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五 察验

E. Proving the Will of God

- (一) "叫你们灵验何为神的善良、纯全可喜悦的旨意。"罗马十二章二节。
- 1. "That you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect" (Rom. 12:2).

这里说要明白神旨意的末一步骤,是察验。察验,就是在每一件事上,都查看什么是神善良、纯全可喜悦的旨意。这需要我们站在奉献的地位上,不跟随世界的世代,只用更新的心思,照着神的话语——圣经,凭着灵里的感觉,对照环境的情形,来察验。在每一件事上,都要站在神这一面,在奉献的实际里,来查看神的意思;都要绝对在世代之外,用神的眼光,用受过神的教导、更新的心思,来审查、鉴别事情的动机、目的、和性质;都要用圣经的明训、原则、和例子,来测验、考证神的旨意何在,并事情是否合于神的旨意;都要用灵里的感觉,来试摸、判明神的意思如何;也都要看环境如何示意,如何证明。我们如果肯这样察验,就不难明白神的旨意。

Understanding the will of God involves proving. To prove is to search for the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God in everything. In order to prove the will of God, we need to stand in a position of consecration, to not follow the age of the world, to be renewed in our mind according to the Word of God, the Bible, and to understand the sense in our spirit and the condition of our environment. Searching out God's will in everything involves discerning the motive, goal, and nature of things. Therefore, we must stand on God's side in the reality of our consecration, be absolutely outside this age, and see God's view according to a mind that has been renewed and taught by God. We must always use the clear teachings, principles, and examples of the Bible to measure and prove the will of God and to see whether or not our ways are one with the will of God. We must use the sense in our spirit to test and judge what is according to the will of God. We also should consider whether or not the environment confirms what we have realized. If we are willing to prove the will of God in this manner, it will not be difficult for us to understand the will of God.

六 有心遵行

- F. Having a Heart to Do the Will of God
- (一)"人若立志遵着祂的旨意行,就必晓得。"约翰七章十七节。
- 1. "If anyone resolves to do His will, he will know" (John 7:17).

这里说,人若立志一就是有心一遵行神的旨意,就必晓得。所以要明白神的旨意,不只要有心明白,还要有心遵行。神不肯将祂的旨意指示无心要明白的人,也不愿把祂的旨意告诉光有心要明白,而无心要遵行的人。只有有心要明白,且有心要遵行的人,才能得着神给他晓得神的旨意。所以我们要明白神的旨意,就得有心遵行,立志遵行。

If anyone resolves—has a heart—to do God's will, he will know God's will. If we want to understand the will of God, we must not only have a heart to understand but also a heart to do His will. God is not willing to reveal His will to those who do not have the heart to understand, nor does He want to reveal His will to those who have the heart to understand but not a heart to do it. Only those who have the heart to both understand and do the will of God can gain a revelation of God's will from Him. Therefore, we must resolve to do God's will if we want to understand the will of God.

七 与神同行

G. Walking with God

(一) "亚伯拉罕也与他们同行,要送他们一程。耶和华说,我所要作的事,岂可瞒着亚伯拉呢?" 创世记十八章十六至十七节。

1. "Abraham walked with them to send them away. And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?" (Gen. 18:16-17).

要明白神的旨意,光有心要明白,光察验,光立志遵行,还不够,还必须在神面前花工夫,还必须与神同行。有一次,神带着两个天使到亚伯拉罕那里,虽然向他说了好些话,但有一件事却没有告诉他,就是祂要毁灭所多玛而拯救罗得。直到神要离去,亚伯拉罕与神同行,送神一程的时候,神才把那件事对他说出来。到那时,神才说,"我所要作的事,岂可瞒看亚伯拉罕呢?"他若不与神同行,送神一程,神还有向他隐瞒的事。乃是他的与神同行,乃是他的送神一程,叫神向他打开,把藏在心头的事给他知道。这好像我们到朋友那里去,谈了半天,还不肯把来意说出,直到告辞,朋友送出大门,还恋恋不舍,再送一程的时候,我们才把心头的话告诉他。我们心头的话,常是在密友之情里,向朋友说出来。亚伯拉罕在这里一创世记十八章的情形,也实在是像神的一个朋友,和神有密友之情,所以得着神向他打开,说出心头的话来。这叫我们看见,我们必须与神同行,和神有密友之情,使我们得知神的心意,才能明白神的旨意。

A heart to understand and prove the will of God and even the resolve to do the will of God are not enough; we must spend time before God. We must walk with God. God once visited Abraham with two angels. God told him about many things, but He did not tell him about His decision to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah and to save Lot. It was only when Abraham went with God and the angels to bring them on their way that God finally told Abraham of His will. He said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?" (v. 17). If Abraham had not gone with God to bring Him on His way, God's will would have remained hidden from him. Abraham's going with God to bring Him on His way caused God to open to Abraham to let him know what was hidden in His heart. This is similar to when a person goes to a friend's house and converses with him for quite a while but is unwilling to tell him the true reason until it is time to say goodbye. The friend accompanies him to the gate and, not wanting to leave him, goes with him for a while to bring him on his way. Then the visitor usually tells his friend what is really on his heart. We usually tell what is on our heart only to friends with whom we have a close, affectionate friendship. This is the situation of Genesis 18; Abraham was a friend of God, and they had a close, affectionate friendship. Consequently, God opened to Abraham and spoke what was on His heart to him. This shows that we must walk with God and have a close, affectionate friendship with God to know and understand His will.

八 听主的话

H. Listening to the Lord's Word

(一) "在耶稣脚前坐着听祂的话。"路加十章三十九节原文。

1. "Sat at the Lord's feet and was listening to His word" (Luke 10:39).

我们要明白神的旨意,需要和神有密友之情,有密切的交通,也需要学习听主的话。当初马利亚不只坐在主的脚前,并且在那里听主的话。主的意思常是藉着主的话发表出来。所以要知道主的意思,使我们能明白祂的旨意,就必须让祂说话,并且听祂说话。就是亚伯拉罕那一次和神相交,也是让神"说完了话",(创十八33,)并且也是听神说完了话,所以他能透彻的明白神的旨意。许多时候,我们与主交通,不让主说话,不听主说话,就是让,就是听,也不让主说完,也不听主说完,所以我们不能清楚晓得主的旨意。马利亚坐在主的脚前,却不是这样,乃是让主说话,听主说话,并且让主说完,听主说完,所以她能懂得主关于祂死的预示,而把香膏预先浇在主的身上,作了一件最使主称心的事。其他的门徒们,因为没有这样听主的话,就不能领会主论到祂死的意思。听主的话,对于明白神的旨意,是绝对必须的。

If we want to understand the Lord's word, there must be a close, affectionate friendship between us and God. We must also learn to listen to the Lord's word. Mary not only sat at the Lord's feet but also listened to His word. The Lord's will is often expressed through His word. Thus, if we want to know how to understand the Lord's will, we must let Him speak, and we must listen to His speaking. When Abraham was fellowshipping with God, he let God finish speaking (Gen. 18:33). He listened to God until God finished speaking, so he clearly and thoroughly understood the will of God. Often we do not allow the Lord to speak, and we do not listen to Him in our fellowship with Him. Even when we let the Lord speak and we listen to Him, we often do not allow Him to finish speaking, and we do not listen until He has finished. Therefore, it is difficult to clearly know the will of God. Mary sat at the Lord's feet, but she was not like us. She allowed the Lord to speak, and she

listened to Him. She also allowed the Lord to finish speaking, and she listened until He was finished. Therefore, she understood the Lord's prophetic revelation of His death and poured pure ointment on Him ahead of time, which He praised. The other disciples could not understand the Lord's will concerning His death, because they did not listen to the Lord in this way. Listening to the Lord's word is absolutely necessary to understanding the will of God.

九 拒绝自己的看法和谈话

- I. Rejecting the Views and Words of the Self
- (一)"谁用无知的言语,使我的旨意暗昧不明?"约伯记三十八章二节。
- 1. "Who is this who darkens counsel / By words without knowledge?" (Job 38:2).

要明白神的旨意,也必须拒绝自己的看法和话语。我们的看法和话语,常使神的旨意暗昧不明,也常是撒但所用以来打岔神旨意的,所以在寻求神旨意,听神话的时候,要拒绝自己的看法和话语。当初约伯就是有自己的看法,用自己的话语,使神对他的旨意暗昧不明。直到他放弃了自己的看法,停下了自己的话语,他才晓得了神的意思,明白了神的旨意。

If we want to understand the will of God, we must reject our own views and words. These darken the will of God and are often used by Satan to hinder the will of God. When we seek the will of God by listening to His word, we must reject the views and words of the self. Job's own view and words only darkened God's will to him. When he finally rejected his own views and stopped speaking his own words, he knew and understood the will of God.

十 用属灵的智慧和悟性

- J. Using Spiritual Wisdom and Understanding
- (一) "愿你们在一切属灵的智慧悟性上,满心知道神的旨意。"歌罗西一章九节。
- 1. "That you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding" (Col. 1:9).

最后,要明白神的旨意,也必须有,也必须运用属灵的智慧和悟性。智慧是重在灵里的认识,叫我们能超凡的看出神的旨意。悟性是重在心思的领会,使我们能平常的明白神的意思。智慧是灵里的,自然是属灵的。悟性虽然是心思里的,也需要是属灵的。这自然必须是圣灵所更新,满了圣灵光照和感动的心思,才能有的。我们必须有,也必须用这样的智慧和悟性,来领会神的旨意。这需要我们向神求、向神要,(雅一5,)求神给我们领会的力量,也开我们的心窍;也需要我们在灵和心思里,都有认真的对付,除去灵和心思里一切的污秽和不正不当,使我们的灵正直、明亮,使我们的心思清洁、新鲜;并且需要我们操练,运用我们的灵和我们更新的心思。我们若这样,我们的灵里就有神的同在,就能有从神来的智慧,并且我们的心思里也就能有属灵的悟性,叫我们能知道神的旨意,也叫我们可以明白神的旨意。

Finally, if we want to understand God's will, we must have and use spiritual wisdom and understanding. Wisdom refers to the knowledge in our spirit that causes us to have an extraordinary seeing of the will of God. Understanding refers to the understanding in our mind that allows us to ordinarily understand God's will. Wisdom is in our spirit, so it is spiritual. Although understanding is in our mind, it should also be spiritual. This requires that our mind be renewed by the Holy Spirit and be full of the Holy Spirit's enlightenment and inspiration. We must have and use such wisdom and understanding to understand the will of God. We must ask God for this wisdom (James 1:5). We must beg God to give us the power to understand and to open the eyes of our heart. We also need to earnestly deal with our spirit and heart so that everything unclean and unrighteous in our spirit and heart is removed, making our spirit upright and bright and our mind fresh and clean. Furthermore, we need to exercise, that is, to practice using our spirit and our renewed mind. Then our spirit will have wisdom from God, and our mind will have spiritual understanding so that we can know and understand the will of God.