Let Us Go

Intro: A study of Bible expressions is a very helpful and beautiful study. With a recognition of the fact that the Bible is word by word God-breathed, and that God chose words by which to convey His will and thinking to man (2 Tim. 3:16-17 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.” 1 Cor. 2:13 “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual”). Therefore, a study of the words and phrases of the Bible are extremely important and necessary. In this lesson, I want us to study the expression, “let us go” to enhance the way in which we serve our Lord.

I. “LET US GO... UNTO HIM”
   A. Heb. 13:13 “13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.”
   B. Let us notice two things about this.
   C. We need to have Jesus as our example.
      1. To whom do we go unto?
         a. Hollywood and Television
         b. Political figures
         c. Music or sports stars, etc.
      2. We need to go to Christ, and pattern our lives after Him.
         a. Gal. 4:19 “19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,”
         b. 1 John 2:6 “6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”
         c. Do we allow Christ to live in us?
            (1) Gal. 2:20 “20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”
            (2) Col. 1:27 “27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:”
         d. Do we allow Him to transform our lives so that we live like Him?
            (1) Rom. 12:1-2 “1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”
            (2) Col. 3:10 “10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:”
   D. We must not abandon our profession of faith.
      1. The Hebrew letter was written because these Hebrew saints were in danger of leaving Christ and returning to their former lives.
         a. Heb. 3:13 “13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”
         b. Heb. 12:25 “25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:”
2. Thus Paul was exhorting these brethren to continue in faithfulness to God, not abandon their faith.
   a. Heb. 4:14 “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.”
   b. Heb. 10:23 “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)
3. We, too, have begun our upward pilgrimage with Christ, and we like these Hebrew brethren, need to:
   a. Look to Him; Heb.12:2 “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
   b. Go to Him; Heb. 13:13 “Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.”
   c. We are not to abandon our profession.

II. “Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord”
   A. Psa. 122:1 “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.”
   B. We need to be reminded of our need to go to worship God.
      1. John 4:23-24 “23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
         a. The Father seeks true worshipers.
         b. A true worshiper will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth.
      2. Acts 2:42 “42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”
      3. Are we glad when we worship, or do we feel that it is more of an obligation than privilege?

III. “Let Us Go Up At Once”
   A. Num. 13:30 “30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.”
   B. Background for the statement
      1. Yahweh had delivered the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage and led them to the Jordan River for them to cross over and possess the land which He was going to give them.
      2. Upon their arrival:
         a. The Israelites sent out twelve spies into the land.
         b. These twelve spies had now returned from their mission of spying out the land.
      3. They came back with a glowing report of the land of milk and honey, a beautiful land.
         a. The told of the people who dwelt in the land, how great they were and that the cities were walled, and that the people were stronger than they.
         b. This was a lack of faith on their part.
      4. But, Caleb (and Joshua) stilled the people and urged them to go up at once and possess the land. What great faith he had, that God had given Israel the land.
C. **We, too, need to be encouraged to go up at once, even as the Israelites did.**
   1. How many times do we procrastinate doing what we know to do?
   2. Ecc. 9:10 "10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."
   3. 2 Cor. 6:2 "2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"
   4. We need to go up at once, quite putting off that service that God would have us to do; Jam. 4:17 "17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

IV. **“LET US GO THAT WE MAY DIE WITH HIM”**

A. **John 11:16** "16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him."
   1. Lazarus had just died. Jesus has decided to go to Judea.
   2. But, because the Jews were seeking to kill Jesus His disciples urged Him not to go.
   3. Because of Lazarus' death it was impossible for Jesus to heed these warnings.
      a. In spite of the danger that lay ahead Jesus was going.
      b. As a result Thomas urged the other disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

B. **Death must not hinder our service to God.**
   1. The church of the first century suffered a great persecution, many being put to death.
      a. 1 Pet. 4:12-13 "12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."
      b. Rev. 2:10 "10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."
      c. Mat. 10:22 "22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."
      d. Even in the face of all this they were to remain faithful.
   2. We must be willing to die for Him as well.

**Conclusion:** The work before us is truly a great work. Let us go, and let us go at once, and let us go even if it cost us our life. Let us go into the House of the Lord; Psa. 122:1 "1 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."