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Thursday Evening IMPACT Bible Study

“The Five Levels of Truth”-Lesson # 4 (December 1, 2022)

We are still talking about and further explaining, “**The Five Levels of Truth**”.

Level # 1- You must “**know**” the truth.

Level # 2- You must “**understand**” the truth.

Level # 3- You must then “**believe**” the truth.

Level # 4- You must “**apply**” the truth.

Level # 5- You must finally “**stand**” on the truth.

We are on **Level # 2-** You must “**understand**” the truth. This is very important.

1). Proverbs 4:7b- Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: with all thy getting get **understanding**.

2). Acts 8:29-31a- ²⁹ Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. ³⁰ And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, **Understandest** thou what thou **readest?** ³¹ And he said, *How can I*, except some man should guide me?

An important example of something that many Christians “**know**”, but may/do not “**understand**”.

In the Bible, in both the Old and the New Testament, God divided people into *three* different groups:

GROUP # 1- Israel, the Jewish People.

These were what the Bible calls, His “**Chosen**” people.

1). Deuteronomy 7:6-7- ⁶ For thou art an **holy** people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath **chosen** thee to be a **special** people unto himself, **above all** people that are upon the face of the earth. ⁷ The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor **choose** you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

QUESTION: Why would God “**choose**” one group of people over another? Did God show favoritism? Why did He choose Israel, and not some other ethnic group? Are we not “all” special?

GROUP # 2- Gentiles, Non-Jewish People.

These were the lost, the unsaved people of the world.

GROUP # 3- The Church, the Saved Gentile People.

This is us, you and I, in the New Testament.

God “**chose**” the Israelites, the Jewish People, also called Israel, in order for them to be a light to the lost world. He wanted to show the world what a relationship between God and man looked like; and the “**positive**” results of that type of a relationship. He wanted the Gentile world to behold this.

1). Genesis 12:1-3b- Now the LORD had said unto **Abram**, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ² And I will make of thee a **great nation**, and I will **bless** thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³...and in thee shall **all families** of the earth be blessed.

God called and chose them to do this; but they failed to do what He specifically assigned them to do. Which prompted God to do two things:

- A. God sent His Son, who was preceded by a forerunner, to invite Israel to “repent”, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

1). Matthew 3:1-2- In those days came **John the Baptist**, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, ² And saying, **Repent** ye: for *the kingdom of heaven is at hand*.

2). Matthew 4:17- From that time **Jesus** began to preach, and to say, **Repent:** for *the kingdom of heaven is at hand*.

B. When they refuse to “repent”, He did something that was designed to make them jealous:

1). Romans 11:11b-but rather through their fall **salvation** is come unto the **Gentiles**, for to **provoke** them to **jealousy**.

He called *His disciples* to do what they wouldn't do.

1). Matthew 28:19-20- ¹⁹ Go **ye** therefore, and teach **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

2). Acts 10:9-15- ⁹ On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, **Peter** went up upon the housetop to **pray** about the sixth hour: ¹⁰ And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, ¹¹ And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: ¹² Wherein were **all manner** of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. ¹³ And there came a voice to him, **Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.** ¹⁴ But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is **common** or **unclean.** ¹⁵ And the voice spake unto him again the second time, **What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.**

He then called *the Apostle Paul* to do the same thing.

1). Romans 11:13a- For I speak to you **Gentiles**, inasmuch as I am the **apostle** of the **Gentiles**,

2). Acts 9:15- But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a **chosen** vessel unto me, to bear my name before the **Gentiles**, and kings, and the children of Israel:

3). Galatians 1:15-16a- ¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who **separated** me from my mother's womb, and **called** me by his grace, ¹⁶ To reveal his Son in me, that I might **preach** him among the **heathen;**

MEANING: What does all of this mean? That you and I are now **“spiritual Jews”**. And the *promises* that were given directly to them, are also now **ours** to claim. And, we should now, think like who we are!!! God's people, should *think like God!* This is called having the *mind of Christ*. Having a *Jewish mindset*. When one thinks like God, he is guaranteed to be successful.

1). Romans 11:17- But if some of the *branches* were *broken off*, and you, although a *wild olive shoot*, were **grafted in** among the others and now **share** in the nourishing root[Ⓜ] of the olive tree,

SUCCESS WILL FOLLOW ANY PERSON WHO THINKS LIKE GOD!!!!!!

- 1). Steven Spielberg**
- 2). Ralph Lauren**
- 3). Michael Dell**
- 4). Ruth Bader Ginsburg- Former Supreme Court Justice**
- 5). Jonas Salk- Discovered the polio vaccine**
- 6). Levi Strauss- Invented jeans**
- 7). Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield- Founders of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream**
- 8). Harold Katz- Invented Nutri/System**
- 9). Jenny Craig- Weight loss Entrepreneur**
- 10). Howard Schultz- Started Starbucks in 1985**
- 11). Henry & Richard Block- Created H & R Block**
- 12). Calvin Klein**
- 13). Ralph Lauren**
- 14). Liz Claiborne**
- 15). S. Daniel Abraham- Slim Fast**
- 16). Dr. Ruth**
- 17). Jerry Lewis**
- 18). The Three Stooges**
- 19). The Marx Brothers**
- 20). Rodney Dangerfield**
- 21). Phyllis Diller**
- 22). Mel Brooks**

23). Jerry Seinfeld

24). Judge Judy (Judy Sheindlin)

25). Macys, Sears, Neiman-Marcus, Saks Fifth Ave., Bed Bath and Beyond, Kohls, and The Gap are owned and were founded by **Jewish people**.