Afterwards you will understand!

By James Smith

"You do not understand now what I am doing, but afterwards you will understand."

John 13:7

We are to walk by faith, not by sight.

We are to trust His heart, when we cannot trace His hand!

We are to believe Him, when we cannot understand His mysterious workings!

The Lord is now working in nature, providence, and grace—and He does many things which we do not understand at present. But when His work is complete, and it lies stretched out before us in the light of eternity, we shall then . . .

comprehend His design,

admire His wisdom, and

adore His divine workings!

Beloved, is God cleansing you by fiery trials, or causing you to pass through deep waters? Are you at a loss to know what His design is, or where the present affliction will end?

Be still. Wait His time.

There is a divine working time, which is the present; and there is a divine revealing time, which is to come.

The wisest Christians are often in the dark now, but the simplest Christians will see all things clearly by and by.

A little more patience, a little more faith—and all will end well.

"We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God, and who are called according to His purpose!" Romans 8:28



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Our Prayer List

"Pray without ceasing."
1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania,

"Pastor's thought for the week."

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;" 1 Peter 5:2

We all lack fear.

Proverbs 13:24 "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

There are a lot of people, some even Christians, and even worse some Pastor who disagree with God here, but where there is not discipline there is no fear. If there is no fear then there is no righteousness, there is only unrighteousness. God said about fear, "... The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes." Psalms 36:1 God also said a child that is without discipline is an unloved child. "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." Hebrews 12:7 – 8. Satan is the one who tells us that an undisciplined child is good, he is the one who is against discipline. It does not matter, anyone who is without discipline is not upright. God speaks of discipline in our children, our families, our churches, and His own saved children, and discipline begins with fear. God said of people, "And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes." Romans 3:17. Today in our world children grow-up without discipline, churches fail to discipline, nations no longer fear one another, government are soft on crime, and the world does not fear God. All we must do is look at our godly and lawlessness society, where drugs are an infestation, children are shooting schools and committing heinous crimes in the streets. Grown adults have no fear of God, the laws of the land, and no fear of death. Most of it is because so-called churches with so-called pastors no longer preach the fear of God, the fear of chastisement, the fear of death and hell, or the fear of God's judgment from the pulpits. Counterfeit churches are not the only ones to blame, parents are to blame because of the way children are raised, schools are to blame because of our ungodly education system, our governments are to blame because there is no fear of prosecution. Today, because of the way our children are raised, the world does not know "love" people do not know what love is, children say they love their parents then kill them, husbands say they love their wives then divorce them, families say they love their siblings and never talk of visit, people say they love God and hate His word.

"Pastor's thought for the week" – Continued

When the world lost its Reverence for God, it lost its reverence of good vs evil. God said of fear, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2Cor. 7:1 Let us walk in righteousness and holiness in our fear of God, this is where the world failed, now evil and drugs have taken over the world. "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Eph. 5:21 The salvation sermon called the gospel of Jesus Christ has been watered down and destroyed by so-called church who are simply houses of unsaved souls. God is mocked, shown to be weakened, shown to be defeated, shown to be an old man with no teeth, but one day this world will see God in judgment and the flames of hells fire will burn and burn the pain will be unbearable and unquenchable. But how would the world even know this, people never hear these messages anymore, the message of fear is ignored in most churches. "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him." Psalm 89:7 And the Lord went on to say in, Hebrews 12:28-29 "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire." Where there is no fear, there is no godliness, and the people will suffer, and evil will take over.

Church information and Happenings

 Please pray about our Bible Conference coming up, September 13th & 14th

What is Sin?

"Transgression of the law of God; disobedience of the divine command; any violation of God's will, either in purpose or conduct; moral deficiency in the character; iniquity; as, sins of omission and sins of commission."

-Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary 1913

"Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." John 8:34

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:21

Thank You Lord Jesus for Your Gift of Love and Grace.