

7 DANGERS OF NOT UNDERSTANDING THE WORD OF GOD

Thursday Bible Study

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Psalm 119:27

Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.

- We generally think that when we have Faith, there is no necessity to Understand.
- The general thinking is that faith and understanding are opposed to each other.
- God calls us to reason with Him...

Isaiah 1:18 -

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord

The Bible tells to give reason to everyone who asks for the hope we have in us

1 Peter 3:15 -

"...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."

- The Bible encourages us to gain, gather and increasing in understanding

1 Corinthians 14:20

Brethren, **do not be children in understanding**; however, in malice be babes, but **in understanding be mature**.

- Paul prayed that the Ephesian Church might have an Enlightened Understanding of God

Ephesians 1:17-18

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened**; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

PAUL'S DESIRE...

1. THE CHURCH SHOULD NOT BE IGNORANT OF _____

Romans 10:1-4 -

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. 2 For **I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God**, but not according to knowledge. 3 For **they being ignorant of God's righteousness**, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

2. THE CHURCH SHOULD NOT BE IGNORANT OF _____

1 Corinthians 12:1-2

1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: 2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.

3. THE CHURCH SHOULD NOT BE IGNORANT OF _____

2 Corinthians 2:11

10 Now whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*. For jif indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, 11 lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

4. THE CHURCH SHOULD NOT BE IGNORANT OF _____

1 Thessalonians 4:13

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

- Many times Jesus rebuked his disciples for not understanding His teaching
For Example: REGARDING THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Mark 4:13

And He said to them, "Do you not **understand** this parable? How then will you **understand** all the parables?"

- Even when we love the Lord, God wants us to love Him with all our MIND...

Matthew 22:37

37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and **with all your mind.**'"

- The Spirit of the Lord that rested upon Jesus was a Spirit of Understanding

Isaiah 11:2

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, **The Spirit of wisdom and understanding**, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

- Apostle John wrote in his Epistle

1 John 5:4 -

And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

- But he continues to write that our faith must be accompanied by an understanding of God

1 John 5:20 -

And **we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true;** and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

- The Word of God is not like any other millions of books in the world.
- To read and understand any book, all we need is worldly knowledge
- But in order for us to see and understand the wonders of God's Word, we need the Wisdom of God.
- We know that the Word of God was first delivered to the Jewish people.
- The Word of God was filled with God's plan and purpose for mankind.
- But though these people had the word with them, read it every day and taught it everywhere, they did not fully understand what was written.
- King Herod read that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem.
- But he did not understand the Wonder that His birth with bring salvation to all people.
- Therefore instead of welcoming and worshipping Jesus, he ordered for the Baby Jesus to be killed.

7 Dangers of NOT Understanding God's Word

1. _____

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2. _____

Ephesians 4:17-19

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

3. _____

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4.

Matthew 13:18-19

“Therefore hear the parable of the sower: **“When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.** This is he who received seed by the wayside.

5.

Matthew 22:29 -

Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures **nor the power of God.**

Matthew 22:23-28

23 The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, 24 saying: “Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. 25 Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. 26 Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. 27 Last of all the woman died also. 28 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her.”

2 Peter 3:15-16

and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, ¹⁶as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are **some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.**

- It is dangerous to start preaching the Bible without understanding the Scriptures...
- The Sad Situation: Many Preachers themselves don't Understand the Word of God

6.

1 Corinthians 2:7-8

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Acts 5:34-39

34 Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them: “Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. 36 For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. 37 After this man, Judas of Galilee rose

up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed. 38 And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; 39 but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God.”

7. _____

1 Timothy 1:3-7

3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, 4 nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. 5 Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith, 6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

- Apostle Paul was a learned man.
- He studied at the feet of Gamaliel
- He was a Pharisee, who strictly followed the Law, written in the Word of God.
- But because he did not understand the Wonders of God in His Word
- He spent his life persecuting, arresting and even killing God's servants.
- That is why he wrote to Timothy...

1 Timothy 1:13 -

although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because **I did it ignorantly** in unbelief.

4 Things Paul did not want the Church to be Ignorant about...

1. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH CHRIST
2. SPIRITUAL GIFTS
3. SATAN'S DEVICES
4. THE RESURRECTION AFTER DEATH

7 Dangers of NOT Understanding God's Word

1. ABSENCE OF PROFITABLE TEACHING
2. BARREN LIFE
3. NO CONTEMPLATION OF HEART
4. DEVOID OF GOD'S WORD.
5. ERRONEOUS KNOWLEDGE OF GOD
6. BECOMING FOES OF GOD HIMSELF
7. NO GOODNESS