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Lesson 40

1. Last week I taught Gen 16:7-16 and when time expired we were about to begin an analysis of chapter seventeen.

2. The chapter has 27 verses; we need to divide our study. I want us to look first at verses 1-17 and then review the Doctrine of Circumcision; after which we will exegete verses 18-27.

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

1. Vs 1: "Ninety years old and nine ..."

1.1 It is never too late for God. There is no such thing as age for the One who is Himself the eternal One, the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. One who is a child of God will be carried by the Lord to the end.

1.2 The good work begun in us is to be performed, not till we are old and feeble, not until we die, but until the day of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:4-6).

Phi 1:4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy

Phi 1:5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,

Phi 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

1.3 God is concerned not with the outward man that perishes, but with the inward man in order that he may be renewed day by day (2Co 4:16-18).

2Co 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

2Co 4:17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

2Co 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2. Now for the phrase: "The Lord appeared to Abram ..."

2.1 Again and again this happened to Abraham. Rom 4:20-24 tells us that these events in the life of Abraham were recorded for us; God will come to us with fresh supplies of grace for every step in our development and spiritual growth.

Rom 4:20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,
Rom 4:21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.
Rom 4:22 This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."
Rom 4:23 The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone,
Rom 4:24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness-- for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

2.2 Nothing can cause the soul to grow except the knowledge of God; in our age of grace, knowledge of Him comes through and by means of His written Word.

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Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Gal 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Expanded Translation

2Pe 1:3 God in His infinite wisdom and power has given us everything we need for life (even our very own spiritual life) by means of knowledge; in fact He has called us to glorify and manifest Him and His goodness

2Pe 1:4 that through and by means of His very great and precious promises we might develop and participate in His divine nature escaping the corruption in the world and the evil desires of our old sin natures.

2.2.1 We are here to glorify God and not ourselves.

Expanded Translation

Ecc 12:13 When all the votes are in and there is nothing left to be said, this is the conclusion of the matter: fear God and Keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Isa 43:7 Every one who is called by my name was created for my glory, I have formed him; yes I made him.

2.2.2 The Holy Spirit has promised to make Doctrine perspicuous to the positive church age believer.

Joh 16:13 "Therefore 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."

Joh 14:26 "But the Comforter, Who is the Holy Spirit, 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."

2.3 We call that which the Holy Spirit makes perspicuous "doctrine" and so does the KJV of the Bible where it can be found some 50 times. Most of these uses are found in the New Testament where Didache or Didaskalia are translated "doctrine:" Examples:

Mat 7:28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine (Didache):

Mat 22:33 And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine (Didache).

Mar 1:22 And they were astonished at his doctrine (Didache): for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

Mar 1:27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine (Didache) is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

Mar 11:18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine (Didache).

Mar 12:38 And he said unto them in his doctrine (Didache), Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,

Luk 4:32 And they were astonished at his doctrine (Didache): for his word came with power.

Joh 7:16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine (Didache) is not mine, but his that sent me.

Joh 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine (Didache), whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

Joh 18:19 The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine (Didache).

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine (Didache) and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 5:28 Saying, Did not we straightly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine (Didache), and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

Acts 13:12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine (Didache) of the Lord.

Acts 17:19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine (Didache), whereof thou speakest, is?

Rom 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine (Didache) which was delivered you.

Rom 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine (Didache) which ye have learned; and avoid them.

1Co 14:6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine (Didache)?

1Co 14:26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine (Didache), hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine (Didaskalia), by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

1Ti 1:3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine (Heterodidaskalia),

1Ti 1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine (Didaskalia);

1Ti 4:6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine (Didaskalia), whereunto thou hast attained.

1Ti 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine (Didaskalia).

1Ti 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine (Didaskalia); continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

1Ti 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine (Didaskalia).

1Ti 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine (Didaskalia) be not blasphemed.

1Ti 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine (Didaskalia) which is according to

godliness; he is conceited and understands nothing.

2Ti 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine (Didaskalia), manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine (Didaskalia), for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine (Didache).

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine (Didaskalia); but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Tit 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine (Didache) both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Tit 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine (Didaskalia):

Tit 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine (Didaskalia) shewing incorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Tit 2:9 Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them,

Tit 2:10 and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the doctrine (Didaskalia) of God our Savior attractive.

2Jo 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine (Didache) of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine (Didache) of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

2Jo 1:10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine (Didache), receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

End Lesson