

## New Morning Magical – 8-12-20

### We have the mind of Christ

My intention was to go through 1 Corinthians and pick out the most important takeaways for us in our exploration of the freedom provided for us by the Father and walk free from the prison of every human invention, including religion. Of course, as soon as began, I found so much wisdom and value that I never made it past the second chapter of 1 Corinthians. So, let's go through this chapter, beginning with verse 7:

7 but we are speaking God's wisdom in a secret, wisdom which has been concealed, which God designates before -- before the eons, for our glory,

8 which not one of the chief men of this eon knows, for if they know, they would not crucify the Lord of glory.

9 But, according as it is written, That which the eye did not perceive, and the ear did not hear, and to which the heart of man did not ascend -- whatever God makes ready for those who are loving Him.

10 Yet to us God reveals them through His spirit, for the spirit is searching all, even the depths of God.

What a humbling experience it must have been for the Apostle Paul to be *"speaking God's wisdom in a secret, wisdom which has been concealed, which God designates before -- before the eons, for our glory."*

I find it daunting, frankly, to even attempt to communicate how important it is that we grasp what Paul is communicating in only 21 words.

First, Paul acknowledges that it is God's own wisdom he's speaking; and then he reveals that his speaking is done in secret, as if to say, *"No one else knows this stuff, so listen up, brothers and sisters."* Then Paul drops the bomb that the Father designated all this before the eons – before anything was made – and for what? For our glory! *Our glory?* What's that mean? He explains it partially in verses 8-10:

8 which not one of the chief men of this eon knows, for if they know, they would not crucify the Lord of glory.

Not even the smartest people on the face of the Earth know what you just learned. If they had known it, Yeshua would never have been given up to suffer crucifixion.

9 But, according ***as it is written***, That which the eye did not perceive, and the ear did not hear, and to which the heart of man did not ascend -- whatever God makes ready for those who are loving Him.

Paul is quoting Isaiah 64:4 here, but let's look at the whole context, beginning in verse 3:

When You did fearful things that we were not expecting, You descended!

The mountains flowed because of Your presence.

From the eon, they have not heard;

They have not given ear;

Eye has not seen any Elohim except You,

He Who is doing deeds for him who is tarrying for Him.

5 O that You would come up on one who is elated, and one doing righteousness,

Those who are remembering You in Your ways!

I'm going to keep reading two more verses in Isaiah 64, so you can see how free you are in Christ today, compared to the children of Israel hundreds of years before Yeshua's birth.

5 Behold, You Yourself are wrathful, and we are sinning;

Against You from the eon, we are transgressing.

6 We are becoming like the unclean, all of us,

And all our righteousness like an ornamented cloak;

We are decaying like a leaf, all of us,

And our depravities, like the wind, are carrying us away.

The only application that these last verses has for you and me today is that all of it is true, but for grace; as Barbara says, *"God's riches as Christ's expense."* Without grace we are every bit as crummy as Isaiah is declaring. Yeshua's blood cleanses us entirely when we believe. What a marvel it is to know that the Father is not reckoning our offenses to us, since Yeshua died; they're blotted out of remembrance!

No one has seen, heard, or even felt to consider what the Father has prepared for those who are loving Him! Now, Paul goes on in verse 10 of 1 Corinthians:

10 Yet to us God reveals them through His spirit, for the spirit is searching all, even the depths of God.

WOW! The Father is revealing His secrets, His wisdom to us through the agency of His Spirit; this is the same Ruach HaKodesh, the same Spirit of Holiness, the same “consoler” that we looked at clear back in John 14!

12 Now we obtained, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God, that we may be perceiving that which is being graciously given to us by God,

13 which we are speaking also, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the spirit, matching spiritual blessings with spiritual words.

Here, we see again how important the Holy Spirit is, because through it we can perceive, or understand fully what the Father has given us. In verse 13, we get a glimpse of the vast difference between what the Spirit teaches, versus what we can learn from the world.

14 Now the soulish man is not receiving those things which are of the spirit of God, for they are stupidity to him, and he is not able to know them, seeing that they are spiritually examined.

The same stupidity that we saw in chapter one is referred to here in verse 14. The “soulish man,” who can’t grasp anything from God, is meant to contrast with the spiritual man who can know these things because he is able to “*examine*” them through the spirit.

16 For who knew the mind of the Lord? Who will be deducing from Him? Yet we have the mind of Christ.

Pay attention to that last phrase: “*Yet we have the mind of Christ.*” This is huge. It means that you think like Yeshua thinks; you think WHAT He thinks; you’re focused on the same things He is! Now, Paul does NOT say that we USE the mind of Christ; only that we have it, and because we have it, we CAN use it; and how much easier might our lives be when we DO use it?

In Chapter 3, Paul makes another major statement, preceded by an important question:

16 Are you not aware that you are a temple of God and the spirit of God is making its home in you?

17 If anyone is corrupting the temple of God, God will be corrupting him, for the temple of God is holy, which you are.

You are a temple of God, so don’t foul it up in your body, mind or heart. When we read verse 17: “If anyone is corrupting the temple of God, God will be corrupting him,” we might think that

we're looking at the judgment of God; however, judgment doesn't fit with the administration of grace in which we live today. So, I suspect that what's left is a pronouncement by Paul that these kinds of people, who are abusing or corrupting their temples by their behavior, will reap the consequences of their corruption. Those consequences may be all manner of illness, disease, decay, and ultimately an untimely death. All this is my perception, obviously, but it seems to make sense.

I'd like to go with the judgment idea, frankly, but I can't get past the fact that grace replaces judgment for the rest of this eon since Christ died. The whole picture of "*God corrupting them*" may be entirely future tense, such as at "*the dais of Christ.*"

Let's take a quick look at that now in 2 Corinthians 5:10:

10 For all of us must be manifested in front of **the dais of Christ**, that each should be required [*compensated, recompensed, reimbursed*] for that which he [*or she*] puts into practice through the body, whether good or bad.

Your Bible probably says "the judgment seat of Christ." A dais is a completely different idea from a judgment seat. One conjures up an image of a courtroom with the judge ready to pronounce sentence on the plaintiffs. Many years ago, I announced horse shows for a friend over probably 5 years. I sat next to the judge, who decided the award rankings for the riders. Ribbons were pinned on the horses' halters from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> place. The dais of Christ is the same idea: a judge's stand where medals or trophies are awarded for performance. It's like an award ceremony and it implies ranking. Paul would have been familiar with the ancient athletic contests, like our modern Olympics, which had a judges stand where athletes received their awards.

Who knows what the dais of Christ actually looks like? Ezekiel gave the only answer that works when he was faced with an impossible question to answer. Here's that story, from Ezekiel 37:

The hand of Yahweh came on me. He brought me forth by the spirit of Yahweh and stopped me in the midst of a valley. It was full of bones.

2 He made me pass through them all around, and behold, there were exceedingly many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.

He said to me: Son of humanity, shall these bones live?

And I answered, My Lord Yahweh, You know.

Another version says, "*Oh, Sovereign Lord, You alone know.*"

We won't have all the answers until we're with Yeshua in the celestials. Until then, *"Oh, Sovereign Lord, You alone know."*

That's a good place to stop for today, so until next time,

May Yahweh bless you and keep you;  
May Yahweh light up His face toward you  
and be gracious to you;  
May Yahweh lift His face to you  
and appoint peace for you.

AMEN