

Homework Week #5 Summary Lesson# 55 Review of Lessons # 21 –25 Handout # 5

LESSON 55.

Today's review includes the following:

W-55.1. (21) I am determined to see things differently.

2 What I see now are but signs of disease, disaster and death. 3 This cannot be what God created for His beloved Son. 4 The very fact that I see such things is proof that I do not understand God. 5 Therefore I also do not understand His Son. 6 What I see tells me that I do not know who I am. 7 I am determined to see the witnesses to the truth in me, rather than those, which show me an illusion of myself.

W-55.2. (22) What I see is a form of vengeance.

2 The world I see is hardly the representation of loving thoughts. 3 It is a picture of attack on everything by everything. 4 It is anything but a reflection of the Love of God and the Love of His Son. 5 It is my own attack thoughts that give rise to this picture. 6 My loving thoughts will save me from this perception of the world, and give me the peace God intended me to have.

W-55.3. (23) I can escape from this world by giving up attack thoughts.

2 Herein lies salvation, and nowhere else. 3 Without attack thoughts I could not see a world of attack. 4 As forgiveness allows love to return to my awareness, I will see a world of peace and safety and joy. 5 And it is this I choose to see, in place of what I look on now.

W-55.4. (24) I do not perceive my own best interests.

2 How could I recognize my own best interests when I do not know who I am? 3 What I think are my best interests would merely bind me closer to the world of illusions. 4 I am willing to follow the Guide God has given me to find out what my own best interests are, recognizing that I cannot perceive them by myself.

W-55.5. (25) I do not know what anything is for.

2 To me, the purpose of everything is to prove that my illusions about myself are real. 3 It is for this purpose that I attempt to use everyone and everything. 4 It is for this that I believe the world is for. 5 Therefore I do not recognize its real purpose. 6 The purpose I have given the world has led to a frightening picture of it. 7 Let me open my mind to the world's real purpose by withdrawing the one I have given it, and learning the truth about it.

Notes on Lessons #21 –25

1) Everything I “see” is a false witness for the ego’s thought system. I only “see” my dream world of provisional reality. This world has already been prejudged so I only look for selective items that support my current belief system. This is not vision, but rather image making.

2) This world and my body have a common purpose under the thought system of the ego. They were both made up to convince me that I am a separate individual and that my

dream world is real. They are designed to help me forget what I truly am. This world and all its trappings are a device to maintain my separateness at the cost of my happiness. Our purpose in this lifetime must be to determine if we are still willing to pay that price.

3) God is unconditional love. To think a God of Love would require His Children to live in this world would contradict everything God stands for. We must be insane to believe God created this world. God did not create this world. We did.

4) The backbone of the ego's thought system is to attack and defend against attack. Both "prove" that we are separate. If we were a oneness, what would be out there to attack?

5) If we don't remember who we are, how can we know what is in our best interest? If we suffer from amnesia, we can easily be manipulated by a new belief system and become a "new" person. The goal of the Holy Spirit is to help us remember what we truly are.

6) Life is thought. Thought always is the cause and what results from the thought, or "manifests", is the effect. By the use of projection, the ego's thought system entraps the mind into believing that what is outside the mind is the cause and that the mind is an innocent victim of the outside world. Thus, the goal of the ego is to maintain your belief that your mind is powerless and is not the source of all you perceive. The Holy Spirit's goal is to reawaken the decision making part of your mind which can then choose again, this time choosing the Holy Spirit's thought system.

7) The ego wants us to place meaning, either good or bad, on our meaningless dream world. This placing of meaning on the dream by the dreamer gives the imaged thought the appearance of being real. If we buy into the belief that our dream is real, it becomes so in our mind. It becomes our world of provisional reality. This world seems real to the dreamer but remains unknown in the Mind of God, because God does not create dreams.

8) The world we "see", provisional reality, is really a thought projection. Our thoughts come first. Thoughts, which are based on our individual beliefs, are the cause and what we "see" is the effect of our thoughts. What we claim to "see" is really thought images that we project into our dream world of provisional reality. Our senses are utilized as verifying devices for our projected thoughts. Our projected thoughts are reflected back to us when they find something that fits the predetermined goal. Because of our ability to make a physical world based on our view of separation and limitation, our senses will always discover a false witness to confirm our projected thought. We make our perceived world of provisional reality. Thoughts are things and the thought, which is always first, is the cause of what we perceive, which is the effect. Under the ego's thought system, we falsely are led to believe that what is outside of us came first and is, therefore, the cause for our thoughts. This helps the ego insure that we will continue to believe that we are powerless victims in our own make believe dream world of provisional reality.