

## Ignorance week 5

Genesis 18:17-19 Then the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

Abraham was being given a new position of unhindered sight (by God), meaning that in order for Abraham to know, see, touch and hold that which was being proclaimed over his life, his position in God was about to change. God has no desire to hide from us that which He has pre-planned and pre-destined for us as His children, for to do so would make God mysteriously unfair, but we know that the mystery of God has been revealed to us by and through the Holy Spirit - 1 Corinthians 2:6-13. Just like Abraham, God wants us to see what He is about to do and what is about to take place within our midst. For many years some of us have entered church expecting the preacher and musicians to create an atmosphere whereby God will fall, giving to us that which we feel we need in our time of need. This mentality is immature and somewhat unrealistic, as it depends on other people's gifts, skills and talents opening up the portal leading to the throne room, rather than you the believer, with your own relationship, doing this for yourself. God expects those who believe and trust Him, to look to Him, for by doing this thinking patterns and behavioural patterns become transformed, patterns that previously became the obstruction and hindered your sight.

Just like Abraham, God wants you to become convinced of who He is so you can firmly stand in this new position.

2Timothy 1:12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

The principle of the mind and the spirit.

1Corinthians 14:13-16 For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. (what do you do when your mind is unfruitful?) So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying?

A twofold dilemma.

Within each and every believer there are two separate compartments - your mind and your recreated spirit man. Both have to be brought into alignment with the spirit, for if not conflict arises.

Paul says "I will pray with my spirit and I will pray with my mind" showing a balance of both.

Your mind is the compartment whereby you possess the ability to think and process information, so that logical conclusions can be made, whereas your spirit man is that which has been made alive through Christ, richly dwelling within you, so as you can hear, receive and connect with God Himself. We must understand that if we cannot bring both the spirit and the mind on line, that which we do not understand is taken away from us by demonic birds, as described in the parable of the sower, this is why we must come to a new position of unhindered sight.

From our mind we gain understanding, but from our spirit we gain insight. Watch this, as this is important. There are two clear yet different dimensions - that of understanding and that of insight. Spiritual enlightenment does not come from information, but rather it comes from revelation which is revealed to you. Once your spirit man has been enlightened your natural mind falls into alignment. Some things are taught whereas other things are caught by the spirit. Those who possess

enlightenment begin to shine brightly. You cannot arise and shine if your light has not hit your spirit man.

Now let me highlight some ignorance which is commonly highlighted around believers exercising the gift of speaking in tongues.

1. Why do we allow speaking in tongues to be used when there is no interpretation coming forth? Tongues are predominantly used for two reasons - personal communication with God, as this strengthens the inward spirit man of you the believer. They are also a sign to the unbeliever when accompanied with an interpretation, for without interpretation it's just babble to those sat listening.

2. Why, when people practise deliverance, do they feel the need to speak in tongues? Who are they speaking to? For demons don't speak in tongues. Those who do this practice blindfold ignorance. 1 Corinthians 14:23

1Corinthians 2:6-13 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

We have no reason to be ignorant.

Romans 8:6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; (this is the key to possessing a balanced Christian life) the sinful mind is hostile towards God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1 Timothy 4:16 Watch your life and doctrine closely, persevere in them because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

When the spirit of your mind and the spirit of the regenerate man are separated, a door is opened within you for a downward spiral to take place such as...

First to be challenged is your doctrine - there is only one gospel Doctrine, but Doctrines are instigated from demons: 1Timothy 6:3-10 If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Second is Deception enters in: 1Timothy 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will

abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

1Timothy 4:6 If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.

Galatians 6:7-8 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

2Timothy 3:13-14 ...while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it.

Thirdly, Delusions become your portion: Colossians 2:18-19 Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions. He has lost connection with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

Isaiah 30:9-10 These are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the LORD'S instruction. They say to the seers "See no more visions" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!"

Fourth, the final process ends with Destruction: Galatians 6:8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 1:8-9 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

Conclusion

Three areas of unhindered insight:

Insight into the word so that understanding can be obtained.

Insight into knowing God so His ways can be understood.

Insight into developing strategies for guiding, guarding and governing that which we know is our primary assignment.