

## Word Study - Concealed vs Revealed

Zoom meeting 9-21-22

Reminder – We study both the Old and the New Testament – and our reason for doing so is that we know the Old Testament is the New Testament **Concealed** – that is it is not explained in the Old – and you would not know the New by studying the Old, and the New Testament is the Old Testament – **Revealed** – That is you would only understand fully what you are reading in the Old as it is explained in the New -

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Also – words this week **Wisdom** and **Understanding Proverbs 4** in all your wisdom, get understanding - Israel saw the works of God, Moses knew the ways of God. Israel saw what God was doing, Moses knew the reasons behind it- **Ps 103:7**

**Wisdom** – to make one wise- skilful To know things – exercising good judgment- to become aware – to become informed

**Understanding** – to be able to comprehend – to take as a fact or accept as a condition to interpret facts upon which to stand- to know meaning

Somewhat of clean up with Moses before we look at the Apostle Paul

I want to look at the two examples of Moses sending “spies” into the land of Canaan and their report back along with their outcomes.

Moses sends spies into the land to “check it out” **Numbers 13-** 12 men from 12 tribes and their results; is land they dwell in good or bad, is the land rich or poor are there forests or not – bring back some fruit of the land-

They brought back a pole carried by 2 of grapes, brought back pomegranates and figs, the land was plentiful (40 days) they spied out the land.

Read their result in **Numbers 13: 26&27**

Nevertheless – cities are fortified & very large – people living there are “very strong” they were descendants of Anak (giant people) – However Caleb said vs **29 Numbers 13-**

Men replied – vs **33-33**

God's response **Numbers 14 vs 12** & following **Read 38&39**

These men all died in the wilderness (why) because of unbelief

You will recall that the children of Israel murmured against God and Moses for water in the desert, so God instructed Moses to **strike** the rock (rock a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ) with his rod of judgment and he did and water came out. **Exo 17:6**

**40 years later -**

The second time the example of the rock (Jesus) was **Numbers 20:1** & following.

God instructed Moses to this time "speak" to the rock to get water, Instead Moses struck the rock- and wouldn't you know it – water came out like before (vs 1)

In a picture rather than speak to the Lord, Moses again crucified Him by striking the rock and his punishment was vs (12) Read Numbers 27:14

Read **1<sup>st</sup> Cor: 10 1-4**

40 years later the rock issue comes up

Notice the anger in Moses toward the people before He struck the rock.

Striking the rock the 2<sup>nd</sup> time was a picture of the sacrifice of Jesus all over again making the believer believe that Jesus needed to be sacrificed repeatedly for our salvation. Thus the punishment of Moses to not be able to enter the land –

Look at **deut 32-51&52** Read the account

Now I believe there is a spiritual principle at work here that is very important.

Canaan is not heaven – Canaan is the spirit filled – God chosen life of abundance available to every believer.

Moses represents the **law** - Moses represents the **old Testament** – Moses represents the **old man** – Moses represents most of the church today that refuses to "believe God" for greater things. Fearful, disobedient, mumbling against authority, needing to be told what to do and how to live, looking only at their own ability to provide totally ignorant of God and His provisions etc .needing and requiring "rules to live by" in order to never make a mistake.

Moses and the generation that went into the land the first time and brought back an evil report – had to die in the wilderness (Romans 6:6)

No trust, no belief in God and His ability to provide

Few other notes on Moses – at the same time He gave the commandments – He gave the plans for the tabernacle. How to handle sin. ?

The commandments were not given to **bring people to Him**, they belonged to Him already and were given to show His heart and their need for Him. Ie. the notion that if we keep His commandments, we will be accepted by Him.

Just the opposite is true - We keep the New Commandment Jesus gave – to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself – not to belong to Him, but because we already belong to Him – Get it?

The law – 10 commandments & all the rules to live by were **never given** to man to make man righteous **Romans 3:21, 9:30-32 10:4**

**So why was the law given?** That every mouth could be stopped and all of the world may become guilty before God – **Romans 3:19**, for by the law is the knowledge of sin – **Romans 3:20**

Ok – lets look at the life of the Apostle Paul

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the Apostle Paul wrote 14 of the books in the New Testament (Hebrews)

-Paul as did many – had his named changed - In his former life, he was Saul of Tarsus – then Paul – As was Jacob (trickster) to Israel – Abram to Abraham – Sari to Sarah- cephas to Peter- levi to Matthew- Sadrack, Meshack and Obadiah from Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah and on you go with it.

As Saul – Paul of his own admission was a “great keeper of the law” (**Acts 22:3**)

Concerning Gamaliel – one of the greatest teachers of all of Israel he noted to the men in **Acts 5** – concerning the disciples (Peter in particular) verse 38 in particular.

Paul was at the stoning of Steven – first noted when **Acts 7:58** – laid his clothes at Saul’s feet. Look at verse 1 of Acts 8

Paul conversion **Acts 9**

Notice now Paul's assignment – Go to the Gentiles (not the Jews) **Acts 9:15**

Paul's testimony **2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 12 2-4**

**Paul** testimony – **Gal 1: 10-24** – Read it

Peter was sent to the Jews – Paul to the Gentiles -

Very important verse - **1<sup>st</sup> Cor 3:10**

We will continue next week