

ON GUIDANCE (Part 12)

A More Sure Word

Remember that on the mount of transfiguration, there were with Jesus the two representatives of ALL that was written until that time—Moses, (the law), and Elijah, (the prophets). When the disciples suggested that they make altars to Moses and Elijah, God answered them from heaven, “And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is my beloved Son: hear him.” (Luke 9:35) We are mandated to hear Christ over all the written word. To hear Christ is to hear the true “Word of God”.

Peter, when recalling this account, made what he learned that day evident when he said in 2 Peter 1:16-19,

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. [The transfiguration] For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

The more sure word is the living word inside.

Can anyone read the following and even abstractly think that these Scriptures are referring to the Bible you have at home lying on your TV?

Matthew 4:4, “But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

Matthew 24:35, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

Luke 9: 26, “For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.”

Luke 11:28, “But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.”

John 5:47, “But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?”

John 6:63, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

John 6:68, "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."

John 8:31, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;"

John 8:37, "I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you."

John 8:47, "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."

John 14:23, "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

John 15:3, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

John 15:7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

John 17:8, "For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me."

John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

It is obvious to me that the word of God is what is said in the still small voice, internally, "in the ear," by the Lord Himself, to the believer. He longs to commune with the believer and not just to have His people reading what he said.

Hebrews 1:1-2, God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son...

His method of revelation has always been to give understanding personally and privately.

The Lord tried on several occasions to get His disciples to understand that if they did not have what it took to "hear" His voice, that He couldn't see how they would ever understand ANY parable.

Jesus was known to ask the Church leaders of that day,

“Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word.” John 8:43

Why couldn't they hear His word?

They had no ears. Do you have ears?

You need more than an ability to read to receive God's word, you need ears to hear.

To be continued...

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