

Last week we looked in Genesis 18:17-19 at how God said, "Shall I hide that which I am about to do from Abraham?" God is waiting to give us a position of unhindered sight. We said that in order to gain a new position of unhindered sight, you first have to change your position. If you cannot see God from the position you are currently in, then you cannot keep expecting God to keep changing His position (coming to you) but **you** must arise so you can see Him. When you were lost and needed a Saviour, He came to you and revealed Himself. When you are in a desert He will protect you, but when it comes to your growth and maturing, then **you** must arise and find the entrance point into His presence.

Many believers today have developed ignorance. They weren't born in ignorance but because they were introduced to Christ at Salvation, they have been convinced that they know Him. When you become saved, this is called introduction but this is in no way an established relationship, it's just an introduction to membership.

*1 Timothy 3:15 If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.*

My mission and objective in teaching this to you, is that you are able to stand, guide, guard and govern your own relationship, family and position in society. I am not here to be your counsellor, boss or therapist, but I am your Pastor, one who is trying to help empower you to stand on your own two feet in my absence.

To gain a new position of unhindered sight, we have got to go beyond knowledge and begin seeing with our spirit man, or new recreated spirit man.

*1 Corinthians 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. 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?*

*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.*

The purpose of Paul writing was to help them overcome any ignorance they may have, by making this gospel clear to them.

*Ephesians 3:2-4 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit*

*to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.*

What an incite Paul was given into understanding the mystery which had been kept hidden. Paul was given a new position of unhindered sight as it came to him, not by knowledge but by revelatory insight.

*Ephesians 3:8-12 Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.*

Verse 10: Gods intent was for ignorance to be removed so the manifold wisdom of God be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms through us the church.

You are the church and it is you and me that must make it known, but if we are ignorant how does it become made known?

*Ephesians 3:14-21 For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.*

The knock on effects of not knowing or not having a fixed doctrine:

Verse 16: If we have no doctrine how do we know what flows out of His glorious riches?

If we don't know what is in His heart then we cannot receive strength or His power through His spirit in our inner man.

If we have no strength or power in our inner man then we have no faith.

A doctrine must:

Verse 17:

1. Root us and establish us in love.
2. Have corporate power together.
3. No incite to grasp how wide, long, deep and high, is His love.
4. Incite that goes deeper than knowledge.
5. Never know the power that is at work in us.
6. We will never know the God that has power to do more than we can think or imagine.

