

## Looking for Wisdom

When we talk to people, we don't start out with the thing that will blow their mind right away — things that are inconceivable to their minds, that they are unable to understand at this time. Instead, we agree with them as far as we can until we see there is an avenue to speak to them. We don't start talking about the rapture right away, which they know as only a theory. 1 Cor 9:19-22 — We have to be all things to them, especially Christians — to the Jews, like the Jews; to those under the law like those under the law. We are not free of the law of God because we are under the law of Messiah, the law of love. We are not under the Mosaic Law, even though we may obey it. We are not under it; we are under grace.

In Gal 6:1, “*Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently...*” The word is *caught*, trapped, overtaken in a sin that he didn't want to commit, but did because of some sort of weakness. They are caught but they want to get out. It does not mean *caught* as in, “Ah ha, I caught you in this sin.” You fulfill the law of Messiah if you carry each other's burdens. Verses 3-5 — Everyone has his own load. There are certain burdens, loads, thorns in the flesh that we have to bear ourselves. They cannot be carried by someone else. But there are certain overburdens that we carry for one another. Though no one can be burden-free, if someone is overburdened and it is too much for him, we want to go to him and help him.

So with those “Church of Christ” men who want to meet with us tomorrow, we want to start out agreeing with them as much as possible. But then if they start to blaspheme the gospel, then we have to tell them where they are at. As soon as they come against your spirit, you have to tell them where they are at. Our Master said, “You are the son of the devil; you are accusing me. Your father is the father of lies; it is obvious because you don't know how to tell the truth.” If they attack the gospel, they are attacking the only thing that can save them.

Paul said 1 Cor 9:1. Paul proved that. He was not under the law and he knew it, but he did things as if he was under the law, but he did it in order to win people who were under the

law. Paul was free. He was able to do things like that. Of course he didn't start partying with people and doing abominable things because, he said, "I'm still not without the law because I'm under the law of Messiah." With the weak we become weak. When someone is weak, we don't act like we know it all and try to blast them.

There was a man here last week who had evil doctrines about Peter and Paul, saying that they were in disagreement. But Peter and Paul were one. Peter considered what Paul said as scripture — as the word of God. 2 Pet 3:15-16 — The Christians distort Paul's words. They are driven by a demonic spirit, misapplying what Paul is saying. They do not have the Holy Spirit to guide them into the truth (verse 17-18).

We have to know and understand the scriptures or we are lost. We are writing a paper about what we believe and why we believe it. We want to be persecuted on what we believe, not on what we don't believe. We have to pray for wisdom. Read Pr 2:1-5. I'm glad we don't have one translation of the Bible. They are all wrong anyway. We have to have the Holy Spirit to rectify the differences in translations so we will understand the truth. Discover, discern, pray for understanding, lift up your voice.

Digging for silver is an excruciating thing of going back and back into the cave, in this hole where you can't breath, it caves in on you — it is an incredible endeavor. We will never come to knowledge, insight, understanding, and discernment unless we look for it that way. It is not found automatically. It has to be asked for. That is the word. We have to be forceful in it. Otherwise we are going to be led astray — we will think we are going right but we are not; we will think we have wisdom but do not have it; we will be doing it all in our own wisdom, going by our own light. We will be living by our own light, not by His light.

It says, "*Lift up your voice.*" Does it really say that? It says to lift your *voice* up. Cry out for that wisdom so you can actually come to the fear of YHWH and discover the knowing of Him, the knowledge of Him. We are just beginning on this path. There is no room for condemnation.

And when people ask us about the hope we have, we are going to astound them with all the wisdom and knowledge we have about our Master. Yahshua astounded the Pharisees at 12 years old.

Someone [a guest] came here and said he had tried to call Boston, asking for Derush, but the person answering said that Derush was in a meeting. We have to be careful how we communicate things, because we don't know what spirit we are in. If you pass something on to someone, and it is not the same as where it came from, someone slandered on the way. The tongue is like fire. We have to be really careful how we communicate. It has to really be the truth.

It's a serious thing that we wouldn't have time to talk to somebody because we are too busy. That's a sign of decline.