Zeal According to Knowledge

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When the King of Egypt would not allow the Israelites to leave he had an important question that has to do with our relationship with God and the world today.

The King ask “Who is this Lord that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.”

The point is that the more one knows about the Lord, the closer one can get to the Lord. The closer one would likely come closer to obeying God’s word.

The less one knows about God’s word, the further away they will become.

What does the church need today more Zeal or more Knowledge?

The true answer is that the church needs both.

From the Zeal standpoint, does the congregation see the zeal from the elders?

Do the Elders see the zeal of the congregation?

Do the young people see the zeal of the adults in the congregation?

Do the older members see the zeal in the younger children?

Let’s look at the Christians in the first century.

They were imprisoned, threatened, burn at the stake, torn apart by wild animals, crucified, stoned, etc.,

Yet, those Christians stayed the pace and stayed faithful.

Were there those who turned away from God? Probably so.

John 4:23-24—“But the hour cometh, and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (24) God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

According to this section of scripture, Jesus was talking to the woman at the well and she had asked the question where should we worship? She mentioned that her fathers had worshipped at Mt. Gerizim, but that Jesus mentioned that they should worship in Jerusalem.

The point is it is not where we worship (city wise) it is the attitude that we worship with.

Mark 13:10—“And the gospel must first be published among all nations. (KJV)

ASV—Preached

NKJV—Preached

Jesus depicts worship as the perfect balance of Zeal and Knowledge

Look at the Athenians—They were totally ignorant of God.

The only thing they had was an altar or idol that was erected “To The Unknown God.” Acts 17

Today there is a statement that says “Ignorance Is Bliss.”

When comparing that to the knowledge of God, that is just not the case.

There was a time when God overlooked man’s ignorance. Not so today, He commands men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30

Today our world it seems is opposed to studying more about God’s word, but we should be knowledgeable in worldly knowledge. Church is just not interesting for folks anymore.

Mark 12:30—“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.”

If we are just taking up space in our pews and our worship and are just about interested as watching paint dry, then maybe we need a big change.

Lets all get back to Bible Study. Let’s all get interested in worship and what it means to our lives.

Let’s get away from the soft, mushy feel good religion and get back to our basics.