

THEOS LOGOS
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Matthew 16:8-12 - *Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, not yeast that goes in bread but of the doctrine the teaching of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.* This word “doctrine” is the word “teaching” in the Greek New Testament. That’s why terms are difficult to work with. But of the teaching or the theology of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. By leaven, He means the teaching of these people.

Luke 23:6- - This is Jesus Christ before Pilate again. *When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean. And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, Herod was over Galilee by Roman appointment. As soon as Pilate knew that Jesus belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction. he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season,* For a long time, King Herod had wanted to see Jesus of Nazareth and he was elated and excited when Jesus was sent to him. *because here's the reason he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.* Jesus said beware of the leaven of Herod. I hope you'll understand what the leaven of Herod is. Excitement about Jesus Christ because He's a miracle worker. He's a miracle worker. *Then he questioned with him in many words; but he Jesus answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.* I want you to note in verse 8 that Pilate was extremely happy and excited about Jesus coming because he hoped to have seen some miracle done by Him. But he got no miracle and in verse 11, the Bible tells us that Herod set Him at nought, and in the Greek, it means not even worth knowing. If Jesus will work miracles, He will be worth knowing, but if He works no miracle, He is not even worth knowing. That's what God is saying to us.

Miracles are a necessary large part of a diluted destroyed church at the end of the age. I want to ask you this: Do you think that if Jesus works no miracle for you that He's still worth knowing? Amen. What place do miracles have in our relationship with God? None. None. What has to do with our relationship with God is truth worth knowing. I want to say this, I believe that the vast majority of Christians in our society, if you take those things which feed their sensationalisms and their appetites for the sensational, take away the idea of the miraculous, and leave them only with truth, that they will leave whole safe. I believe that. There is no appetite for the truth. There is a huge appetite for the miraculous and sensational in the church today. That's exactly what God said was going to happen.

I want you to know the summation of what we've read in these scriptures. There is going to be a majority of deception of God's people threatening to be total. It is of God's Church. The very elect are threatened with total deception by theological error supported by the miraculous, confirming to the ignorant, that their error is true. A majority deception threatening to total of God's very elect, the real disciples of Jesus Christ, by theological error, supported by the miraculous. That's what God's prophesy say beyond question and that is what is happening.

Will you beware of the leaven of Herod being excited about this Jesus of Nazareth because of His miracle working potential? Will you beware of the leaven of Herod? His theological perception and concepts about God the Messiah?

Let's look into the idea of the miraculous as it relates to speaking in unknown tongues if you'll permit me. I believe with all of my heart that is the leading miracle to which all of the church will be addicted in its strong delusion of the last days. Remember what God said in 2 Thessalonians, for this cause, God shall send them strong delusion. Now the term "strong," the adjective "strong" there means boarding on irresistible. God will send a strong delusion that they shall believe the lie. God's people are going to believe the lie. God has to do. I think you might find out why God has to it.

1 Corinthians 13:8-13 – *Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*

I want to list some things from this context. Begin with verse 8 –

1. Charity – you know that's love. That's one that's listed in the context. *Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies.*
2. Prophecies – they shall fail.
3. Tongues – they shall cease.
4. Knowledge – it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

1 Cor. 13 where we were when we were interrupted with a near tragedy that God turned around and made it a good lesson I hope.

I want to talk to you about speaking in unknown tongues in the heart of the context. There are 3 chapters in 1 Corinthians that relate more about speaking in tongues than all of the rest of Bible put together. Now, the exact center of that context of 3 chapters, 1 Cor 12, 13, and 14, there is something of extreme interest. I'm going to say to you that there's is no such thing as speaking in

tongues in the church of Jesus Christ today and has not been in your lifetime. That it does not exist and I believe the Bible plainly and undeniably tells us this.

Today, speaking in unknown tongues has become extremely popular in the Evangelical Bible-believing Church. And it is spreading like wildflower. There are more Roman Catholics today involved in speaking in unknown tongues than there are Protestants. I didn't know if you might not know that or not. That is statistically true. And it's available to anybody who wants to look into it.

Is it a valid experience for the Church to believe and practice today is a great question? It is the most manifest part of our addiction to the miraculous. Understand that by miracles, I don't mean spiritual miracles. We experienced one today. God in answer to prayer, delivered a man from serious injury or death through prayer. That is a miracle. But it is not a manifest miracle. You know, he wasn't laying out there expired and then God raised him up right before our very eyes. That would have been a sensational miracle or a manifestation of the reality of the supernatural that you could detect with the senses of your body. You could have seen it with the eyes of your body. You could have heard it with the ear of your body. That's what I mean by the kind of miracle that needs to be suspect. Not the good kind that have nothing to do with the senses of your body. Those miracles which relate to faith and truth and the spirit, it's a miracle that I'm a Christian. I believe in that miracle with all my heart. It's a miracle that's I have continued with Christ over 20 years as my Lord and Savior. That's a miracle. But it's not a miracle manifest to the senses of my body. Is it?

It's a miracle that Jesus died for us. It's a miracle that He's with us right now. That's a miracle. We can talk about all kinds of genuine real miracles that are in the realm of truth and faith and not in the realm of the senses of the body. The kind that are in the realm of the senses of your body must immediately be suspect. That's the kind of miracle that was the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod. They wanted a sensational manifestation of supernatural reality that they could see, hear, and touch, and taste and smell with the bodily senses. Those are the kind that are extremely dangerous. Although those kind have occurred certainly in scripture and the ministry of Christ and since.

We have started reading it and we have found that in the context beginning with verse 8 of chapter 13, there are certain things listed that are of significance. The first one being charity, love. The next one we read is prophecies, the next one was tongues, and the fourth knowledge. We're going to have to read it again.

Charity or love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: This term "I thought as a child" in the Greek is I came to infantile or childish conclusions but when I became a man an adult, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth remains faith, hope, charity, these three; Just these three. Now it's emphatic. These three

here in the Greek is emphatic. It means these three and only these three. Just these three remain. *but the greatest of these three remaining is love or charity.*

I want to add to our list here after knowledge, which in verse 8, the last part of verse 8, shall vanish away, then we go down to verse 13, now abideth, faith, number 5, and number 6 is hope, and then comes charity again. We have 6 things in the context that we want to talk about.

1. Charity
2. Prophecy
3. Tongues
4. Knowledge
5. Faith
6. Hope

In verse 10, notice this: *But when that which is perfect is come.* I put down the word perfect then I want to come back. The word “perfect” here is the Greek word “teleios.” In the Greek manuscript, the scriptures were written, the New Testament was written in Greek, the English word translated “perfect” in the context is from the Greek word “teleios.” And it means complete or whole or total or mature. Our word “telescope” in English, comes from the Greek word “teleios” and it means to pull out to full extension or as big or as complete or as whole as it can be. That’s what it’s talking about. When something that is incomplete, in other words, a telescope is short. It has not yet been pulled out to full extension of its length or size. It’s not completed in its length. It is less than completed in its length. That’s what it’s talking about. There is something that is at the time of this writing which was not yet completed but which was looking forward to a completion or a perfection at a future point in time. So, in the context, God is dealing here with the fact of love and then 3 spiritual gifts which were real and were functioning in the church, but only temporarily.

Note in verse 10, *But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.* So now we have something that is partial and something that looks forward to being not partial but total or complete. In verse 11, we have illustrations of what He’s trying to say. *When I was a child or an infant, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became TELEIOUS or mature, or grown up, or a complete man, meaning an infant is not a complete man but in process of going toward maturity or wholeness or completeness.* Someone has asked when a baby, when Jesus comes, will babies remain babies in the millennium or in Eternity? And I said what a tragedy. What is the purpose of process of maturity and growth? Would you like to stay 5 years old forever? Certainly not. Would you like to stay a year old? No. We will mature. Babies will mature in the millennium and in Eternity to be sure. There is something dreadfully wrong with a child that stops maturing and remains a child. Something dreadful wrong. I think you’ll agree with that.

We’re talking about something that at the point in time of the writing was not yet perfect or not yet completed or mature but looked forward through a process to a point in maturity. And the illustration in verse 11 says this: it’s like this what we’re talking about. I use to be a child and I spake as a child, understood as a child, and all that was great because that’s what a child is supposed to do. But when I became *a man, I put away childish things.*

God here is talking about a period of incompleteness or immaturity and that there were things that related to and necessary for the period of incompleteness. There are some things that are clearly implied in verse 9 that belong to the period of the part or the incomplete. At the time of writing, the knowledge of God true theology was partial. It had not yet been completed but it was in the process moving toward completion. What we are saying is that many books of the Bible were not yet completed. All of the scriptures had not been recorded. And that which is perfect is in relationship to divine revelation recorded in holy scripture. And there was period in the Early Church in the first century when God's Word was incomplete. And the knowledge of God had not all been recorded and given to the Church. What God did in love and understanding that every Christian from the beginning of the age to the end of the age where we are would be needing and privileged to have the whole truth. And so supernaturally, through the Holy Spirit, He gave unusual gifts to particular people of His selection and there were men in the Early Church that could get up and they knew everything that we were going to be able to know when all of scripture was completed. It was called the gift of knowledge. And it would stop when all of God's knowledge was finally complete in the Word of God through the Book of Revelation. All of it. They didn't have the Book of Revelation. They didn't have many books of the New Testament in the first century. They were in process of divine revelation and God causing by the Holy Spirit men to record these great truths that we have need of and appreciation. They didn't have them. God sent men with a supernatural spiritual gift, and they knew everything that was going to be in the Bible before it was in the Bible. There was a period of an incomplete scripture. It was an immature Bible. It was in the process of moving toward a point when the Bible would be complete.

I hope you understand that the majority of Christians interpret when that which is perfect is come as the literal Second Coming of Jesus Christ. That's the common interpretation in the church today.

I want us to go back. I want you to note also He said, but when I became a man, I put away childish things. And what God is trying to say is that until the Bible is complete, the gift of knowledge, the gift of prophesy, and the gift of tongues would remain. But at the point of the maturity or the growing up or completion of recorded knowledge and prophesy in the Bible, then these supernatural gifts that God gave in the interim temporarily would be removed and we would be left with the Holy Spirit and Holy Writ. And that no man has the gift of knowledge. No man has the gift of prophesy because we've all been given the scriptures who have the totality of knowledge and prophesy recorded in it.

Actually, God is trying to get rid of tongues. And He sandwiches that between two things. I want to show you is that the second coming of Christ. I want to repeat charity here. We start with it. God says: *Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.* Then He says and now there's a line that says charity will never fail or cease or stop. But whether there be supernatural gifts of prophesies in the Church of Christ, they will stop. Whether there be supernatural gifts of speaking in a language never learned, it will be taken away. Whether there be the supernatural gifts of knowing the truth of God before God gives it and records it in scripture, that will be taken away at a particular point. When that which is perfect is come, then that which is partial shall be done away.

These things were for the period of the partial. That which is in part shall be done away. When the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. And then it says there abideth or remains, faith, hope and charity. Just these three.

After the Bible was completed, there would remain of 6 things that we've taken from the context – faith, hope and charity. But the greatest of these is charity. I want to draw another line right through here. The superiority of charity is that it is the thing that God is seeking in Eternity. And it will never cease. But God says that faith and hope also will be done away with but charity is the thing that God set out to have and God shall have and it will be forever. It'll never stop.

Do we understand the nature of faith and hope? Is this line here when that which is perfect is come, is that the literal Second Coming of Christ? Now think about it. And I say the context proves that it cannot possibly be the Second Coming of Christ. I am saying that when that which is perfect is come is the completion of Holy Writ, the Revelation of God, all of the knowledge of God and what He's doing, and all of the prophesies of what He's going to do. That when it is recorded in scripture, then the supernatural gifts of prophesies and knowledge will be done away.

Hebrews 11:1 says: *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* Now hope is a form of faith. Know what that says. Faith is the evidence of things beyond the range of the senses of the human body. In other words, as long as we can see something is real or hear that it's real, or smell or taste or touch that it's real, we don't need any faith. Faith is totally dysfunctional if I say: Would you believe that there is a chalkboard right here on this rack? No. You wouldn't believe that. You would acknowledge that it's really there. But you don't have to believe it because you can see it and hear it. That's the nature of faith. Faith applies to realities that are beyond the range of your bodily senses. That's where faith comes in.

You don't hope for something that is already here. That's a contradiction of the nature of hope which is a form of faith.

Romans 8:24-25 - *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen or sensed with the bodily senses is not hope:* I want you to get that. You can hope for something until it comes into the realm of your bodily senses, then it's no longer hope. It becomes a sense reality not a faith reality. We hope for the Second Coming of Christ. The moment that becomes a sense reality, it is no longer a hope. That's what God is saying to us. This will prove beyond question, no question about it, that when that which is perfect is come then that which is of the part will be done away. It's talking about we know in part. Our knowledge is partial. We prophesy in part; our prophesy is partial. And when the complete is come, the partial will be done away. When I was a little kid, there were things that were acceptable during that immature period but when I became mature or complete, I put away childish things.

God is saying this: when the Bible is completed and mature, these supernatural gifts will be done away. Exactly what He's saying. If it is the Second Coming of Christ and not the completion of Holy Scripture which I say it is, then why would faith, hope and love remain? This line right here between hope and charity is the Second Coming of Christ. When no longer will you need faith and hope in relationship to the reality of Christ, but that He will be a sense reality. And it is a contradiction to say well we sure hope Jesus is going to come when He's already here. And that

by the very nature of faith and hope are destroyed when the reality of Christianity and all of the truth of Christ coming to reign on the planet earth is a sense reality. As long as it is in the realm of faith reality, then the form of faith called hope is applicable. But the moment Jesus literally comes back to the planet Earth, we can see Him and hear Him and touch Him and sense Him with the bodily senses, then we no longer need faith and hope. What's going to remain though, what is eternally good and what is eternally needed and what God set out to have is charity. Charity never faileth. The greatest of these is charity. It is superior because of its eternal duration. Faith and hope are temporal. Charity is eternal.

The completion of the Word of God puts away the supernatural gift of knowledge and prophecies and tongues. And after that remains faith, hope and charity. At the Second Coming of Christ, all the realities of Christianity will become visible to the body and faith and hope will be put away and love will remain forever. That is a powerful powerful irresistible case. There is no such thing as speaking in unknown tongues in the Church today and there hasn't been since the First Century when the Book of Revelation was completed. It is a part of the dreadful addiction to the miraculous. It is the main stay of the miraculous emphasis of the church in our day. And it is a miracle. Speaking in tongues is a miracle. But it is not a miracle from God. It's a frightening deadly miracle from somewhere else. Where it is real, it is a miracle. A lot of people fake it no doubt about that. But I am afraid that sometimes it's real. It doesn't exist. At the Second Coming of Christ, faith and hope also will be removed. But at the completion of the Word of God, the supernatural gifts of prophesy, knowledge, and tongues will disappear from the Church.

I submit that not asking you to accept it but to explore it. And to prayerfully seek to understand this context of scripture.

It's a modern thing occurring rarely in the church throughout its history. Certainly during the Philadelphian period, the greatest period of the Church, it was not occurring. It is occurring in the Laodicean period.

I'll share it with you right quick. There are two means to supernatural reality for you and I. There is sense emotion reality. I want you to know that if Jesus Christ appeared here bodily, and He could, you would enjoy a sense emotion reality suddenly. Hallelujah. Exciting to say the least. What if He appeared and He could right now? Jesus appear. Literally. Do it. What would happen to you if He did? No telling right. I mean all kinds of emotions and sensations would be yours and mine too. But there is a faith/truth reality of the presence of Christ that He's here. He said where 2 or 3 are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst. That's a Biblical reasonable truth. I believe that. I really believe He's here. It's real to me that He's here. That's my means to the reality of the presence of Christ. He said He would be here and I believe that He is. And He's really here. That's reality to me. I want you to understand, there is a sense reality and an emotional reality that is different from a truth/faith reality.

If you want to know why the Charismatic church is going to be so happy and so blowing and going and witnessing everywhere and praising the Lord and raising their hands and sharing with everybody they come to and collaring everybody is because sense/emotion reality is superior to faith reality from our perspective. From God's perspective, faith/truth reality is far superior to sense/emotion reality.

The Bible says that sense/emotion reality is superior to faith reality. Not only in its pleasure but in its effectiveness. If Jesus literally bodily walked with you every day, the effect of that would be greater in your life than if He's with you by faith and truth. Amen. What if everywhere you went, Jesus was with you literally? Ah ha. Hallelujah. Would I live better? I hope not but I probably would.

You know when you're out there goofing off and the Lord comes up and lays down beside you and says, what are you going to do with the rest of the day? Uh. Hey I think I'll ask Him what He wants me to do with the rest of the day, uh? Lord, what do You want me to do? He tells me. What do you think I ought to be doing? I'd be hot footing it to whatever it was. He said I want you to go by and visit a Guy in Booth, Jackson. Oh Lord that's a drag. Yea but guy in Booth needs a visit right now preacher. Well all right Lord. Right? How much better would preachers do if Jesus literally appear to them every day? Goof off with them or work with them.

If you will be faithful to live for Jesus Christ in the environment of this world, but truth/faith reality, you prove beyond any shadow of a question that you will be safe to live in Heaven with God forever. If you will live for God in this environment by faith, you will absolutely live right with God in the environment of Heaven by sight. God is trying to find out who He can trust in His Eternity. And He can trust you if you'll live by faith/truth reality in this world. But if you live by sense/emotion reality, He can't trust you. I mean we'll all do better with Jesus literally looking over our shoulder than we will by faith and truth if we're not careful.

God said to the apostle Paul, we are willing rather to be absent from the body and to be sense/present with the Lord which is far better. Is the presence of God in you life good enough now or are you really excitedly looking forward to when it will be a sense reality in your life? And what are we talking about? When He appears in the Heavens and calls us to come up and meet Him. What sensations are going to take place and what emotions will be released? Wow.

I said I wasn't going to get into that and I did.

Okay. All of it's important. Just can't do it all at once.

Okay. Here we go.

How many of you believe God can sin? Raise your hands high if you really believe that? Um. That's amazing. How many of you don't believe that? Be honest with us. We won't fight you or dislike you. You don't believe God can sin? I love you. I love your honesty. Most people don't believe God can sin. Some of these people here have opportunities before you have to understand what I'm saying, what I'm meaning.

Let me get out my other little book here. Here we go. Got your seatbelts fastened Chris? Where are you? I'll find it here in a minute.

I want us to understand that the best thing that we can say about God is He is perfect. Now do we know what "teleios" means? It means He is complete, whole, mature to full extension. It means

that He is everything that it takes to be a God. Let me say that – the God. Not a god. It means God has everything He needs to become God.

The nature of Deity. Y'all know what that word means? It means Godhood, Divinity. Deity. It means God. It's a Latin Word. The nature of Deity.

The nature of a thing is its composition. All of the different or various parts and pieces to make it what it is. Everything has a nature. If you can break it down into total accurate analysis then you could differentiate between all of the pieces and parts that together make that thing what it is. The nature of the atom. When man discovered that the door was open for the holocaust. Right? When man decided that an atom, as small as that thing is, is composed of various parts and pieces and all of those parts and pieces together make an atom an atom. There are things that make God God. And we can know what they are. And I'm not going to go in to what everyone of them are. I'm going to talk to you about them and may just read them. But I'm not going write them down. If you ever want them, they are available to you.

Let me name state of them. They are called attributes of God. We could call them the facets of the Divine Nature. They are unity – which means there is only one. God is One. God is love. God is Just. God is Holy. God is Omniscient. God is All-Wise. God is Omnipotent. God is Truth. God is Spirit. God is Eternal. God is Omnipresent. God is Immutable. I want you to let this basis of the nature of God and God is the Trinity, three persons in one Godhead. This triangle is representative of the Trinity of God.