

MISSED, MISQUOTED, & MISUNDERSTOOD?

Part 10

Matthew 22:29 NKJV

29 Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

Matthew 22:29 AMPC

29 But Jesus replied to them, You are wrong because you know neither the Scriptures nor God’s power.

Matthew 22:29 MEV

29 Jesus answered, “You err, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

We are living (right now) at the very time when God’s Word commanded us to know the scriptures regarding the signs of “His coming and the consummation of the age”. Why would our Father in Heaven give us these signs? Command us to know the signs? In order for you and I to rightly identify what is taking place so we are not caught unaware that Jesus is coming. The Bible is true and Jesus will be judging just as He said He would.

Revelation 1:1-3 AMPC

*1 [This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and **make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass in their entirety.** And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,*

2 Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [in his visions], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.

Revelation is the revealing of the other 65 books of the Bible... it is not some "thing" John created outside of God's Word from what has already been written. The angel is not disclosing to John things "we can't know" or "allegorical". These are "things" that we can identify that will *and are* shortly and speedily coming to pass.

The pastor, preacher teacher is blessed to not just give the information, but the revelation of it in order for transformation to occur in the life of the those who hear it. The ones who hear about the "things" written in His Word and keep themselves habitually obedient to God's commands regarding sin, judgment and righteousness - they are blessed.

Note: _____

When the followers (disciples) of Jesus asked Him about when all of these “things” spoken of by Jesus Himself (the Word) and in the Old Testament would occur He answered His disciples.

What are some of the signs?

Jesus didn't say: who cares, it's allegory, who can know, none of your business, let's talk about how to live your best life now... Why would a follower of Jesus (the Word) even think to ask the questions of when He was coming back? to ask about signs of His return? Because it's in the Bible!

Disciples defined:

1. A learner; a scholar; one who receives or professes to receive instruction from another;
2. A follower; an adherent to the doctrines of another. Hence the constant attendants of Christ were called his disciples; and hence all Christians are called his disciples, as they profess to learn and receive his doctrines and precepts.

(1828 Webster Dictionary)

This is what the disciples or followers asked Jesus...

Matthew 24:3-5 AMPC

3 While He was seated on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately and said, Tell us, when will this take place, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end (the completion, the consummation) of the age?

Then, Jesus (the Word) responded to them... He didn't say? There's so many different ideas out there - just pick one.

Matthew 24:4-5 AMPC

*4 Jesus answered them (**His Disciples or followers**), Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error].*

5 For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray.

Jesus (the Word) lists several things or signs (not just in Matthew 24) but all of God's Word lists the "things" that will happen and many already have occurred.

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] **remember the former things**, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 **Declaring the end and the result from the beginning**, and from **ancient times the things that are not yet done**, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose

Jesus continues in Matthew 24 by giving a command to His followers or disciples on what to do with the information in His Word...

Matthew 24:33 AMPC

33 So also when you see these signs, all taken together, coming to pass, you may know of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.

Matthew 24:33 KJV

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

But a church, a pastor, a denomination has a stance of: who can know? It's allegorical? this is what we think is true and not true... in the Bible? We don't like to upset people? We don't like to get into all of that?

Note: _____

John 16:4-13 AMPC

4 But I have told you these things now, so that when they occur you will remember that I told you of them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now I am going to Him Who sent Me, yet none of you asks Me, Where are You going?

6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts [taken complete possession of them].

7 **However, I am telling you nothing but the truth** when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

8 And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about **sin** and about **righteousness** (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about **judgment**:

9 About sin, because they do not believe in Me [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me];

10 About righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God), because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no longer;

11 About judgment, because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him.

12 I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you or to grasp them now.

*13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and **He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].***

Jesus said the Holy Spirit will only speak what God the Father has told Him... and then reveal it to us. So, we can know what will happen in the future. Jesus commanded us to know, why would the Holy Spirit declare things to us about the future and Jesus command us to know something we could not know?

The “things” that Jesus and God’s Word from the Old and New Testament is commanding us to know is called Eschatology or the End Time events or Time of the End “things” or signs.

Eschatology defined:

Christian eschatology is the study of what the Bible says is going to happen in the end times. How we understand Eschatology has an impact on how we should live our lives and what we are to expect to occur in God’s plan. Some important issues in Eschatology are these: What is the Rapture?, When is the Rapture going to occur in relation to the Tribulation?, Is the millennium literal or figurative?

Eschatology helps us to understand the Bible’s prophetic passages and how to live our lives in response to what God is going to do in the end times...Revelation 1:3a “Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy”

Why don't people and pastors want to hear, learn, teach, preach about the very "things" we are commanded to know and are blessed to preach about on and to hear? The "Time of the End" or "End Times" deals with judgment and what happens at Judgment Time... one of those things is the rapture.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 AMPC

13 Now also we would not have you ignorant, brethren, about those who fall asleep [in death], that you may not grieve [for them] as the rest do who have no hope [beyond the grave].

14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so **God will also bring with Him through Jesus those who have fallen asleep [in death].**

15 For this we declare to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede [into His presence] or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [in Him in death].

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we, the living ones who remain [on the earth], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!

18 Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words.

Paul is describing what will take place at the rapture...

The rapture or the coming of Jesus in the clouds takes place prior to the 7 year tribulation and the second coming of Christ on the earth takes place at the end of the 7 year tribulation or the consummation of age for the battle of Armageddon. Following the 7 year tribulation the millennium reign of Christ begins.

As a result of knowing the scriptures that we are commanded to know, believing the scriptures/Truth, and being habitual obedient, you and I will be mocked - the Bible says so.

2 Peter 3 AMPC

*1 Beloved, I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind **by way of remembrance,***

*2 That you should **recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).***

*3 **To begin with, you must know and understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires***

*4 And say, **Where is the promise of His coming?** For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.*

*5 **For they willfully overlook and forget this [fact],** that the heavens [came into] existence long ago by the word of God, and the earth also which was formed out of water and by means of water,*

*6 Through which **the world that then [existed] was deluged with water and perished.***

9 The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.

11 Since all these things are thus in the process of being dissolved, what kind of person ought [each of] you to be [in the meanwhile] in consecrated and holy behavior and devout and godly qualities,

12 While you wait and earnestly long for (expect and hasten) the coming of the day of God by reason of which the flaming heavens will be dissolved, and the [material] elements [of the universe] will flare and melt with fire?

13 But we look for new heavens and a new earth according to His promise, in which righteousness (uprightness, freedom from sin, and right standing with God) is to abide.

14 So, beloved, since you are expecting these things, be eager to be found by Him [at His coming] without spot or blemish and at peace [in serene confidence, free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].

15 And consider that the long-suffering of our Lord [His slowness in avenging wrongs and judging the world] is salvation (that which is conducive to the soul's safety), even as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the spiritual insight given him,

16 Speaking of this as he does in all of his letters. There are some things in those [epistles of Paul] that are difficult to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist and misconstrue to their own utter destruction, just as [they distort and misinterpret] the rest of the Scriptures.

17 Let me warn you therefore, beloved, that knowing these things beforehand, you should be on your guard, lest you be carried away by the error of lawless and wicked [persons and] fall from your own [present] firm condition [your own steadfastness of mind].

18 But grow in grace (undeserved favor, spiritual strength) and recognition and knowledge and understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him [be] glory (honor, majesty, and splendor) both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (so be it)!

Galatians 5:9-10,12 AMPC

9 A little leaven (a slight inclination to error, or a few false teachers) leavens the whole lump [it perverts the whole conception of faith or misleads the whole church].

10 [For my part] I have confidence [toward you] in the Lord that you will take no contrary view of the matter but will come to think with me. But he who is unsettling you, whoever he is, will have to bear the penalty.

12 I wish those who unsettle and confuse you would [[c]go all the way and] cut themselves off!



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