

KNOWLEDGE IN THE LAST DAYS

Approximately 2540 years ago, the prophet Daniel was instructed *“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased”* (Daniel 12:4 KJV) In verse 10 he was also told *“Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.”*

I am no prophecy scholar, but comparing what Jesus said about the last days in Matthew 24 and other prophetic writings in the Bible, it is difficult not to understand that these are the last days – “the time of the end” as Daniel calls it. As we look around us we see the economic situation, the oil “crisis”, the changing weather conditions, the multitudes dying as the result of natural disasters, the exponential growth in knowledge circulated daily through the internet and other forms of communication, and let us not forget the worldwide escalation in violence of every kind. On the scientific front, man is striving to become creator, trying to create life and in the process producing freaks of nature. The spiritual battle is raging with satanists and similar cults being bolder and openly recruiting members. The Christian is under attack on all fronts.

In times like these, when to the average individual there is always a “crisis” and a “struggle”, how does the Christian survive? The answer is knowledge that comes by revelation – from the source of all knowledge. We cannot look at the circumstances these days to determine how we should plan our future or even our days. Some financial experts tell us “invest in gold” another set tells us “invest in property” another tells us “mutual funds are the best option”. What should a person do?

All our knowledge of our world comes to us through our five senses. However there is another kind of knowledge that can only come from the Creator – the source of all knowledge. Jesus’ teaching and wisdom astonished the intellectuals of His day. “The Jews were astonished. They said, *“How is it that this Man has learning [is so versed in the sacred Scriptures and in theology] when He has never studied?”* (John 7:15 AMP)

Once you are attached to the Vine, you can tap into that supernatural knowledge. This knowledge that we call “revelation” comes from God Himself. His Spirit reveals to us what we should do or say in any given situation.

It is better to receive one message delivered by someone, even a child, under the inspiration and anointing of the Holy Ghost than to hear a thousand from someone with seven Doctorates in Theology without a hint of revelation or inspiration from God.

Some people think that some situations are too small for God to be involved. I have heard some preachers say, “God doesn’t care what you put on”, or “God gave you a mind to think, so just make such and such a decision and God will honor it.” I totally disagree, because from experience I know God is interested in the finer details of my life. Do you know that you can dress a particular way and turn off someone that God may want you to minister to that particular day? Many times I get an inner witness to do something around the house or to prepare a meal in advance without any particular reason, but in the end it turns out to be necessary.

God is interested in every facet of your life. If you are to fulfill what He has placed you on the earth to do, you must be in the right place at the right time, speak to the right people under the right circumstances, and find solutions to circumstances that may arise.

How much more is He interested in your financial future? He says in His word that we would never see the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread. However, if we do not listen to His voice we will miss it and make bad investments or time investments inaccurately. If we do not listen for His voice we will take a particular route and end up being delayed or worse, involved in an accident.

Our senses can never tell us the source of life, or what makes the universe run with the accuracy it does and furthermore, our senses can never tell us where we will be after death.

Verse 10 of Daniel 4 tells us that in these days *“none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.”* An individual can only be wise if he/she taps into the

source of wisdom and that can only be accomplished when one is attached in a vital way to the Vine.

“But the natural, non-spiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated.” (1 Corinthians 2:14 AMP)