly and we could enter into the House. However, the flesh does not like being killed, and it runs back into the world to seek relief. When the Spirit starts taking pieces of our flesh, Satan is going to do everything he can to draw us back into the world. If we let the big dog take a piece of our flesh, then run back into the world, the dead piece of flesh would eventually heal and we would be right back where we started, living fully in the flesh.

However, if He took a piece of our flesh and we kept seeking Him, the flesh would not grow back, and the Holy Spirit could eventually finish the job. The more time we spend in the Spirit, the more of the flesh He will kill, until He has ripped apart everything that was holding us back from entering His house. Inside His house is heaven, and that is where He would like to take us all. For it is then that we have died to our childish ways and have walked on to maturity in Christ. **“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: But when I became a man, I put away childish things” (1 Corinthians 13:11).**