

Elpis Israel

for Young People

The Decree of the Watchers

Class 40

Tidbit to finish:

Three Things Preached in the Name of Jesus: (Luke 24:44-48)

1. Repentance
 - a. Realizing what we have done is wrong and turning from it
2. Remission of Sins
 - a. Entering into covenant relationship and being “covered by Christ”
3. Eternal Life
 - a. Having our bodies changes –
so that we might be part of the Melchisedec “king-priesthood”

All of these are necessary to be Kings and Priests:

1 Cor 15:50 *Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*

True Repentance:

Elpis Israel p316: *Now, the repentance which results from believing the gospel of the kingdom is not “sorrow for sin”; nor does it contain the least bitterness or remorse of feeling in it. The scripture word translated repentance signifies a change of mind and purpose. When such a change takes place from believing the truth, it is a disposition and mode of thinking such as characterized Abraham, who is the model of the faith and temper which precedes justification in the name of the Lord. But a change of mind and purpose, however “evangelical”, is only granted for repentance in the name of Jesus Christ.¹*

Remission of Sins – Requires to be “in Christ”

Gal 3:26-29 *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have **put on Christ**. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Eph 2:11-13 *Wherefore remember, that ye being **in time past Gentiles in the flesh**, who are called **Uncircumcision** by that which is called the **Circumcision in the flesh made by hands**; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now **in Christ Jesus** ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*

¹Thomas, D. J. (1997, c1990). *Elpis Israel : An exposition of the Kingdom of God*. With reference to the Time of the End and the Age to Come. (electronic ed.) (316). Birmingham, UK: The Christadelphian.

Being in Christ – we are married into his Family

- Without baptism – we are still “alienated” the commonwealth of Israel – and strangers from the promises
- Even if we “love Christ” – if we are not related to him by baptism – we cannot participate in his family
- That is why our goal in life should be BAPTISM – to be “in Christ”
- Once baptized – we are part of his family, and truly “in HIM” – believing the Gospel of the kingdom and the things concerning the name

The Decree of the Watchers (next class)

Prophecy – a Faith Builder

Ingredients necessary for salvation: FAITH & OBEDIENCE

- The scriptures clearly state:

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

- Faith is a necessity – without it we cannot inherit the kingdom of God – because we cannot please God.
- We need to develop faith – prophecy is designed to help us do that

Faith is clearly defined in scripture

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Substance: *Strongs #5287 – Greek Word: Hupostasis –*

- 1) *a setting or placing under*
- 1a) *thing put under, substructure, foundation*
- 2) *that which has foundation, is firm*
- 2a) *that which has actual existence*
- 2a1) *a substance, real being*
- 2b) *the substantial quality, nature, of a person or thing*
- 2c) *the steadfastness of mind, firmness, courage, resolution*
- 2c1) *confidence, firm trust, assurance*

From two Greek words

Hupo *Strongs #5259 – hupo – preposition – UNDER*

Histemi: *Strongs #2476 – histemi – To make stand, to stand firm, a foundation of a building, steadfast mindedness, confidence*
c/p 2 Cor 9:4; 11:18; Heb 3:14 – confidence

Hoped *Strongs #1679 – Elpizo, - to hope, look forward to, expectation (anticipation)*

Evidence: Strong's #1650 – ELEGCHOS – a proof, by which a thing is proved or tested, conviction c/p 2 Tim 3:15 – scripture profitable for “reproof” – ie proving

Brother Thomas:

***Faith is the confident anticipation of our hope
The title deed (proof) of what is presently unseen***

Each of us needs to obtain faith – it is a must:

1 Peter 1:7 That the ***trial of your faith***, being much ***more precious than of gold*** that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Revelation 3:18 I counsel thee to ***buy of me gold tried in the fire [faith].***, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed [***covering***], and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see [***vision***].

The prayer to build faith

How do we obtain faith?

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Method to obtain it – Prayer and study:

James 1:3-6 Knowing this, that the ***trying of your faith*** worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. ***If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God***, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

Our prayer:

Psalms 119:17-18 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. ***Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.***

Psalms 119:105 Thy ***word is a lamp*** unto my feet, and a ***light*** unto my path.

Psalms 119:130 The entrance of ***thy words giveth light***; it ***giveth understanding*** unto the simple.

Paul's Prayer:

Eph 1:17-18 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, ***may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened***; that ye may know what is the ***hope of his calling***, and what the ***riches of the glory of his inheritance*** in the saints,

Our Efforts– to have our eyes enlightened

This is our “inheritance”

Deut 29:29

*The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but **those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever**, that we may do all the words of this law.*

If we want to be “kings and priests” – we have to apply ourselves to find out the “hidden things”

Proverbs 25:2

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

Requires us to seek – to elevate our minds to holy things:

Isaiah 55:6-8

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:
*Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. **For my thoughts are not your thoughts**, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.*

God reveals the future – if we are willing to look:

Amos 3:7

*Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but **he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets**.*

Daniel Sought for understanding:

Daniel 7:15-16

*I Daniel **was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body**, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of them that stood by, and **asked him the truth of all this**. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.*

Daniel’s wisdom came from God:

Daniel 1:17

*As for these four children, **God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom**: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.*

Still had to seek an answer from God:

Daniel 2:17-23

Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Answer to Prayer:

Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Response to Answer:

Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with

him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

Daniels testimony to the king:

Daniel 2:28 But **there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known** to the king Nebuchadnezzar **what shall be in the latter days**. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these...

Daniel 4:17 This matter is by **the decree of the watchers**, and the demand by the **word of the holy ones**: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

v13 –an angel revealed it to Daniel:

I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;

Desire to know the future:

Daniel 12:9-10 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the **words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end**. 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**.

Daniel 12:3 And they that be **wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament**; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Understanding Given:

Revelation 1:1-3 The **Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass**; and he sent and **signified** it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. **Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand**.

- *Read, Hear & Keep – brings ACTIONS

Putting Faith into Action

The whole idea of prophecy – is to give us vision – to be confident of the future – and motivated in the present:

Revelation 16:15 *Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that **watcheth**, and **keepeth** his garments, lest he **walk** naked, and they see his shame.*

This is what the faithful did in times gone by - Noah:

Hebrews 11:7 *By faith Noah, being **warned of God** of **things not seen as yet**, **moved with fear**, **prepared** an ark to the **saving** of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became **heir of the righteousness** which is by faith.*

Example of Abraham:

Hebrews 11:8 ***By faith** Abraham, when he was **called to go out** into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, **obeyed**; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.*

Hebrews 11:10 *For he **looked for a city** which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

Hebrews 11:13 *These all **died in faith**, not having received the promises, **but having seen them afar off**, and were **persuaded** (confident anticipation) of them, and **embraced** them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

A path we need to tread:

Romans 4:12 *[Abraham] And **the father** of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but **who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham**, which he had being yet uncircumcised.*

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