WHAT THE GENUINE MUST BE AWARE OF AS FATHER CHASTISES

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"When Your judgments are executed, people learn righteousness" **(Isaiah 26:9).**

Our Lord Defines The Genuine As 'Granulated'

"You are the salt of the earth"

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

In this Nugget and several to follow, we'll discuss the vast differences between the 'granulated salt' characteristics of the ***genuinely*** **born again** versus the 'salt block' aspects of **nominal Christians**. The *genuine* are 'granulated' in their full availability to be used by the indwelling Holy Spirit at any place at any time. Doesn't this love-grounded willing obedience summarize our Lord's commands in Scripture for the *genuine?* On the other hand, the 'salt block' depicts the stagnant sluggishness that's been contrived by anti-Semitic theology in nominal Christianity. Only one of these is salt that is <u>attuned to the Spirit</u> and <u>can be poured out</u>!

(For background, please read our previous discussion on *granulated salt* versus *salt block*: **<u>1-17-2017 Prophetic Insight: "You are the salt of the earth…"</u>**).

For centuries nominal Christians have labeled themselves by whatever denomination, sect and/or creedal position they adhere to. But these positional religious stances represent stagnant belief systems which allow no questioning or deviation on the part of their members. That's passive spectatorship, not trust in action! In contrast, the *genuinely* born again actively enact our Lord's commands as their way of life out of grateful love for Him. And as the *genuine* put His commands into practice as the indwelling Spirit directs and empowers them, they find they're being *granulated* into the loving character qualities of their Lord Jesus:

"We all, with face having been unveiled, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, <u>are being transformed into the same image</u> **[Jesus Himself]** *from one degree of glory to another, even as by the <u>Lord Who is the Spirit</u>"* (2Corinthians 3:18).

In Matthew 5:13 our Lord Jesus defines His own in this way: *"You are the <u>salt of the earth</u>."* Using another example of imagery which affects other people, He then commands them and us, *"Thus let <u>your light shine</u> before others, so that they may <u>see your good works</u> and may <u>glorify your Father</u> who is in heaven"* (see Matthew 5:13-16). His figurative use of salt as well as light is how our Lord is commanding His own to grow in His noble character qualities and to live bringing glory to His Father. This is the way in which our Lord lived, and He demands no less in the lives of the *genuine* who are His by grace. This is entirely possible when you live 'granulated'! Keep in mind that our Lord's earliest followers lived as obedient 'granules' permeating the society around them (see Acts 8:5). And we today who are His *genuine* are commanded as well to disciple others into obedient trust:

"<u>Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you</u>. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Our Lord Jesus requires you if you're *genuine* to make known His righteous commands to the people around you through role modeling and discussion. <u>No one is exempt from this call!</u>

Only by living as a granule yourself so His Spirit can guide and empower you can you <u>mutually</u> fulfill our Father's purposes. <u>Collectively</u> the Spirit wonderfully combines various granules through the spiritual gifts He has apportioned. Each granule has a specific part to play. Other identifiers too reveal the indwelling Holy Spirit ministering to others through you who are granulated:

"And these signs will accompany <u>those who trust</u>: in My Name †they will cast out demons; †they will speak in new tongues; †they will pick up serpents with their hands; and †if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; †they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover" (Mark 16:17,18). Take this to heart as "*THE word of the Lord"* to the *genuine*. We as a couple have trusted what our Lord has said and have found His promises to be absolutely true!

"And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night" (Exodus 13:21).

In their Exodus from Egypt, God interacted with the Israelites just as He did with their father Abraham. They clearly needed His presence and guidance since the journey was completely new to them. And if you're *genuine,* ***the Holy Spirit's guidance*** **and** ***your obedience*** are a key feature of living granulated today. How would you know that you're individually or mutually doing Father's will <u>unless you have divine guidance</u> (*rhema)*? (The 'salt blocks' within Christianity have no such need since they have no motivation to fulfill our Father's purposes. So, if you're *genuine,* don't let yourself be anything like them. Read ***<u>Lifebyte 29. You Haven't Been Here Before</u>*** to better understand the *genuine's* need for divine guidance.)

📌Here's another vital insight for you as *genuine* to glean from Israel's Exodus. In Deuteronomy 11:10-14 God tells them in advance a major difference between living in Egypt and the Promised Land. The contrast between the two lands corresponds to the vast difference between the nominal in Christianity (Egypt) and the *genuinely* born again (the Promised Land). Try to envision the difference:

The Israelites lived in Egypt for over 400 years and relied on the Nile River to provide water through established canals. (Adhering to pre-established creed in nominal Christianity is similar). But God was leading them to a land that totally depended on the spring and fall rains to water their crops. He was preparing them in advance that in the Promised Land He would require their obedience as well as their trust in Him as their Lord. This was no less so than in His relationship with Abraham, His friend (James 2:23). God instructed Israel to direct their life focus <u>specifically onto Him</u>: to *"earnestly obey My commandments… to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul"* (Deuteronomy 11:13).

The *genuine* fervently apply our Lord's commands as they live a granulated life because of <u>Who gave them</u>. If you're *genuine*, you're encompassed by <u>a gratefully appreciative sense of love-based responsibility to the rule of our Lord Jesus and our Father's purposes</u>. It's a life that deeply depends on the indwelling Holy Spirit to not only confirm truth but also to guide and empower you so you may fulfill our Father's specific purposes. The way of life for the granulated testifies to the ever-deepening character qualities of our Lord Jesus being developed in them, and to an ongoing interactive life in fulfilling Father's will.

Whether in your marriage or in others with you on your faith journey, the Holy Spirit pieces together different granules to mutually accomplish what you couldn't do alone. The guidance and empowerment which the Holy Spirit gives the granulated through the mutual cooperation of His spiritual gifts is totally unlike the spiritually stagnant lives of the nominal in salt blocks. The salt block Christian has no need for the Spirit's guidance nor His empowerment. Their lives are **spiritually stagnant** as they cleave to the pre-established theology of their denomination or sect. This is most clearly exhibited in the nominal's lack of heartfelt concern for the salvation of others.

Finally, consider this: Our Lord Jesus insists, *"<u>Strive to enter through the narrow door</u>. For <u>many</u>, I tell you, will seek to enter and <u>will not be able</u>"* (Luke 13:24). It's a lot easier for granulated salt to fit through a narrow opening than a block of salt! We'll have more on this in our next Nugget.