

Elpis Israel

for Young People

Chapter 1 - Class 3

Review

Basis of what we looked at during the last class:

Genesis 1:1-2 ¹ *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ² And the earth was without form[8414], and void[922]; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

Genesis 1:3-5 *And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

Darkness = ignorance of the word of God

Light = the word of God

This is the purpose of God with His creation – to fill the world with LIGHT.

Homework

Verses: Did we come up with any verses for light and darkness?

The Purpose of God

God created the earth for a purpose:

Isaiah 45:18-19 ¹⁸ For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he **created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited**: I am the LORD; and there is none else. ¹⁹ I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

God created the earth to be inhabited – with what?

Numbers 14:21 ²¹ But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be **filled with the glory of the LORD**.

3519 כְּבוֹד [kabowd, rarely, kabod /kaw·bode/] n m. From 3513; TWOT 943d, 943e; GK 3883; 200 occurrences; AV translates as “glory” 156 times, “honour” 32 times, “glorious” 10 times, “gloriously” once, and “honourable” once. **1** glory, honour, glorious, abundance. **1A** abundance, riches. **1B** honour, splendour, glory. **1C** honour, dignity. **1D** **honour, reputation**. **1E** honour, reverence, glory. **1F** glory

This is elaborated on in Habakkuk:

Habakkuk 2:14 ¹⁴ For the earth shall be **filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD**, as the waters cover the sea.

What is the glory of the LORD?

Exodus 33:13 ¹³ Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, **shew me now thy way**, that I may **know** (#3045 -YADAH) thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

3045 יָדַע, יָדָע [yada` /yaw·dah/] v. A primitive root; TWOT 848; GK 1977 and 3359; 947 occurrences; AV translates as “know” 645 times, “known” 105 times, “knowledge” 19 times, “perceive” 18 times, “shew” 17 times, “tell” eight times, “wist” seven times, “understand” seven times, “certainly” seven times, “acknowledge” six times, “acquaintance” six times, “consider” six times, “declare” six times, “teach” five times, and translated miscellaneous 85 times. **1** to know. **1A** (Qal). **1A1** to know, learn to know. **1A1B** to perceive. **1A1C** to perceive and see, find out and discern. **1A1D** to discriminate, distinguish. **1A1E** **to know by experience**. **1A1F** to recognise, admit, acknowledge, confess. **1A1G** to consider. **1A2** to know, be acquainted with. **1A3** to know (a person carnally). **1A4** to know how, be skilful in. **1A5** to have knowledge, be wise. **1B** (Niphal). **1B1** to be made known, be or become known, be revealed. **1B2** to make oneself known. **1B3** to be perceived. **1B4** to be instructed. **1C** (Piel) to cause to know. **1D** (Poal) to cause to know. **1E** (Pual). **1E1** to be known. **1E2** known, one known, acquaintance (participle). **1F** (Hiphil) to make known, declare. **1G** (Hophal) to be made known. **1H** (Hithpael) to make oneself known, reveal oneself.

Exodus 33:18 ¹⁸ And he said, I beseech thee, **shew me thy glory**.

God reveals his glory to Moses:

Exodus 34:5-7 ⁵ And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and **proclaimed the name of the LORD**. ⁶ And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, ⁷ Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Biblical Algebra:

GOD'S GLORY = HIS WAYS = HIS CHARACTER

Putting these verses together a formula becomes apparent:

- **The purpose of God is to fill the earth**
- **With inhabitants**
- **Who have the (intimate experiential) knowledge**
- **Of his Character**
- **As the waters cover the sea**

Ends and Means

Illustration:

Purpose:

I would like you to come to the Junior Elpis Israel Class to learn about the word of God. You want to come to Junior Elpis Israel class to learn about the word of God.

Problem:

However, none of you are drivers – nor do you own cars. In order to get to the Junior Elpis Israel Class we need to find a way to transport you.

Solution:

Uncle Jonathan buys a Limousine to get all the students there. We drive from house to house picking up whoever wants to come.

The ride is free, but there are some conditions: In order to take the Limousine you have to be ready – get up, have a shower, get dressed, brush your teeth. You need to find your Bible and hymn book, notebook and pencil.

The Limousine arrives – but only those who want to get on are allowed. You have to want to come to the class to get on to the Limousine.

Lot's of people think it is cool to ride on a limousine – but they don't really want to go to the class, they just want the ride – however, there is a desire-o-meter at the door that won't let anybody in who doesn't really want to come to the class.

Anybody who is late because they were tobogganing or something else gets left behind.

Everyone else piles in and we go to the class.

Result:

We arrive at the class, everyone piles out. They got to ride in a limousine – now we arrive, everyone gets out and we come into the Penny's house and the class begins.

Fair:

- Is it fair that we passed some houses because the children in those houses didn't even know we were going to have a class – their parents were not Christadelphians

- Is it fair that we left some people behind?
 - Because they were late – they were not there, and we didn't wait?
 - Because they didn't have their bibles hymn books and notebooks?
 - Because some didn't get dressed or have a shower?
 - Because they only wanted to ride in the limo – not go to the class?

God Manifestation

The Mystery of God – is tied to “God Manifestation”

1 Tim 3:14 *“great is the mystery of Godliness: God was manifest in the flesh”*

- Concordance Exercise: Look up MANIFEST -5319

Men were not ushered into being for the purpose of being saved or lost. God manifestation, not human salvation was the grand purpose of the Eternal Spirit. The salvation of the multitude is incidental to the manifestation, but it was not the end proposed.

[God didn't create man to save him. God manifestation (ie. replicating God's character) not human salvation was the purpose of God. Man's salvation is necessary to achieve God Manifestation but it wasn't God's purpose]

- *The limo drive isn't the purpose – it is just the means of getting there*
- *The class is the purpose*
- *Only those who desire to be instructed by God's word get to ride in the Limo*
- *Those who just want a limo ride – don't get anything*

The Eternal Spirit intended to enthrone Himself on the earth and in so doing, to develop a divine family from among men, every one of him shall be spirit because born of the Spirit, and that this family shall be large enough to fill the earth, when perfected to the exclusion of flesh and blood.¹

¹ John Thomas – Herald of the Kingdom, April 1858.

Our Salvation Dependant on our Understanding:

Eternal Life hinges on knowing of God:

John 17:3 ³ And this is **life eternal**, that they might **know thee** the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Knowing God isn't an academic knowledge – it is the practical outworking of it:

1 John 2:3-6 ³ And **hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.** ⁴ He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoso **keepeth his word**, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. ⁶ **He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**

This is being part of the LIGHT that shined out of DARKNESS

1 John 1:5-6 ⁵ This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is **light**, and in him is no **darkness** at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

Biblical Algebra:

Putting these verses together a formula becomes apparent:

KNOWING GOD = WALKING IN HIS WAYS

Therefore:

- The purpose of God is to fill the earth
- With inhabitants
- Who know intimately – by experience
- And manifest the Character of God by walking in his ways
- As the waters cover the sea

We've been invited to the Kingdom

God wants to populate the earth with people who want to “be like Him” in their character

- They get to rule in the kingdom to instruct others in the word – and teach them about his character
- God has provided a way of salvation so that they can live forever showing his character

The question is – do you want to be part of God’s purpose?

Isaiah 6:1-4

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

- Identify the purpose of God in these verses “the whole earth is full of his glory”

The Problem:

Isaiah 6:5

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

- Isaiah is a sinful man - he cannot stand before God in this state!

Isaiah 6:6-7

Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

- God provides for his salvation – so that he can fulfill his purpose

Isaiah’s response:

Isaiah 6:8

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Homework:

- Find people in the bible who had the same attitude of “here am I”
- Give me verses!