



"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2)

To all my sons & daughters, partners & supporters of Rhema Ministries, grace to you and peace from God our Father through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome to the month of September where our focus at Rhema will be on Education Possibilities. Learning is critical to life and for this reason our goal for this month is to spend some quality time looking at the possibilities as well as the promises which can only be discovered through the discipline of learning.

In an age of technological advancement the human mind is still the greatest resource available to us. As people of the Kingdom it is imperative that we give ourselves to constant mental development. I want you to see yourself as a life-long learner. This will happen the moment you begin to see education not just as a few years, but as your life's journey. Remember this important fact, school is the discipline and life is the education. Consider these two important facts concerning learning and may the Lord give you further understanding:

Life is For Learners - The best way to enjoy life is to spend time studying it. There are so many wonderful things in life that demand our attention if we are going to truly derive value from them. I need you to see yourself as a life long learner. Spend your days growing and learning. It will only make you a better person.

Leaders are Learners - The Bible teaches that the believer has been appointed by God to be the head in this world. In the New Testament Paul admonishes his son Timothy (an upcoming leader) concerning the importance of study. You cannot lead in ignorance, especially in a world as complex as the one in which we are currently living. As people who are called to be the head, let us ensure that there is something inside our heads.

I encourage you to join with us this month as we make a conscious effort to promote education. My hope is that we would all see the value in education. This month is not only for those who are in school, but rather it has been designed to stimulate everyone within our ministry organization, adults and youth alike. Remember, God is seeking not just worshippers, but educated worshippers, as truth is a product of learning. I'll see you in the classroom!

As always my prayer for you is that you will be whole in spirit, soul and body, and that the increase of God will be experienced in every area of your life, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen!

Advancing the Kingdom vision,

Your Pastor, Orim M. Meikle



Education and Levels of Spiritual Growth

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"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14 KJV

1. Level 1: Understanding Salvation

While formal education is not a prerequisite to salvation, as we grow in the Lord; it is however essential for us to acquire certain levels of formal education or at least to associate ourselves with individuals who have a formal understanding of the systems around us.

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One may ask: if salvation is a spiritual step, why seek formal education in our relationship with God? Think of this analogy: the process of salvation is as a marriage relationship; "it is a spiritual initiative yet a practical endeavor." In essence, to have a successful marriage not only do we need a spiritual revelation of who the Lord has connected us with, we also need a clear understanding of the practical requirements intended to support longevity in the relationship.

2. Level 2: Understanding the Kingdom of God

While salvation is a step that can be taken without formal education, the Kingdom of God requires both faith and education. How do we know this? When God asked Noah to build an ark, He knew that Noah not only had the faith to obey but also the skills to carry out this mission. This would be why Noah neither contracted the job nor borrowed money/materials from anyone.

The message of the kingdom presupposes formal understanding of the world systems. It is with this capacity that we can successfully assume the mandate of Genesis 1:26 as we have acquired the skills to subdue the land.

3. Level 3: Understanding the mind of God

In the aftermath of the flood, scientists have tried in vain to find geological traces of the event. While we know that any story could become a challenge to believe without proof, this account can also be seen as a prime example of a level of spiritual growth which is beyond faith and education. This can only be accessed through the mind of God which lends to the precise understanding of His acts even without a trace. In the bible, one prominent individual journey that demonstrated ascension to this level very well is the apostle Paul. As we understand that the spiritual dimension has three levels, these also correspond with the number of times Paul met Jesus in the Spirit.

First, on the road to Damascus where his belief in blindness was reflective of the level of faith (Acts 9)

Secondly, in a night vision Jesus shows up to tell Paul that he has people in the city meaning resources for the unfolding of His plan for Paul's generation (Acts 18:9-10)

Thirdly, Paul accessed the mind of God in the third heaven and saw things he could not share with the rest of the world (2 Cor 12:2).

It is then he declared the boldness to "call into existence those things which be not as though they were."

4. Education

As salvation is a journey rather than a destination, we are therefore compelled on this journey to push beyond the initial experience of being saved to further expose God's existing glory in the marketplace/world. The Bible declares that the Lord has sown the seed of faith in us and expects to reap even in areas where He did not sow. As He has given us salvation, He also expects us to go to the markets and "trade" for more dividends.

In Habakkuk 2:14 and its reference to Isaiah 11:1-9, we see that Isaiah prophesied about a place where animals would be living peacefully together with little children. The question then becomes: where is that place? Ultimately, the Kingdom of God should fit this picture as exemplified in the life of Noah who built an ark where such a peaceful coalition was realized.

5. Quantum leap: Kingdom manifestation

When the perfect will of God begins to manifest, this usually comes through faith, knowledge, and a man who understands the man of God. And when all these three things are aligned, God sends His favor in order to expedite the process. Genesis 6:20 reveals that Noah never went out to gather animals but they all came to him. As a matter of fact, had Noah gone out to gather them, this might have taken years. This is the reason why the Bible declares that nature is waiting for the manifestation of the educated sons and daughters of God.

6. Conclusion

A thorough understanding of the scriptures outlined in Habakkuk 2:14, Isaiah 11, Matthew and the related case study of Noah, it is clear that God requires of us to have both faith and education. Together, we will tap into the vast mind of God and boldly and skillfully build a city.

Advancing in the knowledge of God

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In 10000 BC, popular thinking was that diseases were caused by demons that logged themselves inside man's head and in essence stole his soul. The cure was to cut a hole in the head to let the demons out and allow the person's soul to return back into its place. This was called trephination. Although scientific evidence shows that patients survived this type of operation, today [more...](#)

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