

**TELECAST SERMON FOR
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"BLESSED ARE THE EYES THAT SEE"
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Thank you Melvin,

It is God's desire that all people come unto Him in full repentance, and receive His salvation, full and free. Those who respond and obey His command will be blessed bountifully: Spiritually, materially and physically, and even financially. The soul who rejects and rises up against the Lord, shall be "devoured by the sword," and there shall be no remedy for his tragic end. Do we dare provoke the Lord to jealousy? Do we dare contend our strength is greater than His? God forbid! He has the power to save, the power to devastate, the power to heal, the power to curse, the power to overcome, and the power to bless. I invite you to partake in today's message, entitled, "BLESSED ARE THE EYES THAT SEE," and I pray that by the time it concludes, you will be encouraged to seek the Lord, Whose powers are limitless and can sustain you in every way.

Peace with God has been provided by Jesus Christ whose death and resurrection brought reconciliation between God and man. We preach and teach; the Lord Jesus Christ is God incarnate. We believe as the scripture points out that "He is the only image of the invisible God," and the "expressed image of His person." He existed before Genesis, and will live beyond the book of Revelation.

Therefore, as believers, we must remember that the peace that we have with Jesus means much more than a point in time in our lives. For us it is the very foundation wherein we place our confidence, live victoriously in this sinful world, rising above every obstacle that may hinder us from worshipping Him in truth and righteousness. Having the Holy Ghost within, enables us to understand the truths of God's Word and empowers us to strive for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Yes, God is real, and daily, He reveals Himself not only to me, but unto all those who love him and who look forward to His return.

In Luke 10:22-24, we find Jesus encouraging his disciples to appreciate the things they have heard and seen. It reads, "All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him. And he turned unto the disciples, and said privately, Blessed are your eyes which see the things that ye see: For I tell you, that many prophets and Kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."

Paul tells us in I Timothy 3:16 " And without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness. God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Man, over time, has placed a tremendous amount of effort to gain an understanding and an explanation of God. Man has attempted to conquer this area of the unknown through the sciences or through deductive reasoning.

For an example, long and hard fought court battles continue till this very day, in an attempt to distinguish whether man was created by God, or whether man evolved, as indicated by thousands of years changes. The issue being, what do we teach our children? Satan engages every effort that will give God recognition and praise. The less people know about the Lord, the more possibilities exist to deceive and confuse.

Within the realm of Christianity, many have the 'zeal of God,' but fall short of His righteousness. They claim to be in His presence, but in fact stand in the outer courts amongst unbelievers. They claim to have an intimacy with Him, but in works, they are far from Him. They claim to have the knowledge of God, but in fact, do not know the things that are necessary for the saving of the soul.

TV viewers, have you considered, whom God has chosen to reveal himself to? In God there is neither Jew or Gentile, bond or free, male or female, race or culture. God is no respecter of persons, because He has concluded, that all have sinned and come short of His glory.

Isaiah 53:1 tells us, "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" In spite of the efforts put forth by the Lord, extending even to the sacrifice of His Son, mankind chooses to sin continually.

We read in Matthew 16:17-18 of God's willingness to reveal his Will. "And Jesus answered and said unto him, blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Peter was blessed with the keys to the kingdom of God, because he was able to qualify his worth in the eyes of Jesus. In this conversation, Jesus asked his disciples, "Whom do men say I the Son of Man am?" Not expecting such a question, they resorted to what they had heard during their travels with Jesus. They responded by saying, "Some say you are John the Baptist, some Elias, others Jeremias, or one of the prophets."

Their answers reflected the unbelief that existed, how that He was not seen as being the Son of God, but simply one of the prophets. Though Jesus was being regarded, as one of the prophets held in high esteem by the Jews, no one answered, saying He was the Messiah! Thinking the matter was closed and the question answered sufficiently, the disciples continued their preparations for their stay at the coasts of Caesarea Philippi.

However, Jesus would not let the matter end there, because there was an intended purpose. He had never spoken to them about the Church being established. It was important for them to know, who the foundation of the church was to be.

Jesus thus proceeded with a second question to the surprise of the disciples. He asked, "But whom say ye that I am?" The disciples were now being asked of what they thought of Jesus and his ministry. They knew what the world thought of Jesus, but now it was a personal confrontation. Their thoughts and views were now being confronted.

Having been in the presence of Jesus, for quite some time, they now were trying to recall all the teachings they heard over the days and months that had past. But what would be the acceptable answer? Peter, rising to the occasion, answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

There could have been no other acceptable answer, and Peter hit the nail right on the head!

We need to grab hold on to the presence and existence of God, manifested in the person of Jesus Christ. God has been revealed; the question is, "Will you believe?"

Paul tells us in Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved." Jesus came into this world to seek and save that which was lost! He provided an escape from sin and death through His redemptive blood, that was shed on the cross of Calvary.

The Word of God became alive, because He rose from the dead, giving greater life to the scriptures, and eternal life to all those who will believe.

While in Jerusalem, a Pharisee approached Jesus, inquiring of the Kingdom of God. The Pharisee knew and heard of Jesus, but had never personally spoken to Him. His desire for righteousness moved him so much, that in the darkness of night, he sought out to speak with Jesus.

Questions of the heart needed answers, and what he learned and practiced did not quench the thirst for fulfillment. His name was Nicodemus, and he was a respected figure of the time.

Let us read in John 3:1-4, "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, how can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?" And in John 3:5, "Jesus answered, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

It is not by coincidence, television viewers, that you are watching this telecast, but it has been purposed, that you might be comforted by the scriptures and be saved by keeping His commandments. The question is, "Will you seize the opportunity?" The scriptures are clear regarding the Good News!

Yes, salvation is an individual, matter, and I might add, water baptism in the name of Jesus is essential for any one's salvation to be complete. You may be "speaking in tongues," as was with the members of the house of Cornelius upon hearing Peter preach. But you will also recall that Peter baptized them in the name of Jesus.

Please read John 7:38, "He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." The speaking in tongues does not remove sin, but the name of Jesus does.

Thus, you see, salvation is complete when one is born of water and of the Spirit, as was told to Nicodemus. Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan, setting a pattern of good works for all to follow.

Just imagine, Jesus was baptized for sin, yet He was sinless. He modeled Himself to be penitent, but had nothing to repent of. He was the son of God, and experienced tremendous pain and suffering at the hands of an ignorant, unbelieving and self-righteous world. He could have called ten thousand of His angels to rescue Him, but He did not, that you and I might have life.

When Jesus was baptized, by immersion, the Holy Ghost in the form of a dove descended upon Him.

The Holy Ghost, though not known at the time of Jesus' baptism, indicated that His spirit would occupy a temple that was cleansed and prepared for Him.

Therefore, a new heart and a new spirit would be required to do His will. Peter tells us in I Peter 3:21, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

We read in Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

When Peter spoke these words, he had something to refer to, and that was when Jesus was baptized. The Acts of the Apostles are clear as documented by Luke, who I am sure you will agree was a reliable and trustworthy source.

Jesus ascended unto heaven from the mount of Olives, leaving His disciples to carry on the ministry. I believe that he...that is Jesus... also gave them an example, that was not discernable at the time of ascension. However, on the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost was manifested, with power and demonstration, they could once again relate to that experience, that would confirm that it was of the Lord.

I believe in my heart that while Jesus ascended into heaven, He was speaking in tongues. To the disciples, who had never heard tongues, even when accompanying Jesus, it was just a noise, or an unidentifiable sound.

Besides they were in awe to witness Jesus ascend into heaven, and despondent as well, to see their hope leave them.

However, when Pentecost was fully come, they could relate to the "unknown tongue" they heard, when Jesus ascended into heaven. They were being filled with the Holy Ghost, that is being born of the Spirit. How else could they have known the "unknown tongue," unless they had heard Jesus give them an example of it, while ascending into heaven.

It was a magnificent sound that came from the windows of the upper chamber, such that to the carnal man, it could not be distinguished. But what they heard in their native tongues, were the wonderful works of God. The noise raised the roof of the upper chamber, and stirred the hearts and minds of the people in Jerusalem. It was similar to the experience of the Jews as the Temple and walls of Jerusalem were being restored.

Let us read Ezra 3:12-13, "But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundations of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off!"

Yes, it was a day of rejoicing, such that all Jerusalem heard it. The 120 suffered the same experience as the forefathers. They experienced the joy over the confirmation of His promise, and the weeping though not of sorrow, but that Jesus was with them in the Spirit!

Let us read Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Paul's epistle to the congregation at Corinth warned them of false teachers and false doctrines. In his warning he not only included himself and other men who would take occasion to pervert the gospel of Jesus Christ, but included angels, as well, who would dare to preach anything else, other than that they have preached.

Peter worded the redemptive plan beautifully, as we read in I Peter 1:18-20, "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

Once a very respected man asked me, "What is the righteousness of God?" The only answer I could give him was, "The righteousness of God is Jesus Christ!" He was astonished at the simplicity of the answer.

The conversation Jesus had with His disciples while at Caesarea Philippi was similar in nature. What is evident to the believers is hidden from the eyes and ears of the world. On this accord, Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit, because what God has revealed to babes, he has hid from those that are wise and prudent in their own eyes.

The opening scripture of the sermon for today, we previously read in Luke 10:22-24, speaks of the oneness of the Father and Son, and to whom this mystery is revealed. In our understanding of the scriptures, the Father and Son are inseparable, because they are one in the same, but different manifestations of the selfsame Spirit of God, whom no man has seen at any time.

Yes, the deity of Jesus Christ should not be pursued as a mathematical problem, needing a resolution, but simply believed. Remember the words of Paul, 'God was manifest in the flesh, and believed on in the world!' These things we see and believe, and the world stands in amazement over the discovery. Learned men have spent hours on end in research, in other words, "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

We are presently living in an age where the pace of living has been accelerated, and many good things will go unnoticed and unfortunately, unappreciated. However, this condition should not exist within the Body of Christ. One of the things believers and unbelievers for that matter take for granted, is the Word of God!

Amos 8:11 reads, "Behold, the days come saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." We should and need to appreciate what we have in the Lord. The things that we are accustomed to, at times, are quite often taken for granted. They are not fully appreciated until it is taken away and none existent.

God speaks to us in dreams and visions, through the power of the Holy Ghost, and through the mouth of His prophets and Servants, and through the Word of God. The manifestation of the gifts of God are manifested daily during the course of our worship services and prayer services. Jesus comforts us by confirming His Word with signs following, and by performing every counsel given by his anointed. Indeed, we are blessed, but it is common for these things to exist within the Body of Christ.

Have you, TV viewers, ever experienced a situation where you spent all your energies researching something and never arrived at a satisfactory answer? Did that feeling of emptiness gnaw at your being continuously? Or, perhaps, you observed someone, who boasted and arrogantly claimed to have a full understanding of a matter, when in reality, the facts proved, one fell somewhat short of having the full understanding.

Thus, it is with those who seek out wisdom, knowledge and understanding without first committing themselves to the Lord. Jesus points to the "wise and prudent" of the world, who desire to see the things, which increase their understanding, but have yet to hear those things that bring lasting joy and comfort.

Yes, Jesus was right when He said, "Kings and prophets desire to see and hear the things we have received!"

"Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment." Elihu, the fourth person to speak with Job rendered these words of wisdom, which are found in Job 32:7-9.

Initially, Elihu was hesitant to speak to Job because he was the youngest of the four visitors. But God would have it differently, being that no answer for Job was found in the words of the previous three visitors. They were considered by Job as "miserable comforters."

God, on the other hand, kindled the wrath of Elihu, that is righteous indignation, spoke with power and conviction, as inspired by the Spirit of God. His youth did not hinder him from doing so. Through the counsel of Elihu, Job was able to look into himself, make his peace and repentance, then talk with God "face to face."

Thus, what was not readily seen by Job, was made known through a man, who was young enough to be Job's son. When God chooses His spokesman, He doesn't pay particular attention to the world's standard of wisdom. He does not look at the 'outward appearance,' nor attempt to identify the natural leaders, then call them to His work. But what God does consider, that His glory might be revealed, is the heart of the person.

God has chosen the foolish, the weak, the lowly, and the despised to carry out His will. Through these, God has confounded the wisdom of this world.

Let us read the passage in I Corinthians 1:26-29, 'For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and god hath chosen weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are; That no flesh should glory in his presence.'

When the sons of Jesse stood before Samuel, during the process of choosing a King for Israel, all were rejected with the exception of David, who was called out of the sheepcote.

Moses was called while tending sheep, and Elisha was called while tilling the land. Of the Apostles, most were common men, where as Luke was a physician, and Paul a lawyer. The common element found among them is, they were Holy Ghost inspired and sent by God.

The Word of God, which we refer to as the Bible, was written by men who were divinely inspired by God. The scholars who were involved in the translation of the original documents, should be appreciated, because they did not allow their intellect and prudence to interfere with the translations.

They "translated" and did not "interpret" the Bible. Through their willingness to please God, they brought the Bible to a perfection so that God was well pleased.

Today, we have learned men rewriting the Bible, in an attempt to clarify, enhance and modernize the original translations. Their argument for the changes is to have an easier understanding and gain the fullness of the scriptures.

Let us read in I Corinthians 2:9-13, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. but God hath revealed them unto us by his spirit: for the spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing Spiritual things with Spiritual."

The verses we have just read, reveal the method through which God passes the truth or revelation from the mind and heart of Himself to the mind and heart of His people.

We can reach the following conclusions,

- 1) The unseen things of God are undiscoverable by the man in his carnal state.
- 2) The unseen things of God are revealed to chosen men and women, who are Spirit filled.
- 3) The things that are revealed, are taught by the Holy Ghost, one step at a time!

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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