

S.O.H.L.

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Do not be afraid of them!

MATTHEW 10:25-28 NKJV – (25) It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *will they call* those of his household! (26) Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. (27) "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. (28) And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell".

The **African-American Civil Rights Movement** consisted of a social movement in the United States with a goal to end racial segregation and discrimination against black Americans and ensure that their constitutional voting rights were enforced. The movement was characterized by major campaigns of civil resistance. Between 1955 and 1968, acts of nonviolent protest and civil disobedience produced crisis situations between activists and government authorities. Federal, state, and local governments, businesses, and communities often had to respond immediately to these situations; situations that highlighted the inequities faced by African Americans. Forms of protest and/or civil disobedience included boycotts, including the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955–56) in Alabama; "sit-ins", such as the influential Greensboro sit-ins (1960) in North Carolina; marches like the Selma to Montgomery march (1965) in Alabama; and a wide range of other nonviolent activities.

Noted legislative achievements during this phase of the Civil Rights Movement were the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that banned discrimination based on "race, color, religion, or national origin" in employment practices and public accommodations; the Voting Rights Act of 1965, restoring and protecting voting rights; the Immigration and Nationality Services Act of 1965, which dramatically opened entry into the U.S. by immigrants other than traditional European groups; and, the Fair Housing Act of 1968, banning discrimination in the sale or rental of housing. African Americans re-entered politics in the South and across the country young people were inspired to take action. To stand up for what is right!

Beelzebub - In Christian and biblical sources, it is referenced as another name for *Devil*. This very name is what Jesus was often called. The Master, the Ultimate, the Eternal God of this creation was addressed as a Devil. Therefore, when you follow Jesus, be aware that you will be called or even handled in the worse ways imaginable! I am here this day to tell you "**Do not be afraid!**" The opposition will have to one day face and explain to "**I AM**" their deeds while here on earth, just like the one who believes and follows the truth. The opposition does not hold the power; they cannot do any damage! So... **be not afraid!**

SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 11:2

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Unjust "pride;" Don't be deceived, a hard fall it will be!!

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