

We have toiled all the night:

*Luke 5:5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have **'toiled** G2872 all **'the night** G3571', and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.*

The passage in Luke 5:5 shows Simon a servant of God, (Lk 5:10), responding to Jesus' command to cast out the fishing net. Simon exclaims how he, and his partners James and John had **toiled all the night** and had taken nothing (Joh 15:5, 16). Yet in obedience to Christ's word Simon will let down the net according to Jesus' instruction (Pr 8:33). In Luke 5:10 it is discovered how Christ's command to Simon and the sons of Zebedee to cast the fishing net is a parable illustrating God's purpose in Christ that Simon, James, and John shall be fishers of men. Here the Lord begins to disclose a connection between those in Christ who shall be fishers of men with those who toil all the night.

As Christ spoke in parables and without a parable He did not speak, (Matt 13:34), every word in the bible is concerning the eternal work of the Lord Jesus Christ that had been finished before the world began (Matt 13:35; 2Tim 1:9; Tit 1:2). In this study several verses are examined that uncover examples of how Christ spoke in parables through phrases such as, 'toiled all the night'. With this phrase in mind, an examination of Matthew 6:28-30 follows.

*Matthew 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they **'toil** G2872 not, neither do they spin: ... 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?*

In Matthew 6:28-30 the word, **'toil** G2872, is couched in a parable that proclaims Christ's eternal work of salvation which is by faith by grace and that not of man's work (Eph 2:8-10). This truth is in complete harmony with Simon's response to Christ how Simon, James and John had **toiled all the night** and had taken nothing. It wasn't until **Jesus instructed** Simon to move the boat out into the deep and to cast the net that a great multitude of fishes would break the net. From this point on Simon, James, and John would forsake all, and follow Jesus to become fishers of men, but not because of the fishes of every kind that broke the net, but because **'they'** had been caught in the net of Christ's ordained elect.

Matthew 13:47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

*Luke 5:8-10 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, **Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.** 9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: 10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And **Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.***

In the parable of Simon's 'toil all the night' with James, and John, the Lord is simultaneously illustrating God's purpose for allowing the sin cursed earth to remain following Adam's sin which shall manifest signs, and seasons, and days, and years (Gen 1:14) that the eternal work of the Lord Jesus Christ, which shall unfold, '**all the night**', (Ps 6:6; 78:14), shall be proclaimed through His elect who walk in darkness [the sin cursed earth] (Isa 50:10).

Isaiah 50:10 ¶ Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

Matthew 2:14-15 which contains the phrase, '**by night** 63571', will be examined to see how it compares with Luke 5:5.

*Matthew 2:14-15 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother, **'by night** 63571', and departed into Egypt: 15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **Out of Egypt have I called my son.***

It is God's word the bible that declares, "the bible alone and in its entirety is the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ (1Cor 15:3-4; 2Tim 3:16)." According to this precept as it compares with Matthew 13:34, where Christ spoke in parables and without a parable He did not speak: in Matthew 2:14-15 is a parable pointing to the eternal sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ before the world began (Gen 2:1-4; 2Tim 1:9; Tit 1:2).

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In Matthew 2:14-15 the phrase, **'by night'**, is compared with the phrase in Luke 5:5, **'toiled all the night'**. These phrases containing the word, 'night 63571', illustrate a heavenly demonstration of God's eternal work as it manifests on the sin cursed earth, but that had been finished, **'by night'**, as Christ, **'toiled all the night'**, before time began, as Christ alone changed eternal darkness into eternal light for all that the Father had given Him (Gen 1:3; Joh 6:37).

2 Samuel 22:10-14 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet. 11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind. 12 And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies. 13 Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled. 14 The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.

Because Christ conquered eternal darkness through the eternal sacrifice of His own soul, (Isa 53:10-11; Ps 88:6-7), God is justified through the Spirit of Christ manifested through the Comforter, (Joh 14:26), as Christ comes in the flesh to reveal His light of life to His elect Simon, James, and John as they with Christ **'toil all the night'**, on the sin cursed earth. In the beginning 'Eloheem', (Gen 1:1), [without a parable He did not speak], prophesized this would be the case even before sin, time, and death had entered the earth; that Christ would be the light that would shine in the hearts of His elect, [upon the waters], (Ps 29), as seen in Genesis 1:2: .

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 ¶ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

According to God's gospel design the elects, **'toiling all the night'**, is necessary; for while this sin cursed earth remains God cannot be a respecter of persons (2Chr 19:7; Gen 4:5). This truth is first seen in Genesis 3:17-19:

*Genesis 3:17-19 ¶ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for***

out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. What God said to Adam God is declaring to all of mankind, (1Cor 15:22), which includes His saints. Subsequently the labour of God's elect is not without affliction and tribulation, [beginning with Abel], (Gen 4:8), and great tribulation that shall manifest up against the end of time, (**all the night**). Christ's demonstration of His gospel program which Christ purchased with His own soul before the world began is manifested on the sin cursed earth from Adam to Moses, (Rom 5:14), to Simon, James, and John all of whom shall have spiritually **toiled all the night** (Isa 50:10).

2 Samuel 22:29 For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.

It was Christ's eternal plan before the spiritual darkness would ever be evident in Adam that God's upright would become fishers of men (Matt 4:19; 28:19-20; Eph 1:4). Throughout the gospel time line, from Alpha to Omega, (Rev 1:8), Christ shall provide His elect with the living word of God, (Joh 6:63), which their heavenly Father had given to Christ before the world began as illustrated by the drought of fishes that broke the net. In Psalm 23:5 is an eternal song manifesting the sacrifice of Christ's own soul which shall demonstrate a 'broken and a contrite heart' in the soul of King David; for David's eternal darkness had been changed into Christ's eternal light before the world began.

*Psalm 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; **my cup runneth over.***

*Psalm 36:8 **They shall be abundantly satisfied** with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.*

'**All the night**', encompasses the dispensation of the fulness of times through which all of God's elect are gathered together, (Eph 1:10-14). It is the unfolding of the time line of history of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ from Alpha to Omega; for Christ is the beginning and the end of His gospel program according to the bible alone and in its entirety (1Cor 15:3-4; Rev 1:8). This is because Adam's sin brought darkness into the world so that in Adam all die, (1Cor 15:22). But more importantly it is because Christ alone tread the wine press of His enemies and alone has become the salvation for His elect, [**toiled all the night**], before the world began (Isa 63:3; 2Tim 1:9).

An elect of God, Job was a man that was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil, (Job 1:1), manifesting the spirit of Christ in Job. Job must testify of his faith and patience through the light of Christ in Job through the spiritual darkness of a sin cursed earth:

Job 19:25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

Job 23:17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither hath he covered the darkness from my face.

Job 29:3 When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;

Returning to the parable of the young child in Matthew 2:14 the bible shows the child to be Christ [God in the flesh]. Herod who sought to kill Christ typifies Satan the devil, and the world that is under Satan's authority, (Matt 2:16), is called Sodom and Egypt (Rev 11:8). Again Matthew 2:14-15 declares:

*Matthew 2:14-15 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother, 'by night 63571', and departed into Egypt: 15 And was there **until the death of Herod**: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **Out of Egypt have I called my son.***

Egypt typifies the world that begins with that wicked Cain who killed his brother Abel, (Gen 4:8), to the generation of Christ, (Matt 1:1), which shall conclude with the destruction of the devil, (Rev 20:10), typified by the death of Herod, and Christ's entrance into Israel to be with His elect (Matt 2:19-20). Throughout the unfolding of the time line of history of the salvation of Christ, [**all the night**] (Isa 50:10), God's elect shall manifest Christ's eternal work in them ordained before the world began, (Joh 15:16; Eph 2:10), such as Christ's faith that was exhibited in Moses:

Hebrews 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

It is in this context that from before the foundation of the world Christ predestinated His elect to be called out of Egypt, [to be born again], (Joh 3:3-5; Eph 1:5-11), while the sin cursed earth remained, [**all the night**], from Alpha to Omega (Rev 1:8). The Lord manifests His exceeding abundant grace, and faith, and love in Christ who speaks in parables and without a parable He does not speak concerning what He declares in Nehemiah 8:18:

*Nehemiah 8:18 Also day by day, **from the first day unto the last day**, he read in the book of the law of God. And **they kept the feast seven days**; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.*

On the last day of this earths existence, (Joh 6:40), the wise shall be called out of Sodom and Egypt, 'all together', body and soul, (1Cor 15:50-53), when all of Christ's saints are taken up when the night comes, a night which does not include the light of His elect, [which the world despised], (1Cor 1:28). This eternal truth can be illustrated through the numbers 'seven, [God's complete perfection], and 'eight', [The New Heaven and the New Earth]. That there should be time no longer, (Rev 10:6), when it is no longer day, [the unfolding of the time line of history of the Lord Jesus Christ], and the sin cursed earth, [**all the night**], has been changed into the New Heaven and the New Earth; the hope of salvation from sin shall no longer be proclaimed. Samson in Judges 16:2 can typify what the elect must go through, '**all the night**', while it is called day, while remaining on the sin cursed earth:

*Judges 16:2 And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him **all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night**, saying, In the morning, **when it is day**, we shall kill him.*

Jesus, [God in the flesh], testified to His elect on the sin cursed earth; and because He is infinite God testifies in all of His elect from righteous Abel who that wicked Cain slew, to Simon, James, and John, that Christ, who is the word of God, (Rev 19:13), must work, '**while it is day**', [the unfolding of the time line of history from Alpha to Omega]: for the night cometh, [on the last day], when 'no man' can work.

*John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, **while it is day**: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

God reveals a perpetual doubling throughout His gospel time line, (Gen 41:32; Eze 21:14; Rev 2:12). And without a parable Christ did not speak; Christ reveals 'two eternal nights'. The first night is before the foundation of the world, when on behalf of God's elect, and to judge the guilty, God in Christ [the last Adam] conquered the second death that the first Adam had brought into the world:

Revelations 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: [who were born again] on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

A character of the first night, according to Christ's toil all the night before the world began, demonstrates a dispensation of the fulness of times in Christ from Alpha to Omega (Eph 1:10-14; Rev 1:8).

Ephesians 1:10-14 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

The second night is the second death which cannot not be shown to have arrived, according to the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in its entirety, while the sin cursed earth remains according to the dispensation of the fulness of times, **while it is day**, as the bible simultaneously continues to document Christ's instruction to His regenerated souls to proclaim the gospel of their Lord Jesus Christ (Matt 28:19-20).