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“The Release”

Jacob (Part 19)

**“What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?”
(Psalm 116:12)**

Give to Live

Genesis 43:1-5, 8-14 – (1) “Now the famine was severe in the land. (2) And when they had eaten the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, ‘Go again, buy us a little food.’ (3) But Judah said to him, ‘The man solemnly warned us, saying, ‘You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.’ (4) If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food. (5) But if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, ‘You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.’ (8) And Judah said to Israel his father, ‘Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. (9) I will be a pledge of his safety. From my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. (10) If we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice.’ (11) Then their father Israel said to them, ‘If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry a present down to the man, a little balm and a little honey, gum, myrrh, pistachio nuts, and almonds. (12) Take double the money with you. Carry back with you the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it was an oversight. (13) Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man. (14) May God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, and may he send back your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.’”

Counting the Cost

Luke 9:23-26 – (23) “And he said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (24) For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. (25) For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? (26) For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”

Luke 18:18-30 – (18) “And a ruler asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ (19) And Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one

is good except God alone. (20) You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’ (21) And he said, ‘All these I have kept from my youth.’ (22) When Jesus heard this, he said to him, ‘One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.’ (23) But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. (24) Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! (25) For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.’ (26) Those who heard it said, ‘Then who can be saved?’ (27) But he said, ‘What is impossible with man is possible with God.’ (28) And Peter said, ‘See, we have left our homes and followed you.’ (29) And he said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, (30) who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”

Last Days Release

Luke 17:26-33 – (26) “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. (27) They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. (28) Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, (29) but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—(30) so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. (31) On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. (32) Remember Lot’s wife. (33) Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.”

James 5:3 – “Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.”

What am I holding onto that God wants me to release?

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