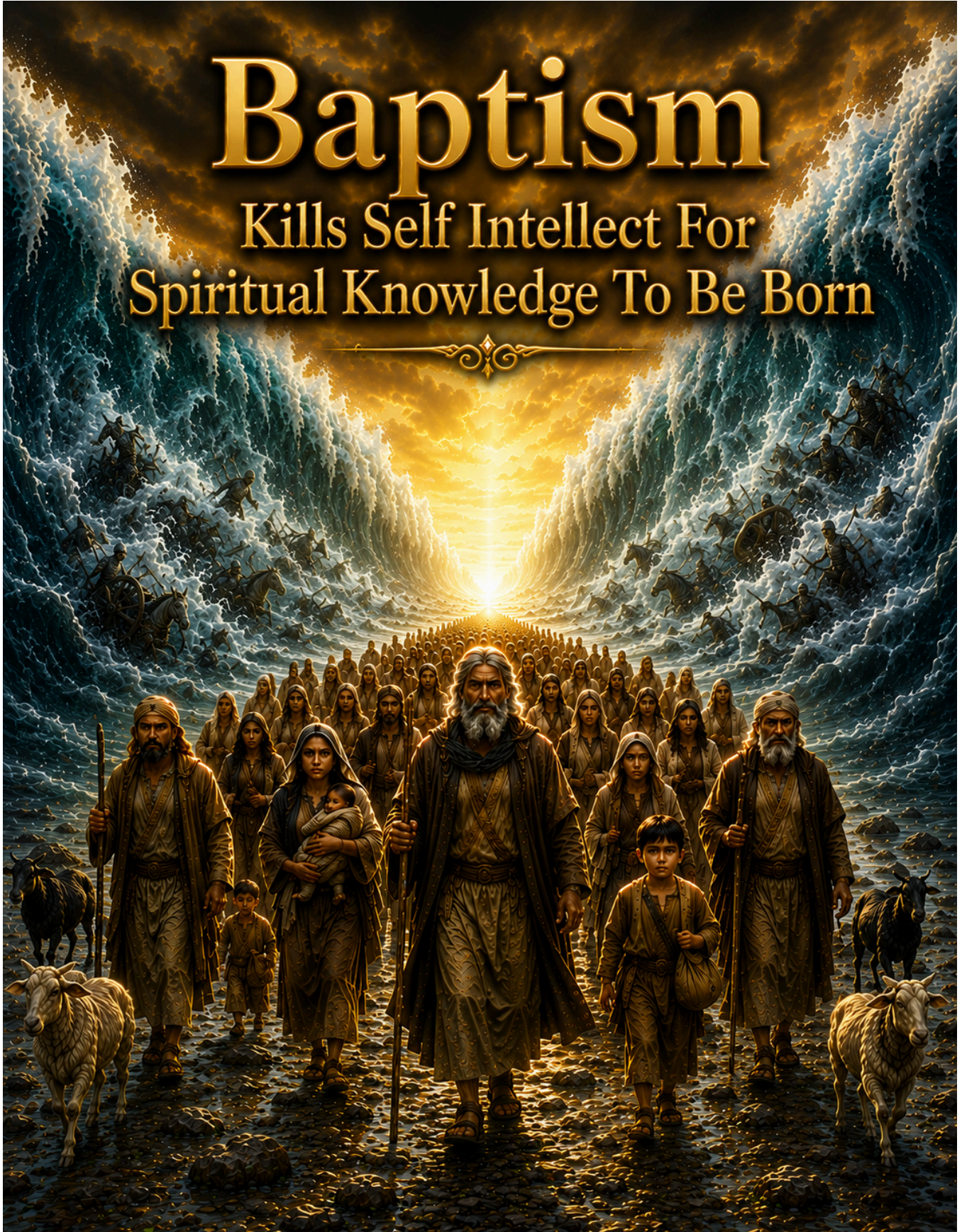


Baptism

Kills Self Intellect For
Spiritual Knowledge To Be Born



Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil

We're idiots. We think we know so much, yet we know so little.

The Jews during the time when Jesus walked the earth had very little in life to distract them, they knew Scripture inside and out, especially the teachers of that day.

Scripture and Yahweh were the only things the Jews had in life to focus on. That was their internet, gaming systems, social media, movies, concerts, sports, lifestyles, vacations, credit reports, and lifelong careers.

They had no modern lives filled with distractions like we do today. Their only form of entertainment and life duties was to live out Scripture. They were probably among the most intelligent people in biblical history. They understood the vocabulary, symbolic meanings, biblical themes, and poetry.

Ask yourself, why does the Book of Psalms only contain lyrics with no rhythm or instructions on how to play the song's melody? Because there was no need to include melodies into Scripture, everybody already knew how to dance to all the songs of that time.

If we cannot understand how to play a simple song with its original melody and rhythm correctly, then how lost are we in Scripture? We read the Scripture without knowing its rhythm to live by?

Maybe now you can see how dangerous Scripture may be when we are reading lyrics without knowing the correct melody. Your song may sound great, but you could be singing yourself to hell.

Always remember Jesus had to correct everyone at that time, even the apostles who were with him night and day for years. Very few could properly sing the Scripture of life as they walked in melody towards Heaven.

So I ask you, if you have no idea how the melody of a simple song was played out in the Book of Psalms, then perhaps you also have no idea how to live out all the Books within Scripture. Surely a simple song is much easier to figure out than Hal's to get to heaven.

Yet we can't even play one simple song from inside the Book of Psalms, "Pure Insanity!"

Ask anyone how to get to Heaven, and they will spit out an answer that is always open ended or at best half truth, from their mouth. But ask them to pick up an instrument and start playing that song correctly, and they're going to look at you and tell you they have no idea. That there is no possible way to know that.

So I ask, how can you put all your salvation into man's interpretation of Scripture when not one of us can even form a Jewish rock band to play a concert for Yahweh, so we may receive a golden ticket to walk right past that narrow gate that is closed to many? You have a better chance of getting on American Idol and winning without ever even singing a song. That's how narrow this gate is that we think is so wide for us to walk right on into. Again, pure insanity!

Personally, I would just pick up an instrument and start there before reading Scripture and trying to interpret your way to Heaven. You'll probably spiritually find yourself sooner than if you were to read the entire Bible.

I hope this brings things into perspective that we are not as smart as we think we are when it comes to dissecting Scripture, understanding it, and teaching it to others. That is a form of intellect. It comes from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. We simply call it theology to disguise intellect as biblical knowledge.

Remember, life should be as simple as singing a song. We should not be rewriting these songs and creating our own melodies by listening to and preaching sermons every Sunday that do not align with Jesus' documented commands and Sermon on the Mount.

Putting this into perspective, if anyone preaching and teaching Scripture can truly reproduce the melody of any song within the Book of Psalms, then they are now standing within the same intellect as the Jewish community that walked from Moses until meeting Jesus.

Do you honestly think we know Scripture better than the Israelites or the Jewish community during Jesus' times? They witnessed and could talk with Jesus as He was walking the earth. Today, we wonder what Jesus even looks like. This shows us that Jesus was correcting experts whose entire lives were devoted to understanding Scripture. Which is crazy because they failed every lesson written into Scripture. They never learned that intellectual knowledge equals death and that spiritual knowledge equals Heaven.

Now, can you imagine the biblical knowledge we are working with today? It has been watered down so much that most of us are unsure what the Bible is actually saying, including many pastors. Everyone is preaching and teaching from a broken record. Yet we think we have it all figured out. Why is that?

We have more distractions and less memory to recall Scripture, let alone understand it so that we may teach one another. At best, we know a favorite Scripture or something that a pastor said, and it's usually one or two words like, "Have faith," "Use discernment," or "Pray on that."

It's rarely a full explanation of exactly what we should be doing in order to see Yahweh's path. Instead, it is often half-truths and incomplete information that lead us right back to where we started:

Confused and lost, with no physical, tangible person guiding us in the correct way like Jesus did. That should tell you that intellect has left the building. We now have the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit teaches us spiritual knowledge.

We all know that when Jesus was not preaching or teaching, He was performing miracles. He explained to people how to live and how to treat others, and that was still not enough for us to truly follow Him into Heaven.

After witnessing Jesus' perfect life, miracles and love for mankind. Not one (1) person was willing to pick up a cross to follow Jesus into Heaven.

Makes me wonder, why do pastors and congregations feel so comfortable that they are going to moon walk right into Heaven when Yahweh made it very clear that we cannot eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil and then live for eternity by eating from the Tree of Life?

We would live for eternity knowing good from evil as if we were God-like. This is why we were exiled from Eden before we could have the chance to eat from the Tree of Life.

This is why you're going to hear the words intellectual knowledge and spiritual knowledge numerous times because we are drowning in intellect, and it has controlled our lives since birth.

To develop a corrective mindset, these words must be drilled into our heads. We must redefine them and understand their true meaning so that we may follow the Spirit to Heaven rather than ourselves to hell.

Adam and Eve were in a garden that I imagine was beautiful. Adam had to remember and name all the animals. Surely, he had the mind of a genius, being the first man created in Yahweh's image who lived to be 930 years old. Proving that overtime, health, Spiritual wisdom, and lifespans have all declined.

Could you imagine talking with our creator daily hearing his voice and asking Him how his day is going, and in return he's asking how your day is going. What would you give to experience that moment in life? What would you do to hold on to that connection with Yahweh? I'm sure we all feel we would choose differently than what Adam and Eve chose. However, they were living it and were still fooled.

We are far from experiencing anything like Adam and Eve. If they can fail, we are surely doomed unless we Spiritually wake up and have the faith to trust in our Father. The scariest reality is they're not the only ones that failed. There is a biblical theme that unfolds showing the growing separation between us and Yahweh handed down from generation to generation. As this separation unravels, his voice becomes harder to hear and his presence harder to feel. How blindly separated are you from Jesus?

For example if you believe Yahweh gives to us our daily needs, why do you worry about tomorrow's dinner while we are eating tonight's meal? Intellectual knowledge teaches us to provide for ourselves instead of relying on Yahweh. We begin to feel the need to provide more for ourselves causing our Spiritual connection to break with Yahweh.

When Abraham and Sarah were unable to produce the promised child within their own timetable, they used intellectual knowledge, taking from the Tree of Knowledge and producing a child through Hagar. We were not created to possess this worldly knowledge.

An innocent woman's future was taken, and she was forced into exile by humans rather than from Yahweh this time. They exiled her out of their Eden of fleshly desires.

If Abraham and Sarah had used Spiritual knowledge, they would have trusted Yahweh and waited for the chosen son. Later, when Abraham was asked to sacrifice his one and only child, Yahweh did not acknowledge Ishmael, the son created through intellectual knowledge.

Abraham and Sarah displayed snake-like intellectual knowledge by using Hagar to produce a child. In doing so God cannot be associated with sin in any way, therefore had to ignore Ishmael as Abraham's son, being he was created out of Sin.

We should now look at the history of baptism within the biblical themes of scripture. As we go over each biblical theme, pay attention to the dying of the old and the rebirth of the new. I would assume when asked when did baptism begin in scripture, one might say John the Baptist. That would be incorrect.

Baptism actually started in Genesis. I guess our next question would be, was it Adam and Eve? Considering that Adam and Eve never repented for their sin, one would have to say that is also incorrect.

Let's break down some scripture starting at Genesis 1:9-12 NASB

Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.

The land was dead and unable to bear life. We are also dead and unable to bear eternal life. Whether it be land or humans, death is a requirement beneath the water.

And God called the dry land "earth," and the gathering of the waters He called "seas"; and God saw that it was good.

After being baptized, our old self must die into a new life, even maybe a new name, and overall a spiritual mindset should emerge out of the water. Just like the dry land passed through the waters dead bearing no life and was reborn to bare life and was now called Earth.

Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit according to their kind with seed in them"; and it was so.

After being baptized, the Earth is now a part of Yahweh's new creation, having a new purpose to produce fruit for others to prosper and to live. The Earth does not bear fruit for its own needs; it is only for others in need. This is exactly the example we should be following in life.

The earth produced vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, according to their kind; and God saw that it was good.

The Earth was now living a new spiritually driven life according to Yahweh's desires. The Dry Land who does not possess the gift of "Free will" had no choice but to die and to be reborn into not just a meal but rather than into a flourishing new spiritual food to eat from that also teaches us how to live.

Let's take a look at the next biblical theme within baptism. Genesis 5:13-14,17-19

Then God said to Noah, "The end of humanity has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of people; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. Make for yourself an ark...

All intellectual knowledge was doomed, sentenced, and committed to death for following intellect until spiritual life was barely alive. Spiritual rebirth was needed for all living things. Only Noah having the spiritual knowledge to trust Yahweh built an ark that others found to be intellectually insane. Noah Lived!

Now behold, I Myself am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which there is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish.

Everything that had sinful flesh died along with intellect. Just in case you missed this: everything that used intellect to live was now dead under the water not to emerge. They did not agree with one man who was building an Ark to carry spiritual life into a new land that would be rebirthed out of the waters once again to flourish for new life.

But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

Noah, his family, and the animals all rose above the waters as they were inside a spiritually built ark, as they followed Yahweh's spiritual path that led to the rebirth of a new creation intended to now live by spiritual knowledge.

The next baptism comes from one of our favorite prophets, Moses. You may be thinking, "I know for a fact Moses did not perform a baptism." Scripture supports otherwise. Travel with me back to when the Israelites followed Moses into the waters of the Red Sea. Exodus 14:22-29

So the sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right and on their left.

The Israelites followed Moses, entering into the parted sea as they were surrounded by water, symbolizing that their old life was about to die, leaving it behind and to give up the intellect they had learned during slavery in Egypt. As they walked between two huge walls of water, they should have realized this was the process to begin their spiritual transformation.

Then the Egyptians took up the pursuit, and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen went in after them into the midst of the sea.

As the Israelites glanced behind them they witnessed that their enemy would be in danger as they would remain safe. This should have been a clear sign that their old life was to remain dead. As The Israelites were to emerge into a new land, a birthplace of Spirituality to learn how to trust in Yahweh.

The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, Pharaoh's entire army that had gone into the sea after them; not even one of them remained.

Their old life has now completely passed and died not to return as it remained dead in the water.

But the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right and on their left.

Imagine seeing water being suspended in the air by Yahweh. Would you then throw intellect away for spiritual knowledge? It was not enough for the Israelites. They rejected this lesson allowing 11 days to turn into 40 years of failure. Never to understand the dire need to reverse the knowledge of good and evil that we ate from and use daily if not hourly.

Taking in the biblical theme of baptism, how should our baptism feel when we enter and exit the waters? Are we even looking at baptism properly, or has it simply been turned into a ritual fellowship celebration to welcome new brothers and sisters into a congregation?

Ultimately, Jesus is our example to baptism. Jesus had no sin and no need to repent. However in the Gospel of Matthew, the one and only account where John the Baptist questioned Jesus's baptism, John believed that Jesus should baptize him since he had sin that would represent the Israelite's past failures.

Jesus explained He is the only one that can spiritually correct what the Israelites had failed to learn over the course of thousands of years. From worshiping other gods to living only according to their own intellect that led to rejecting Yahweh. Jesus entered the waters to do away with the past of all intellectual sins that caused major separation between humans and Yahweh.

After fulfilling righteousness, Jesus emerged out of the water, where Yahweh and the Holy Spirit greeted Him. Representing the Spirit-filled life that is with us after our baptism so we never have to live by intellect again.

Baptism Theme Summary

From Genesis to Jesus' baptism, water repeatedly marks the transition from death to life, slavery to freedom, uncleanness to cleansing, and the old life to a new beginning. Throughout Scripture, entering the water often symbolizes the end of an old condition, while emerging from it symbolizes the beginning of something new under the power and provision of Yahweh.

We grip tightly to intellectual knowledge, self-created knowledge, and biblical knowledge. We're so smart. We can even fool ourselves into thinking that we were truly baptized by springing up and thinking that we became a new person as we hold onto all the intellectual knowledge of our past. Perhaps this is why names were changed in scripture so they would not look back upon their past when people said the old name. We should only look towards the new us in Jesus.

Unfortunately, we are fooled by this fake Eden that Satan created for us to play in. We think we are saved because of biblical knowledge. Ask yourself how many times throughout the day are you serving yourself? Most of us serve ourselves within our day-to-day actions without even realizing it.

Scripture teaches us to live everyday waiting for Jesus' return. Are you ready to live as if tonight you will meet Jesus, no we do not live that way? Perhaps Jesus will only rapture the ones that truly died inside and were reborn with Spiritual knowledge, those that left the tree of knowledge of good and evil behind. If you live by Spiritual knowledge, Yahweh provides for you. No matter the circumstances, you know that what is needed for today has already been provided.

The Israelites failed to listen and to learn from Yahweh, and His teaching plan on Spiritual knowledge was only to last for eleven (11) days. It actually took the Israelites forty (40) years to learn this lesson and they failed. They never learned it.

How are we to learn our lesson as we live in the abyss being exiled since creation without seeing the wonderful, marvelous works of Yahweh like others experienced. If they could not get it right, how are we doing differently?

The wilderness teaches us that intellectual knowledge is the old life we should have left behind in Eden and Egypt. If we truly die when baptized, then intellectual knowledge should die as well. It's the Spiritual knowledge within you that is reborn.

When provisions are given to us in the wilderness by Yahweh, we learn Spiritual knowledge because we must rely on Him. When we try to provide for ourselves, we are using intellectual knowledge.

This should be one of the first signs that we have not truly died to our old selves in baptism, the constant need to rely on our own knowledge rather than on Yahweh. When Spiritual knowledge becomes our source of life, we begin to realize that the provisions themselves are not what keep us alive. Yahweh is what keeps us alive. The provision is only the tool He uses. The true source has always been Yahweh.

Jesus entered the wilderness for forty days. This was where He succeeded where His ancestors had failed. Jesus now shows us how to pass the test so we may learn to think Spiritually and become pure in heart to later enter Heaven.

Interestingly, when He entered the wilderness He was led by the Spirit to be tested by the slanderer, another name for satan. Why would the Spirit lead Jesus into a test that satan would carry out?

It makes one wonder how many times we have faced similar tests without even realizing it.

Some might even say that Satan serves a purpose within Yahweh's plan. The story of Job certainly gives us something to think about.

The wilderness was not designed to destroy Jesus. It was designed to reveal His obedience. The wilderness does the same thing for us. It reveals whether we trust Yahweh or trust ourselves. It reveals whether we depend on Spiritual knowledge or intellectual knowledge. It reveals whether we seek Yahweh's provision or our own provision.

Jesus passed the test. Where others complained, Jesus trusted. Where others doubted, Jesus believed. Where others failed, Jesus succeeded. Then something remarkable happened. After Jesus successfully passed the test of the wilderness, the very next thing He did was announce that the Kingdom was coming. This is 100% Spiritual Knowledge!

Jesus did not leave the wilderness talking about His suffering, His hunger, or His accomplishment. He left the wilderness focused on Yahweh's Kingdom. The wilderness had accomplished its purpose. It revealed perfect trust, perfect obedience, and complete dependence upon Yahweh.

Soon after, His family member John was beheaded, Jesus then returned to the wilderness to be alone with His Father, this time without a test but seeking comfort. Jesus knew the crucifixion was drawing near and had just lost His cousin, John. In addition to this, He knew the suffering that awaited Him on the cross.

To be alone in the wilderness with no test, receiving Spiritual knowledge and spending time in His Father's presence, must have been intimate and comforting for Jesus.

Then something remarkable happened. Instead of remaining alone, Jesus was met by a crowd of people in need. He did not turn them away. He did not focus on His own grief. He did not focus on His own suffering. Instead, He began healing those who needed healing. He served those who came to Him. He loved those who sought Him. He continued teaching, healing, and helping others until His final hour arrived. Even while carrying the weight of what was coming, Jesus continued to put others first

To perhaps visualize what this type of love looks like we can refer to.

Isaiah 52:14

Just as many were appalled at you, My people,
So His appearance was marred beyond that of a man,
And His form beyond the sons of mankind.

Can you please describe to me how a human looks after being beaten so badly that can no longer be recognized as a human and still be able to talk? Really think about it, beat beyond the recognition of being human. That's unthinkable and horrible to even try to endure or to visualize.

If the wilderness can prepare Jesus to serve like this, one must say "I should pay attention to the wilderness I should enter into for my life or family lives to learn from? The wilderness prepared Him to obey. The wilderness prepared Him to fulfill Yahweh's purpose. When Jesus was in and exited from the wilderness, He did what He always did, He ministered and loved others.

To live by Spiritual knowledge, is to once again to live today as if you were meeting Jesus by tonight! Know your daily provisions will be provided by Yahweh and that knowledge of faith feeds us, not actual bread. What would your day look like then? I bet it would be different from yesterday and the day before that. With this mindset we clearly understand the difference between intellectual knowledge and Spiritual knowledge.

When Feeding 5k, the apostles were tested by Jesus as they all were all in the wilderness. He let them decide between intellect and spiritual knowledge to feed such a large crowd of 5K. They failed by using intellect. The only kind of knowledge that would feed over 5k with only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish is spiritual knowledge, not intellect.

Intellect is basically like Beck putting on a concert with two turntables and a microphone as he preaches his own sermons on stage, amounting and leading to nowhere. But it sure seems fun, exciting, interesting, and like one great show to attend every Sunday.

PART 3 "Death By Discernment" IS NEXT IN SERIES...