

1 CORINTHIANS | "THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD" | LESSON 34 | 1 COR 2:6-16

I) INTRO / REVIEW:

- Revelation
 - ① Progressive Revelation
 - ② Darkened Revelation
 - ③ Hidden Revelation
- The substance of the hidden wisdom

II) PREVIEW:

- ① The Judgments & Glory of God
- ② Man's Limitations & God's Deep Things
 - Man's Ignorance & God's Revelation

III) SERMONS:

[1:9] - "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."

- Quote from Isa. 64:4
 - 5th CoP prophet (last course of punishment)
 - Provides "revelation" of things that by this time it has been proven, even when it comes to prophecy
 - Eye hath not seen
 - Ear hath not heard
 - Nor heart of man knows it

• In fact, not only do they not know it by nature, but their own wisdom not only doesn't come close to God's purpose - it darkens themselves from knowing it as they reject God.

- What is it that they don't know it?
- How is it that they cannot know it?

① What are the things they don't know?

④ according to Isaiah

⑥ according to Paul

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① ISA 64:4

• Two things become apparent

① God's judgments of man

② The glory of His people by those judgments

• 1-3 = bring His wrath

• 4 = for those that wait for Him will experience what He's prepared for them

① The world doesn't know the purpose all things

• They think pursuing prosperity is purposeful

• They think having temporary power is purposeful

• They think climate change is purposeful

• They think mirth is purposeful

↳ eat, drink, be merry

• They think retiring early is purposeful

• They think mastering skills is purposeful

• They think controlling people is purposeful

• Yet, they don't know their end makes all these things vain.

• They are pointless, empty of power, void of purpose

• What is it to enjoy suffering for the season of life and be forever destroyed by the presence of the One they neglect, reject, and spurn?

• What folly? The arrogance of the world is as a tower that reaches heaven only to be confounded, destroyed by God's judgment - the destruction of which will last eternally longer than that which they built by it.

• Yet, for those whom it is prepared for He reveals it to

• ISA. 65:17, 66:22-23

• Dan. 12:4 (Amos 8:11; Lev. 26:39)

① Zech ② Matt. 13:1-11 ③ The Revelation (the Spirit → Jv. 16:13)

- Further "mysteries" given to Paul (1 Cor. 4:1) which entails "the mystery".
- These things are matters of glory with the backdrop of His judgment
- The Cross is where judgment & glory meet

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⑥ Paul draws a parallel to Isa. 64:4 and this issue in prophecy to more of it in regards to "the mystery".

- It entails total & complete victory
- This is not some squabble for Christ to win then He dies, like every other man. No! He humbly defeats death by death. He dies that death may die all to appear to salvation to them that love Him - and swallow up the residual effects of Satan's power.

To judge them that know Him not

- Paul is saying God has not given His revelation to them who know Him not
- All the enthrallment ^{from what} that you think the wisdom of the world adds to God → does not, it cannot

② How can it not?

- ① "eye hath not seen" } it is not known empirically } (objective)
 "hear hath not heard" } experience, theories, evidence
 empiricism [Science] - 1 Tim. 6:20
- 2 Cor. 5:7
 - Heb. 11:1

② "nether entered into the heart of man" - subjective, rationalism

- my truth is not the truth
 - "reason" is the test of knowledge
 - intellectual, deductive (not sensory)
 - knowledge outside of experience
- that which is born from within
 innate
 relative & subject to the deceitful heart

• Pro. 18:2

• Jer. 44:16-17

Isa. 10:12-16 (57:10)

Isa. 26:18

• All those things that everyone brought to Man: Hill was vanity

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- Kings & Princes
- Government & Turpans
- Professor & Student
- Noble or Unlearned
- Rich or Poorer
- Magistrates & Citizens
- Healthy or Sick
- Known & Unknown

- Offer me deliverance from death, you have no offer
- Give me purpose for this life, your attempts are shallow & depressing when all ends in death
- Tell me the future, your promises are as wind
- Explain to me where I come from, your theories are against your own science
- Take me to the heavenly places, you can't
- Bring me to the depths of the earth and under, you can't

• What is man's wisdom?

• Man has not brought deliverance in the earth but prances around boasting of greatness usually at the expense of someone else.

"But God"!!

• There's the answer - you have no answer without Him.

• Can the clay do anything without the Potter?

• Who has first given to Him that He should recompense?

• "of Him, through Him, & to Him are all things" - and no mere man will stay His hand.

• His word will not return void.

"But God"

[10] - "But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

• "hath revealed them unto us"

① He revealed them

② Not to the princes

③ To Paul

• The things prepared for them that love Him are revealed to them that love Him.

• Rom. 8:28ff

• They are not revealed to the world and His things are not expressed or shown through man's excellency, greatness, theories, knowledge, science, etc.

• They are revealed to the apostle Paul and written down

- What to know what to think?
- What to do, what decision, what you should feel?
- It's just not what you think, what the world does
- It's above it all.

- We see it = "eyes of understanding" (Eph 1)
 - We hear it = "faith comes by hearing" (Rom 10; 1 Thm. 2:13)
 - We know it = "Spirit writes on our hearts" (2 Cor. 3)
- } Faith

"by His Spirit" - Pro. 20:27 (man's spirit is God's candle that searches the belly)

- The Spirit of God is the light of truth searching the deep things of God
 - His affections, His desires
 - His good pleasure (ISA. 9:10ff; Eph. 1)

"for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" - Rom. 8:26-27

- "all things" - Rom. 8:5, 32 > extent
- "deep things" - Rom. 11:33; ISA. 55:8
- Eph 3:18

↳ Spirit's intercession
↳ 1 Cor. 2:12
• freely given to know

- We have a relationship with the redemption things of His Son (1 Cor. 1:17-2:5)
- We have a particular relationship with the mystery of Christ (1 Cor. 2:6-16)
 - ↳ There we find the deep things of our election, our glory

• Eph. 3:20-21

• We have so much to think, so much to agree on, so much to be likeminded & mutual in, so much to do together when we mutually yield together to God's word to be divided & will only allow division when we allow the wisdom of the world to have place where it should not.