

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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To say that the Bible is a "spiritual book" is to state the obvious. Yet to contend that natural men cannot read it with some profit is to deny that it was recorded by men for the benefit of men. We are sure that every word of these Holy Scriptures was dictated by the GOD of heaven and earth and nothing in its pages is derived from the creative abilities of those who penned its words. But we are quite sure that every word of it was recorded by the hands of sinful men of like passions as we are with a purpose to record these things for the profit of those who would, later, read them.

In many cases these men recorded prophecies which they had no understanding of when they wrote them, yet the AUTHOR of them gave them the ability to transcribe them in perfect detail so that not one jot or tittle of what was written should ever fail to come to pass exactly as the prophecy is given. They often wrote them with current events in mind and saw those events transpire in the kingdoms and governments of the time. Yet in most cases the greater application of the prophecy was to occur long after they were dead, and was hidden from them. It takes no spiritual understanding to read the scriptures and take them at face value and there are many very profitable, practical lessons which are taught in its pages. These things are useful to men but a man can never arrive at the true meaning and purpose of the scriptures apart from DIVINE revelation to behold the unsearchable riches that are within their pages, where they are hidden from the wise and prudent. The reason the LORD taught in parables was in order to establish this fact. *"Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive."*

So it is a true thing that men do not arrive at an understanding of SPIRITUAL TRUTH through their own efforts and cannot grasp the true import of the scriptures by their diligent study, apart from the pleasure of the LORD to open their blind eyes. This privilege is given to those whom the LORD is pleased to visit with the "new birth". Even then, HE gives to them but a measure of understanding and applies the truth to each one according to the measure of faith which HE is pleased to grant. The LORD gives HIS children the measure of understanding which is in keeping with HIS purpose for each one and all of HIS children do not possess the same level of comprehension of those things; yet each one is thoroughly equipped for their calling according to HIS purpose. *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."* So we often see in the Bible, a practical lesson for the sons of GOD, which is the framework for the greater lesson which is applied to the heart and the head. One of these instances which stands out to us is the LORD's teaching about the Sabbath day. If all that a man sees in the scriptures when he reads of the "Sabbath day" is simply one day out of the week, then he can see no more than the Pharisees did, who were of their father, the devil.

The "keeping of the Sabbath" is not primarily given so that men might observe one day above another in some religious ritual. For the LORD JESUS CHRIST is the SABBATH for HIS people. In HIM alone do they find rest and HE is the complete fulfillment of the requirements of the Law which says, *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy"*. So there is no legal reason wherein the people of GOD who are found in CHRIST have any obligation to a particular day.

Yet there is clearly a benefit for the sons of Adam in the institution of a day of rest, for a man who works seven days a week will soon burn himself out. Though there are no "set times" given in the scriptures wherein the sons of GOD are required to meet together, it is quite clear that such is vital to their spiritual wellbeing. How foolish it is then for those who consider themselves to be the followers of CHRIST to neglect the regular meeting of the saints. It is in these gatherings that we bear one another's burdens as we pray and seek the face of the LORD together. It is here that we build one another up in the faith as every joint of the body supplies that which the body lacks. If we love the brethren, can we neglect them? *"Thy free grace alone," #11* **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthepeer@windstream.net](mailto:forthepeer@windstream.net)**