Lesson Nine THE INTERPRETER'S HOUSE #1

Tonight we are going to be entering into a new section of the book, and I think it is one of the most rich sections of the entire book, for it deals with the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the life of a believer. We have progressed now to this point in the experience of the Christian. We have come through the wicket gate which is the narrow gate of conversion, so the Pilgrim is now experiencing saving faith in Jesus Christ. He is now a Christian in the fullest sense of the word and has now been made right with God. We discussed in great length the necessity of knowing that you are truly converted. Then we covered in our last session the individual named Good-will who is Christ pointing the Christian to an onward journey. That is, the initial conversion is not the whole journey. There are many things that lie ahead before one enters into eternal rest. Therefore, Good-will pointed him to a straight and narrow path. He is told to look for one of the first things he will encounter which is the House of the Interpreter. We begin with these words:

Then Christian began to gird up his loins, and to address himself to his journey. So the other told him, that by that he was gone some distance from the gate, he would come at the house of the Interpreter, at whose door he should knock, and he would show him excellent things. Then Christian took his leave of his friend, and he again bid him God speed.

Then he went on, till he came at the house of the Interpreter, where he knocked over and over. At last one came to the door, and asked who was there.

Chr. Sir, here is a traveller, who was bid by an acquaintance of the good man of this house to call here for my profit; I would therefore speak with the master of the house.

So he called for the master of the house who, after a little time, came to Christian, and asked him what he would have.

Sir, said Christian, I am a man that am come from the city of Destruction, and am going to the Mount Zion; and I was told by the man that stands at the gate at the head of this way, that, if I called here, you would show me excellent things, such as would be helpful to me on my journey.

Then said the Interpreter, Come in; I will show thee that which will be profitable to thee. So he commanded his man to light the candle, and bid Christian follow him; so he had him into a private room, and bid his man open a door. Now we have come to the path, which is the straight and narrow way, the path of obedience to the commands of Jesus Christ. Christian is now coming up to a house, which

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There are going to be many rooms in this house. Christian is going to be led from one room to another, and he will see different things that are taking place in these rooms. In Bunyan's style, each one of these rooms is going to represent some different aspect

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the life of a new convert. Therefore, it is called the House of the Interpreter.

In our true Christian experience which we travel day by day after we have embraced Christ, we have these words in the Bible found in Hebrews 6:1 - "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrines of Christ, let us go on into perfection. That is not laying again the foundation of repentance and dead works, but let us build upon that which has begun and go on unto maturity." There are many things which new converts need to learn, and the way that they learn these is through the interpreting ministry of the Holy Spirit of God. So do not think that when you came to Christ and you became a Christian, that that is all there was to your Christian experience. No, no, there are many things which lie ahead. The writer of Hebrews, in the previous chapter 5, had said that many of these Hebrew Christians were like babes in Christ. That is, they had reached the point where they ought to be teachers, and yet they still had to be taught the principles of the gospel. Therefore, he would say "let us go on into perfection or maturity that we may be able to take on more of the characteristics of Christ."

When we come here to the House of the Interpreter in Bunyan's style, we truly see the genius of this Puritan preacher. I want to read to you from the book, *Lectures on the Pilgrim's Progress and on the Life and Times of John Bunyan* by George B. Cheever, D.D. on this particular section dealing with the Interpreter's house.

It would be difficult to find twelve consecutive pages in the English language, that contain such volumes of meaning in such beautiful and instructive

lessons, with such heavenly imagery, in so pure and sweet a style, and with so thrilling an appeal to the best affections of the heart, as these pages descriptive of Christian's sojourning in the House of the Interpreter.

I would agree with him. In this particular section of the book, almost every word has a meaning in it. As we will go from room to room, we will see some of the things that are in those rooms. We can look at these just a little bit in advance. In one room, we will see a picture on the wall of a very grave man. Then we will go into another room and see two children named Patience and Passion. We will go into another room and see a man dusting or sweeping that room, and the dust is flying everywhere. We will go into another room and see fire burning up the side of the wall. We will go into another room and see a valiant man in a warfare. We will go into another room and see a man in an iron cage. From room to room, we will learn the lessons that will be instructive to a new Christian regarding the things of Christ as revealed in the gospel. Now what does the Interpreter stand for in this particular way?

We read that Christian began to gird up his loins, that is, he begins to take seriously the instruction of Christ. He begins to read his Bible, to meditate on the things of God, and he begins to pray. That is what it means when it says, that he begins to gird up his loins and to address himself to his journey. But before he went very far, he came to the House of the Interpreter. The Interpreter is the Holy Spirit who must interpret the things of God for us. We must have His ministry on our behalf. Now we notice that the Interpreter's House is not very far from the Wicket Gate, and this again reveals the genius of Bunyan. What does he mean by having the Interpreter's House close to the Wicket Gate? It simply means that there is no long inteval of time that has to transpire before the new convert can begin to receive the things of the Spirit of God. And I am grateful for that. Some of you young people may say, "I will never be able to understand the things of the Bible until I get old." But that isn't true. When a person is converted, you don't have to wait a long time before the Holy Spirit begins ministering unto you. The teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit begins right after we enter into the gate of true conversion. So that gives us hope. We don't have to say, "Well, I will have to wait until I am forty or fifty years old before I will ever be able to learn anything about the Bible. That isn't true. The Holy Spirit's ministry is located right close to the Wicket Gate.

Now then if you have your Bibles open to the book of Luke, we will see the basis for Bunyan's statement here. We read,

Then he went on, til he came at the house of the Interpreter where he knocked over and over. At last one came to the door, and asked who was there.

Try to visualize this in your mind. He goes up to the door and knocks, but there is not going to be an immediate answer. Remember, that is the same thing that happened back at the Wicket Gate. He had to knock more than once. So now he is going to come up here and apply to the Holy Spirit to instruct him in the things of God. But he does not have to knock only once. He is going to knock over and over again. Why is this? Let's let Christ explain it in Luke chapter 11 and verses 11-13: "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" There is a ministry of the Holy Spirit that is to be given to the believer in behalf of prayer addressed to the Father. Now go back up to verses 9 and 10, "And I say unto you, ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Here is a promise, and it is in answer to persevering prayer, to those who sincerely desire the ministry of the Holy Spirit of God. But the question arises, "Well pastor, why didn't the Holy Spirit open the door immediately when the

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answer the request, but it is to prove the sincerity of the seeker's heart. Do you see that? The fact that the door was not opened immediately is not to be viewed as God being unwilling to give the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit to the believer, but it is to prove

the sincerity of the seeker's heart. You say, "Well pastor, doesn't God already know whether we are sincere or not? Certainly He does, but you and I don't know that. You see, that is why the longer that we ask, the more we get down to business in seeking, we will see our need. That means that the receiving of the ministry of the Holy Spirit is not going to be handed to us on a platter. There has to be a genuine seeking of the Holy Spirit to be assigned to our lives. And the promise is "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you, because everyone that asketh receives, and everyone that seeks, finds, and to him that knocks, it shall be opened." How sincere are you, and how much do you want the Holy Spirit to minister to you? Remember the illustration of the child and the cookies. The child says, "Mom, I would like to have a cookie." Mom says, "not now, not now!" Child - "Mom, I would like to have a cookie." "Well, come back later." "No, I've got to have a cookie now!" And when the Mother sees that the child is sincere, and it is agreeable with his diet, then when she determines that he really desires that cookie, she will give him one. But if he runs in and says, "Mom, I would like to have a cookie" and she says, "No." He runs on back to play, because he really didn't want a cookie to begin with. How desperate, or how much do you feel you need the ministry of the Holy Spirit to teach you the things of God? Do you say, "I am going to pray that the Holy Spirit will teach me. Then you pray about a minute and get up and leave. Then you do not pray again for a week. Do you think that you are really sincere about having the ministry of the Holy Spirit? Well, no, and this is why Christ says that those who would have this ministry must ask, seek and knock. They may have to knock over and over and over again, but there shall be an answer given if the individual has a sincere seeking heart.

Now lets look at the Interpreter's ministry. We read here that an individual came to the door and asked the Christian what he wanted, and he said, "I would speak with the master of the house." So he called for the Master of the House who is the Holy Spirit. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in His teaching ministry to the life of a Christian? Turn to John chapter 14. Many of you may be aware that we are in a great period of time here in the United States in which there is much confusion existing throughout the land because of the many different doctrines that are being taught about the ministry of the Holy Spirit of God. It seems like that instead of things becoming clearer, things are becoming more confused because certain groups misuse the ministry of God's Holy Spirit. Now look in John

14 beginning in verse 16, and here we will see the role of the Holy Spirit in His teaching ministry. Jesus says, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Notice that Jesus says that He is going to pray to the Father, and He is going to give you another Comforter who shall abide with you forever. This is in the time period in the life of Christ and His disciples, in which He was going to be leaving them. Of course that would bring about much loneliness, but He said, "I will not leave you comfortless." "I am going to give you another Comforter and He is going to abide with you forever, and it is going to be none other than the Spirit of truth. The world or the unsaved person cannot receive the Spirit of God, because it sees Him not, but you know Him for he dwells with you and He shall be in you." "I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you." Now look down in verse 26, "But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you."

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to bring to remembrance the teachings which Jesus Christ has given unto men. Now bear in mind that Christ is going to leave and go back to the Father. Why is He going to leave? Because as a human being living in a human body, He can only be in one place at one time. But by ascending back to the Father, and sending the Omnipotent Spirit of God, that Spirit can be with believers everywhere. So this is the reason why Christ has ascended in order that the Omnipotent Spirit might dwell with me here in Osceola, Missouri, and he might also dwell with Christians over in Bombay, India. This is the great ministry of the Holy Spirit on our behalf. He will bring things to our remembrance what Christ has taught or revealed unto His people.

Now turn to John chapter 16 and verse 7 - "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." Look also in verse 12 - "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He

will shew you things to come. He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you."

I want us to examine this right here, because I think this is the great error of the present teaching on the Holy Spirit of God. Notice the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to reveal the things of Christ. He is not come to speak of Himself, but to exalt the person

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and ministry of Jesus Christ, and any time that an individual, a church or a denomination makes more of the person of the Holy Spirit to the extent that it distracts from the person and work of Christ, you can rest assured it is not the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Because the Holy Spirit is given to teach of Jesus Christ. This is brought out here in this text, "for He shall not speak of Himself," Jesus said He shall not attract attention to Himself, but He shall speak of Me. Here we see the genius of Bunyan. We see all his emphasis here in the House of the Interpreter is on the house, not on the person. That is, we will hear very little about the Interpreter Himself, although He is the precious third person of the God-head, the Holy Spirit. But what we are going to be seeing is the House itself, and all these different rooms which represent different teachings of Jesus Christ. So the Holy Spirit will not exalt Himself, but He will exalt the work and person of Jesus. He is a Comforter.

Now we read that Christian said,

"I am a man that am come from the City of Destruction, and am going to the Mount Zion; and I was told by the man that stands at the gate at the head of this way, that, if I called here, you would show me excellent things, such as would be helpful to me on my journey."

The Holy Spirit shows new converts excellent things which will strengthen them to live the Christian life. Do you know why most people have such a struggle? It is because so many today, just as soon as they are converted, are put right into the midst of the battle without having any teaching by the Holy Spirit of God. Therefore, you have a bunch of babes trying to lead other babes. You will see that Bunyan will bear this out as the Pilgrim is led from room to room. He is going to get so excited in what he is learning that he is going to say, "can I go now? Can I go? Come on let me go on with my journey," and the Interpreter

says, "No, you sit down here, we have something else to teach you yet." Oh, how necessary this is.

I was talking with a man this past week, who was very burdened because of a conversation he had with a young minister here in our own area. They were going through the book of Romans together, and the young man had said, "I don't believe in Adam's sin." The young man was an ordained minister who had been preaching for two or three years. He said, "I don't believe that we were affected by Adam's sin." I wonder how a man like that passed an ordination council? Who sat in on that ordination? Here is a man that has pastored for two years in a Baptist church and doesn't even believe in original sin, and yet he is leading others. Is it any wonder then why we have such a maze of confusion that exists throughout our land in regard to the teaching of the things of God? No, beloved, when we become a new convert in Christ, we need to keep on knocking at that door and asking God, the Holy Spirit, to teach us the things of God. Even the inspired apostle Paul, before he ever preached, spent two to three years in the back side of the desert getting his theology straight. If that was necessary for an inspired apostle, how much more so for you and I who are not inspired, but merely have the illumination of the Holy Spirit to get our teaching straight before we would attempt to teach others. So as a result, Bunyan would emphasize the importance of being shown excellent things.

Now, is this Scriptural? Lets turn to I Corinthians 2:9. You say, "I am a new Christian, so what should I do next?" You should keep knocking at the door of the ministry of the Holy Spirit asking for His illumination of the things of God. Look in I Corinthians 2 beginning in verse 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." This text is used over and over at funerals, but it is taken out of context and used like this. The preacher will state, "We don't even have an inkling as to what heaven is going to be like." I do agree with that statement, but that is not what this text is emphasizing. In this text, Paul is not talking about what heaven is going to be like when he says "eye has not seen, nor ear heard neither has it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them that love Him." Now listen to the next verse 10 - "But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." That is, the natural man does not perceive the things

which God has done for us in Christ Jesus. But to the believer, the Holy Spirit reveals those things unto us, even the deep and mysterious things of God. Now look down in verse 13 - "For which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth but which the Holy

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Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." How are you going to have any insight into the things which God has done in the mysteries of the gospel? They are not discerned by the natural mind and the natural heart of man. They must be revealed by the Holy Spirit of God because the things of God are spiritual and they must be discerned spiritually on spiritual principles.

Now look over in verses 15-16, "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ." Do you see the emphasis there? The Holy Spirit is the teacher who reveals the things of Christ unto us--His person and His work. So this is what it means when Bunyan would say, that Pilgrim would be shown excellent things. When you really desire it, and begin to knock at the door and say, "I want to be taught, I have a hunger and thirst to be taught the things of God," the Holy Spirit will begin to reveal the spiritual things of God unto you. If you have not because you ask not, keep on asking. You say, "Pastor, I have a hard time understanding the gospel and the things of the Lord." Keep on asking. Keep on knocking. You say, "I get discouraged, it seems like God just doesn't open the door." Just keep on asking and knocking. You say, "That is hard work." Yes, it is, anything worthwhile is worth the work that goes into it, and you are not going to have the ministry of the Holy Spirit unless you desire the ministry of the Holy Spirit. So keep on asking, keep on knocking, and He will show you excellent things.

Now what are the excellent things for? Are they so you can be lifted up with pride, so you can go around saying, "Look at me, I am filled with the Holy Ghost! I am holier than

you are?" Is that what God gives the ministry of the Holy Spirit to us for? It is a strange thing that the groups today who have emphasized the most on the ministry of the Holy Spirit, are the ones who always feel like they are superior Christians. Have you ever noticed that? They say, "look at all those poor people who don't have any insights into the things of God like I do. I have spoken in tongues, and you just don't know what you are missing." The "long nose" begins to appear. "Well, if you haven't had this blessing, then you are just not as good a Christian as I am." Notice that when God gives the Holy Spirit, it is not just for our edification, that is to build us up with pride, but it is to prepare us for the journey which lies ahead. Do you realize, ladies and gentlemen, there are going to be some hard things in your road ahead if God allows you to live in the pathway? There are going to be some lonely periods, and there are going to be some deaths that you are going to have to face. It is going to be a hard journey, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to prepare you to enable you to live this journey. It is not just to make you lifted up with pride to make you think you know more of the Bible than anybody else, but it is to prepare you for the journey. And that is an humbling thing. That means that when God teaches you something, it is to be used for a purpose. Then use it for that purpose.

It is always a sad thing to know someone who has been a professing Christian all their life, and he or she comes down to the end of their life seemingly to have no grasp as to where they are going. That is a sad thing, like a ship being tossed out on the sea. May God enable you as you attend your Sunday School class, come to hear your pastor week after week, study the Bible on your own, pray, and as you witness, may God enable this to become part of your nature, so that when those trials and testings come, you will be able to walk through them, because God has shown you things to prepare you for the journey that lies ahead. Again, the Christian says, "If I called here, you would show me excellent things such as would be helpful to me on my journey."

II Timothy chapter 3 verse 16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for correction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, furnished throughout unto all good works." So the Bible is a profitable thing. When the Holy Spirit teaches you the things of the Bible, it is not just so that you can have a great encyclopedia built up in your head, but it is so that when the trials come and begin to drain you, the Holy Spirit can bring to your remembrance some of that wisdom and

knowledge He has shown you, and you can draw off of it, just like when you go to a well in time of drought. May God help us to realize that the Holy Spirit's ministry helps us prepare for the journey.

Also, there is another thing that Bunyan would bring out here, and that is this statement: Then said the Interpreter, "Come in; I will show thee that which will be profitable to thee." So he commanded his man to light the candle." I think this is a beautiful passage. You say, "Pastor Gables, I understand something about the Holy Spirit, but how does He reveal things to me? Will He do it directly, and how do I know when He is working?" Listen carefully, notice that the Interpreter had a servant to light the candle. This would show us that the Holy Spirit employs human instruments in revealing the truth of Christ. "Light the candle." His man lights the candle. Now listen carefully, tonight you are sitting under the sound of the gospel and a gospel minister. I am the servant of God, and as the truth of God is revealed, God will take that truth and strike that which is true upon your heart.

Here is an example of what not to do. Some time ago there was a meeting here and some of us were sitting around a table talking with a young man who said that he was a minister. However, he said, "I never read the Bible!" He went on to say, "I get all my instruction directly from the Holy Spirit. I don't need any man to teach me." Now the Bible does speak in that area, but what he was setting forth was that he never needed to listen to anybody else, he never needed to read anybody else's books on what they think about the gospel, but he said "I just go by the Holy Spirit directly." However, you should have heard some of the weird things that the Holy Spirit had taught him! I mean there were "way out" things, that you don't just find anywhere. You see, young people, God has given you a gift from His grace, by giving you a minister, a Sunday School teacher, and mothers and dads who are human instruments who will take the scriptures and instruct you in them. Then the Holy Spirit will enlighten you to see the truth that is in these scriptures. So don't disregard human instrumentality. The Interpreter commands his man to light the candle. That is why we want to bring this out. Here is a rule for how to receive Christian guidance. It is very short but I think it is very important. The rule for Christian guidance is:

"not by the Spirit without the Word, nor by the Word without the Spirit. It takes both."

That is a rule of wisdom, and I will give it to you again. We are not to be guided by the

Spirit without the Word, the Bible, nor are we to be guided by the Word without the Holy Spirit. The two go together. The Interpreter will show us the riches of Christ as He has revealed them in His word. That is why a natural man, a non Christian, can read this Bible and all he can see is what is on the surface. But the Christian who is applying for the ministry of the Holy Spirit can read the same Bible and have the mysteries of God revealed unto him. So, if we do not go by this rule, here is what will happen. If we trust the Holy Spirit without the Bible, it will lead to "fanaticism." That is everybody having their own spirit, like the young man I was telling you about a few moments ago. But there is another danger, and that is trusting the Word without the Spirit. That will lead to "formality and legality." That is, if you try to just go by the Bible, and you think you can understand the Bible without the ministry of the Holy Spirit, you will be soon fall into a cold dead formalistic approach to God. That is what happened to the Jews. They had a veil over their hearts and they couldn't see the mysteries that were given in the Bible. But on the other hand, if you try to go by the Holy Spirit and disregard the Bible, you will soon end up in fanaticism, way out in a tangent like some of the Quakers did. They refused to even use the Bible, but went by what they called the Holy Spirit alone, and they claimed that the Holy Spirit taught them that Christ was not the incarnate Son of God. Is that what the Holy Spirit teaches? No, when the Holy Spirit is come, He will do what? Jesus said, "He will teach of Me." So the two go hand in hand together in harmony. The Interpreter's House will reveal the things of Christ in the Word. Keep them together, but do not become a cold formalistic reader of the Bible and disregard the ministry of the Holy Spirit, because you will soon become cold and disinterested in the things of God. The things of God will become dry and uninteresting, and when you find that happening, it is time to get down afresh and begin knocking again and saying, "God, give me more of the Holy Spirit and show me more of the beauties that are in the gospel." That is not just a one-time thing. You will find in your Christian experience, that some of the greatest old saints of God, men and women, will find their experiences becoming cold and formal, and they will have to apply again for a new filling, a new freshness of the Holy Spirit to come and enlighten them unto the things of God. So remember, not by the Spirit without the Word, nor by the Word without the Spirit. Trusting the Spirit without the Word leads to fanaticism, but trusting the Word without the Spirit, leads to formality and legality. So I hope that this evening we have given you a little taste of what the ministry of the Holy Spirit is and what you can expect.

Now we leave you with this thought, if you are asking, "Pastor Gables, if the Holy Spirit is working in my life, how will I know it?" I will answer that question by asking the following questions:

Is Christ becoming more and more precious to you?

Is the gospel becoming clearer?

Is the work of Christ in the gospel taking on new dimensions that you see that are applicable to you in your daily living?

Are you growing in the Lord?

If the Holy Spirit is teaching you, there will be a growing in grace, and the things of Christ as revealed in the gospel are going to take on new dimensions of height, depth, and width, that we have never even fathomed or begun to imagine. So if the Holy Spirit is working in your life and you are seeking after His ministry, then you are going to have more and more of Christ revealed to you.

I had a fellow make this comment to me, "What we need today, is more of the ministry of the Holy Spirit." I said, "Well, that sounds good, tell me what you mean by that." He said, "Oh, we need more of these ecstasies, these experiences, speaking in unknown languages, and so forth, and that will really revive the church." My friend, let me give you what in my estimation is the greatest need of the church today. It is more of the knowledge of Jesus Christ. More teaching more of Christ. If that is being done, the Holy Spirit of God is going to be revealing more of Jesus to you, and because He is not going to speak of Himself, He is going to speak of Jesus Christ. So lets exalt Christ in the gospel, and when we do that, we know that we are pleasing to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. May God enable you precious souls here this evening in giving you insight into the things of God. Even you children can be beneficiaries of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. You say, "Well, Pastor Gables, I don't know if I would ever be able to know what my Sunday School teacher knows. I just don't know how they ever learn all of that." Just a minute, the same Holy Spirit that taught them will teach you also if He is dwelling in you. Just keep knocking, keep asking, keep seeking, and may He make you into the type of Christian He would have you to be.