

1. Last week I began the teaching of the Doctrine of GAP. Daniel had learned a great deal of doctrine and with his capture he found himself under significant pressure. Daniel needed to make application of what he had in his right lobe. This occasioned our study of the doctrine of God's Grace Apparatus for Perception.

2. Before we continue that study let's take a look at an expanded translation of verses 1 through 8 of Daniel chapter One.

Dan 1:1 In the third year of Jehoiakim's reign as king of Judah Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon surrounded the city of Jerusalem and began to siege the city.

Dan 1:2 Jehoiakim king of Judah surrendered the city of Jerusalem; the sieging of the city ceased when Jehoiakim agreed to certain terms mandated by Nebuchadnezzar. As part of the settlement certain very valuable vessels used in the Temple liturgy were carried off to Babylonia where Nebuchadnezzar stored them in the house of his god. The death of Nebuchadnezzar's father Nabopolassar occurred during the siege which in part motivated Nebuchadnezzar to cut short his siege; his need to return to Babylon also resulted in Jehoiakim being left on the throne as his Regal agent.

Dan 1:3 In order to guarantee the loyalty of Jehoiakim, Nebuchadnezzar ordered Ashpenaz whose title was "Prince of The Eunuchs, to take as hostages some seventy young men from Jehoiakim's palace; they were to be of nobility, young men who had been raised in the palace. As was the custom of the day the boys were to be between the ages of 14 and 17.

Dan 1:4 All seventy were to be handsome, well built, intelligent and good students; they were to be well mannered and capable of standing in the presence of King's and Potentates; men who had a special aptitude for learning. They were one might say to be the 'cream of the crop". Young men who would one day serve Nebuchadnezzar as advisors, prophets, administrators; young men capable of learning the Chaldean language and becoming as Chaldean as Nebuchadnezzar himself.

Dan 1:5 The king decreed the boys would eat with him in the royal dining hall; he assigned them special rations and they were to drink the finest of wine from the king's cellars. They would be trained for three years said Nebuchadnezzar, and after that he would assign them special duties depending on their demonstrated abilities...

Dan 1:6 Among the seventy were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

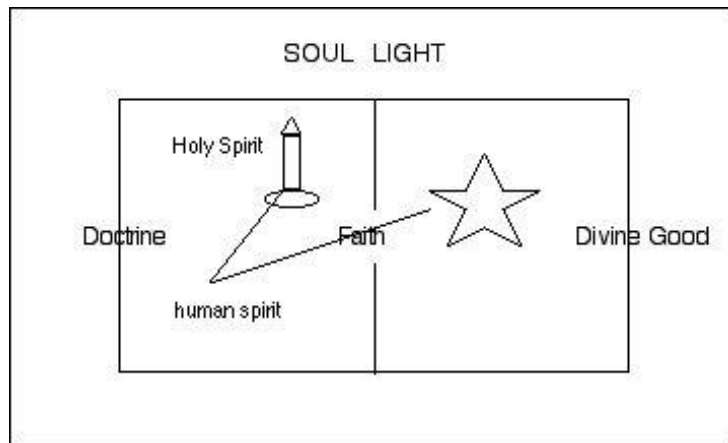
Dan 1:7 Ashpenaz gave the four boys new names: to Daniel, Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

Dan 1:8 But Daniel from the Bible Doctrine stored in his right lobe decided he should not defile himself by eating at the palace dining hall; Daniel was certain that the food and libation had not been prepared in accordance with the dietary rules proscribed in the Mosaic Law therefore he asked Ashpenaz if he might be excused from attending.

3. Daniel was faced with a matter of application. He had a choice to either believe the doctrine in his left lobe or reject it. The doctrine in his left lobe had been made perspicuous by God the Holy Spirit.

4. He could either transfer the **Gnosis** by faith to the right lobe where it would become **Epignosis** or he could refuse to accept God's word as truth and run the risk of losing it.

5. Daniel was facing a time of trial. He would face subsequent trials where the application of doctrine would determine his success or failure. We will see a man prepared for 70 years of dispersion in a foreign land. He will have a right lobe full of light and he will follow the light and become an example to literally millions of Bible believing Christians.



6. Let's review the mechanics of receptive comprehension:

6.1 At salvation every believer is given a rebirth. This takes the form of God providing to each believer a human spirit.

6.1.1 Jesus said a man had to be born again in order to enter the Kingdom; Nicodemus did not understand so our Lord explained.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Joh 3:9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

Joh 3:10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

6.1.2 To enter the Kingdom there must be first a physical birth, i.e., the water which is a reference to the amniotic fluid, and then a spiritual rebirth when the human spirit is given at point of faith alone in Christ alone.

6.2 In addition, God provides the universal indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

6.3 Within the soul God has provided a human spirit capable of understanding spiritual matters and the indwelling of the Third Person of the Trinity to teach pertinent doctrines.

6.3.1 Every believer gets exactly the doctrine needed at exactly the right time there is positive volition.

6.4 In summary, the Holy Spirit teaches the human spirit making **Gnosis** in the **Nous** perspicuous, i.e., academically understood.

6.4.1 For the process to work however, each believer must be in fellowship in order to be taught. Fellowship is absolute and requires only the naming of sin.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

6.4.2 The residence of doctrine academically understood in the **Nous**, called **Gnosis**, can be thought of as a staging area.

6.5 To transfer doctrine from the left to the right lobe requires faith, the use of volition.

6.5.1 The believer simply believes that which is academically understood and the information in the **Nous** is transferred to the **Kardia** where it becomes **Epignosis**.

7. It should be kept in mind doctrine can reside in the **Nous** in great quantity without spiritual benefit.

8. Let's look at a few of the many great grace provisions provided by God the Father to facilitate our learning:

8.1 The formation and preservation of the Canon of Scripture.

8.2 Divine authorization of the local church as the classroom for learning doctrine.

8.3 The gift of pastor-teacher to teach in the classroom.

8.4 Provision for the indwelling and filling of the Spirit.

8.5 The providing of the human spirit at regeneration, i.e., at point of faith in Christ.

8.6 The laws of divine establishment to protect freedom and privacy.

8.7 Logistical grace provisions such as oxygen to the brain, food, clothing, transportation, etc.

8.8 Keep in mind Old Testament giants like Daniel did not have the facilitating assets we have but that which they had--they used, especially so did Daniel.

9. At faith in Christ then we are all equal and ready to understand doctrine regardless of human IQ.

10. It is a spiritual matter and does not necessarily follow secular trends or human logic.

10.1 Notice Christ's answer to His disciples to the question, "Why do you speak in parables, so hard to understand?"

Mat 13:11 He answered and said unto them, because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

10.2 Nicodemus marveled at the lack of secular logic regarding the spiritual rebirth required to enter the kingdom of God. Joh 3:6-7

10.3 No wonder then that doctrine from grace is provided to all rather mysteriously, i.e., on God's terms to all equally without regard to human IQ.

10.4 The Holy Spirit teaching the human spirit forms the basis of the Grace Apparatus for Perception; through the use of GAP the believer creates a stabilized environment in the soul where Christ can feel at home.

11. The learning of doctrine has always been a matter of Grace. Mat 5:6.

Mat 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

11.1 Wisdom, or doctrine in the soul, is the source of blessings for time and eternity.

Pro 8:33 Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it.

Pro 8:34 Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway.

Pro 8:35 For whoever finds wisdom finds life and receives favor from the LORD.
Pro 8:36 But whoever fails to find doctrine harms himself; all who hate doctrine love discipline and operational death."

11.3 Little wonder then that the inculcation of doctrine is provided by Grace without regard to human IQ.

12. Neither rationalism nor empiricism is useful in the pursuit of doctrine. John 4:24.

Joh 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

12.1 Notice in 1Co 2:10, where the teaching of doctrine is said to be done by the Holy Spirit.

1Co 2:10 God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

12.2 Human perspicacity cannot lead to an understanding of doctrine. It takes a born-again person filled with the Holy Spirit and ready to be taught.

12.3 The reason for our having a human spirit is expressly stated. 1Co 2:12

1Co 2:12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

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