

Unlocking Experience Through Knowledge

"But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions" (Obadiah 1:17)

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Is it possible not to experience what God has already provided because of ignorance? In His missionary journeys, Paul asked believers at Ephesus "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" (Acts 19:2). Their answer is revealing "We have not so much heard whether there be any Holy Ghost" (Acts 19:2). At this point, many years have passed since the Holy Ghost was poured out in Acts 2, but these disciples were excluded from that experience through their ignorance!

In the same vein, it is possible for a person to remain sick when Jesus has paid for their healing about 2000 years ago. It is also possible for a person to remain under demonic oppression if s/he is ignorant of the authority that that God has given to all believers. Ignorance is not a bliss, it can be very costly. This explains why Paul prayed for Ephesian believers understanding to be enlightened.

"Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his

"Mv people are destroyed lack for of knowledge..." (Hosea 4:6).

body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all" (Ephesians 1:15-23).

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Ephesians 3:21).

According to John 14:13-14 God answers every prayer of the believer "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it". Romans 11:29 assures us that "... the gifts and calling of God are without repentance". How should these knowledge influence your faith and prayers bearing in mind the fact that "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19).

Unbelief generates of a lot of steam that produces neither power nor motion. "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions" (Ecclesiastes 7:29).

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