WISDOM---KNOWLEDGE---INSTRUCTION
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P RO.16:16, "HOW BETTER IT IS TO GET WISDOM THAN GOLD! AND TO GET UNDERSTANDING RATHER TO BE CHOSEN THAN SILVER."

PROV.3:13-1 5,"HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT FINDETH WISDOM,AND THE MAN THAT GETTETH UNDERSTANDING.FOR THE MERCHANDISE OF IT IS BETTER THAN THE MERCHANDISE OF SILVER,AND THE GAIN THEREOF THAN FINE GOLD.SHE IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN RUBIES:AND ALL THINGS THOU CANST DESIRE ARE NOT TO BE COMPARED UNTO H ER."

PROV.2:1-5,"MY SON,IF THOU WILT RECEIVE MY WORDS,AND HIDE MY COMMANDMENTS WITH THEE;SO THAT THOU INCLINE THY EAR UNTO WISDOM,AND APPLT THINE HEART TO UNDERSTA NDING;YEA IF THOU CRIEST AFTER KNOWLEDGE AND LIFTEST UP THY VOICE FOR UNDERSTANDING;IF THOU SEEKEST FOR HER AS SILVER,AND SEARCHEST FOR HER AS FOR HID TREASURES;THEN SHALT THOU UNDERSTAND THE FEAR OF THE L ORD,AND FIND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD."

I WOULDN'T CA LL THESE SCRIPTURE S A DESCRIPTION OF THE DESIRE OF SOME MO DERN DAY CHRISTIANS WHO BECOME TIRED AND BORED IF THE PREACHER TEACHES MORE THAN 15 OR 30 MINUTES,BRINGING A LESSON FROM THE WORD OF GOD.WOUL D YOU? HAD YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK ABOUT IT? TO BE BORED WITH THE GOSPEL GIVEN BY THE LORD,IS TO BE BORED WITH HIM.IF WE WERE TOLD CERTAINLY THAT THERE WAS A BURIED TREASURE OUT HERE SOME PLACE:AND THAT BY DIGGING ALL DAY WE WOULD ALL BE RICH.I DOUBT IF THERE IS A SINGL E ONE OF US THAT WOULD BECOME BORED AND TIRED,AND THINK THAT ALL DAY WAS TOO LONG A TIME TO DI G FOR GOLD.WE HAVE JUST READ THAT IF WE WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE KNOWLEDGE OF G O D,WE MUST BE JUST AS DILIGENT IN SEARCHING FOR IT.

IN MATT.5:6,THE LORD TELLS US:"BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH DO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS:FOR THEY SHA LL BE FILLED." YOU DON'T BECOME TIRED OF EATING A GOOD MEAL,WHEN YOU ARE HUNGRY,DO YOU? EVEN SO,IF YOU HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS,YOU WON'T TIRE OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE EITHER.

THE APOSTLE PETER TELLS US IN 1 PET.2:2,"AS NEWBORN BABES,DESIRE THE SINCERE MILK OF THE WO RD,THAT YE MAY GROW THEREBY." A HUNGRY BABE EAGERLY DESIRES MILK:AND THE SAME EAGER DESIRE TO HEAR THE GOSPEL PREACHED SHOULD EXIST IN THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN ,IF HE IS TO GROW. AND WE ARE COMMANDED IN 2 PET.3:18,#GROW IN GRACE AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF TH E TRUTH."

THE LORD SAID IN MATT.4:4,"MAN SHALL NOT L IVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDETH OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD." IF THE PREACHER IS NOT PREACHING THE PURE GOSPEL TRUTH:IT IS UP TO YOU TO CORRECT HIM.BUT IF HE IS,SHAME ON YOU IF YOU ARE MADE TIRED AND BORED BY THE WORD OF GOD.

EPH.4:11-13,"AND HE GAVE SOME AP OSTLES;AND SOME,PROPHETS;AND SOME,EVANGELISTS;AND SOME,PASTORS;AND SOME,TEACHERS;" WHY DID THE LORD GIVE THESE GIFTS? CAN'T WE JUST READ IT? DO WE NEED TEACHERS,AND PREACHERS? LISTEN AS PAUL CONTINUES:"FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS,FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY,FOR THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST:TILL WE ALL COME TO THE UNITY OF THE FAITH,AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD, UNTO A PERFECT MAN,UNTO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF CHRIST."

DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME:WE MUST ALL STUDY FOR OURSELVES ALL THE TIME: 1 THESS.4:11,"STUDY TO BE QUIET,AND TO DO YOUR OWN BUSINESS,AND TO WORK WITH YOUR OWN HANDS AS WE COMMANDED YOU." 1 TIM.4:13 & 15,SAYS, "TILL I COME,GIVE ATTENDANCE TO READING,TO EXHORTATION,TO DOCTRINE.---MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS;GIVE THYSELF WHOLL Y TO THEM;THAT THY PROFITING MAY APPEAR TO ALL." THE LORD SAID IN JNO.5:39,"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES;FOR IN THEM YE THINK YE HAVE ETERNAL L IFE:AND THEY ARE THEY THAT TESTIFY OF ME." AND ACTS 17:11,"THESE WERE MORE NOBLE THAN THOSE IN THESSALONICA,IN THAT THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH ALL READINESS OF MIND, AND SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY,WHETHER THOSE THINGS WERE SO." THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.WE MUST DILIGENTLY READ AND STUDY OUR BIBLES EVERY DAY.BUT THE LORD SAW NEED FOR INSTRUCTION THROUGH PREACHING ALSO.AS WE HAVE SEEN IN THESE SCRIPTU RES,THE LORD SAID THAT THE GIFT OF PROPHESY WAS "FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS." WHAT IS THE GIFT OF PROPHESY? 1 COR.14:3-4,"HE THAT PROPHESIETH SPEAKETH UNTO MEN TO EDIFICATION,AND EXHORTATION,AND COMFORT.---HE THAT PROPHESIETH EDIFIETH THE CHURCH." 1 THESS.5:20,SAYS,"DESPISE NOT PROPHESYINGS." THIS IS A COMMAND.AND.HE DIDN'T SAY PROVIDED THE PREACHER ONLY SPEAKS.ABOUT 30 MINUTES.I DOUBT IF

WE WOULD DIG ONLY ABOUT 30 MINUTES FOR TREASURES, AND DECIDE THAT WE WERE TOO TIRED AND BORED. TITUS 2:15, SAYS, "THESE THINGS SPEAK, AND EXHORT, AND REBUKE WITH ALL AUTHORITY. LET NO MAN DESPISE THEE." THE PREACHER GIVING THESE INSTRUCTIONS, WAS THE APOSTLE PAUL WHO AT ONE TIME WE KNOW OF PREACHED UNTIL MIDNIGHT. HE WASN'T MODERN ENOUGH TO BE AN ADVOCATE OF THE 30 MINUTE SERMON THEORY, WAS HE? NO INDEED. LISTEN TO PAUL IN PHIL. 3:7-8 & 13-15, " BUT WHAT THINGS WERE GAIN TO ME, THOSE I COUNTED FOR LOSS FOR CHRIST. YEA DOUBTLESS, I COUNT ALL THINGS BUT LOSS FOR THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST JESUS MY LORD: FOR WHOM I HAVE SUFFERED THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS, AND DO COUNT THEM BUT DUNG, THAT I MAY WIN CHRIST; ---I COUNT NOT MYSELF TO HAVE APPREHENDED: BUT THIS ONE THING I DO, FORGETTING THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND, AND REACHING FORTH UNTO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEFORE, I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS. LET US THEREFORE, AS MANY AS BE PERFECT, BE THUS MINDED, AND IF IN ANY THING YE BE OTHERWISE MINDED, GOD SHALL REVEAL EVEN THIS UNTO YOU."

IF YOU WILL REMEMBER, WHEN THE YOUNG MAN WENT TO SLEEP DURING PAUL'S SERMON THAT LASTED UNTIL MIDNIGHT, AND FELL TO HIS DEATH, WAS REVIVED. THE RECORD TELLS US THEY WERE GLAD TO HAVE HIM REVIVED. BUT THERE IS NO RECORD OF WORDS BLAMING PAUL FOR PREACHING TOO LONG A SERMON. INSTEAD, THEY WERE SO INTRESTED IN THE GOSPEL MESSAGE, AND PAUL'S PREACHING OF IT, THAT THEY CONTINUED WITH HIM TILL THE BREAK OF DAY, WHEN HE DEPARTED (ACTS 20:7-12).

BUT WHY DO SOME SAINTS GET SO TIRED AND BORED, OR FALL ASLEEP IF A GOSPEL SERMON EXCEEDS 30 MINUTES TODAY? I'LL TELL YOU WHY: THE GOSPEL JUST ISN'T THEIR CHIEF INTEREST. AS PAUL SAYS IN PHIL. 2:21, "FOR ALL SEEK THEIR OWN, AND NOT THE THINGS WHICH ARE JESUS CHRIST'S."

THE LORD EXPLAINS IN DETAIL IN MATT. 6:19-24, "LAY NOT UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES UPON THE EARTH, WHERE MOTH AND RUST DOTH CORRUPT, AND WHERE THIEVES BREAK THROUGH AND STEAL: BUT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE NEITHER MOTH NOR RUST DOTH CORRUPT, AND WHERE THEIVES DO NOT BREAK THROUGH AND STEAL: FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO. THE LIGHT OF THE BODY IS THE EYE: IF THEREFORE THINE EYE BE SINGLE, THE WHOLE BODY SHALL BE FULL OF LIGHT. BUT IF THINE EYE BE EVIL, THY WHOLE BODY SHALL BE FULL OF DARKNESS. IF THEREFORE THE LIGHT THAT IS IN THEE BE DARKNESS, HOW GREAT IS THAT DARKNESS! NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS: FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE ONE, AND LOVE THE OTHER; OR ELSE HE WILL HOLD TO ONE, AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON. #

WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE??? IF IT IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, THEN THE GOSPEL IS THE MOST INTERESTING, AND THE MOST TREASURED THING IN YOUR LIFE. BRETHREN, IF WE DO NOT LOVE THE TRUTH, WE ARE IN GRAVE DANGER OF BEING DAMNED. 1 THESS. 2:10-12, "AND WITH ALL DECEIVABLENESS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IN THEM THAT PERISH; BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED NOT A LOVE OF THE TRUTH, THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED. AND FOR THIS CAUSE GOD SHALL SEND THEM A STRONG DELUSION, THAT THEY SHAOULD BELIEVE A LIE: THAT THEY MIGHT ALL BE DAMNED WHO BELIEVED NOT THE TRUTH, BUT HAD PLEASURE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS." WHEN YOU LOVE A PERSON YOU WANT TO SPEND ALL YOUR TIME WITH THEM, NOT JUST 30 MINUTES A WEEK. IF YOU LOVE THE TRUTH: THEN TO READ THE BIBLE IS YOUR GREATEST JOY, NOT JUST ONE CHAPTER A DAY, BUT EVERY SPARE MOMENT. THE BIBLE WILL BE YOUR CHOICE OF READING MATERIALS. IF YOU LOVE THE TRUTH: THEN YOUR FAVOURITE TOPICS OF CONVERSATION ARE CONCERNED WITH THE TRUTH, THE THINGS OF GOD. IF YOU LOVE THE TRUTH, YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE TO TO GO, IS TO MEET WITH THE SAINTS IN WORSHIP. IF YOU LOVE THE TRUTH: YOU WON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT COMPLAINING ABOUT THE TIME THUS SPENT. PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS, SUNG WITH THE SPIRIT AND UNDERSTANDING, WILL THRILL AND UPLIFT YOUR SPIRIT. THE PRIVILEDGE OF SHOWING FORTH THE LORD'S DEATH FOR OUR SINS, IS A PRIVILEDGE WE HUMBLY AND GLADLY TAKE PART IN. IT IS A JOY TO THE CHRISTIAN, WHO LOVES THE TRUTH, TO UNITE WITH FELLOW-CHRISTIANS IN PRAYER TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. TO THE CHRISTIAN WHO LOVES THE TRUTH: IT IS A JOY AND A SPIRITUAL FEAST TO HEAR A GOSPEL SERMON AND BE EDIFIED THEREBY. BUT OF COURSE, IF WE DO NOT HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS, THESE THINGS WILL BE TIREING AND BORING TO US. IF WE AREN'T PUTTING FIRST IN OUR LIVES THE THINGS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN THEN WE WILL FALL ASLEEP, OR ELSE COMPLAIN ABOUT THE TIME THUS SPENT. IF WE DO NOT LOVE THE TRUTH: OUR HEART JUST ISN'T IN IT. AND IF THIS IS THE CASE, WE ARE IN A SAD STATE, INDEED.

HEB. 2:1-3, " THEREFORE WE OUGHT TO GIVE THE MORE EARNEST HEED TO THE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE HEARD, LEST AT ANY TIME WE SHOULD LET THEM

SLIP.FOR IF THE WORD SPOKEN BY ANGELS WAS STEDFAST,AND EVERY TRANSGRESSION AND DISOBEDIENCE RECEIVED A JUST RECOMPENCE OF REWARD;HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE,IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION;WHICH AT FIRST BEGAN TO BE SPOKEN BY THE LORD,AND WAS CONFIRMED UNTO US BY THEM THAT HEARD HIM?" AND BECAUSE THAT IS DANGER THAT IF LEFT TO OURSELVES WE MIGHT LET THESE THINGS SLIP,AND BEGAN TO NEGLECT OUR SALVATION,THE LORD HAS GIVEN UNTO US TEACHERS,PROPHETS,AND EVANGELISTS,"FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS, FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY:FOR THE EDIFYING OF THE CHURCH"(EPH.11:13 & 1 COR.14:3-4).THE APOSTLE PETER ALSO TEACHES THE IMPORTANCE OF REMINDING AND EDIFYING OF THE SAINTS.AS WE READ IN 2 PET.1:12-15:"WHEREFORE I WILL NOT BE NEGLIGENT TO PUT YOU IN REMEMBRANCE OF THESE THINGS,THOUGH YOU KNOW THEM,AND BE ESTABLISHED IN THE PRESENT TRUTH.YEA,I THINK IT MEET,AS LONG AS I AM IN THIS TABERNACLE,TO STIR YOU UP BY PUTTING YOU IN REMEMBRANCE;KNOWING THAT SHORTLY I MUST PUT OFF THIS MY TABERNACLE, EVEN AS OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST HATH SHOWED ME.MOREOVERI WILL ENDEAVOR THAT YE MAY BE ABLE AFTER MY DECEASE TO HAVE THESE THINGS ALWAYS IN REMEMBRANCE." ALSO 2 PET.3:1-2,"THIS SECOND EPISTLE,BELOVED,I NOW WRITE UNTO YOU;IN BOTH WHICH I STIR UP YOUR PURE MINDS BY WAY OF REMEMBRANCE: THAT YE MAY BE MINDFUL OF THE WORDS WHICH WERE SPOKEN BEFORE OF THE HOLY PROPHETS,AND OF THE COMMANDMENT OF THE APOSTLES OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR." BUT WHAT GOOD WOULD ALL OF PETER'S EFFORTS DO,IF THESE PEOPLE ORWE ARE SO LITTLE INTERESTED THAT WE COMPLAIN OR FALL ASLEEP,IF THE INSTRUCTIONS LAST FOR MORE THAN 30 MINUTES?

IN 2 TIM.3:16-17,WE ARE TOLD JUST HOW IMPORTANT THE SCRIPTURES ARE TO US IN ORDERING OUR LIVES:"ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD,AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE,FOR REPROOF,FOR CORRECTION,FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUS NESS,THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT,THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL GO OD WORKS." WHERE WE SPEND ETERNITY DEPENDS SO MUCH ON HOW WELL WE RECEIVE AND ACT ON THIS INSTRUCTION:HOW DARE WE COMPLAIN ABOUT THE TIME SPENT BEING EDIFIED BY THE TEACHERS IN THE CHURCH? DARE WE FACE THE LORD IN JUDGEMENT,AND TELL HIM THAT WE GREW TIRED AND BORED WHEN A PREACHER TALKED FOR MORE THAN 30 MINUTES,WHILE GIVING ONE SCRIPTURE AFTER ANOTHER? WE WILL LOOK PRETTY SILLY AND UNINTERESTED BESIDE THE CONGRE GATION THAT LISTENED TO PAUL UNTIL MIDNIGHT, THEN CONTINUED WITH HIM UNTIL THE BREAK OF DAY.AND WE WILL STAND IN JUDGEMENT BESIDE THEM,AND ALL THOSE OTHER GRAND OLD SAINTS WHO REALLY LOVED THE TRUTH:WHO PUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD FIRST,AND WHO REJOICED IN THESE THINGS.REMEMBER THE MAN WHO DIGGED IN THE EARTH AND HID HIS LORD'S MONEY? HE DIDN'T WASTE IT.HE DIDN'T LOSE IT.BUT HE WAS JUST SO MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN OTHER THINGS.HIS HEART JUST WASN'T IN WORKING TO MAKE ANY GAIN WITH IT.MATT.25:28-30:"TAKE THEREFORE THE TALENT FROM HIM,AND GIVE IT UNTO HIM THAT H ATH TEN TALENTS.FOR UNTO EVERYONE THAT HATH SHALL BE GIVEN,AND HE SHALL HA VE IN ABUNDANCE:BUT FROM HIM THAT HATH NOT SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY EVEN THAT WHICH HE HATH.AND CAST YE THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANT INTO OUTER DARKNESS:WHERE THERE SHALL BE WEEPING AND KNASHING OF TEETH." REMEMBER,"WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO." IF THIS SERVANY'S TREASURE HAD BEEN IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD,THEN HE WOULD HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH HIS TALENT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.BUT EVIDENTLY THE THINGS OF THE KINGDOM TIRED AND BORED HIM,HIS INTEREST BEING ELSEWHERE.SO HE FAILED TO REACH THE REWARD OF THE FAITHFUL WHO LOVE THE TRUTH.

THERE ARE A LOT OF SCRIPTURES ABOUT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD RECEIVING INSTRUCTION.I AM GOING TO GIVE SOME OF THEM FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS.PROV.1:7:"THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE: BUT FOOLS DESPISE WISDOM AND INSTRUCTION." PROV.4:13:"TAKE FAST HOLD OF INSTRUCTION;LET HER NOT GO;KEEP HER;SHE IS THY L I FE." PROV.6:23,"FOR THE COMMANDMENT IS A LAMP;AND THE LAW IS LIGHT;AND REPRO OFS OF INSTRUCTION ARE THE WAY OF LIFE."PROV.8:10-11:"RECEIVE INSTRUCTION,AND NOT SILVER;AND KNOWLEDGE RATHER THAN CHOICE GOLD.FOR WISDOM IS BETTER THAN RUBIES;AND ALL THINGS THAT MAY BE DESIRED ARE NOT TO BE COMPARED TO IT."

PROV.8:33 :"HEAR INSTRUCTION,AND BE WISE,AND REFUSE IT NOT." WHEN WE COMPLAIN ABOUT LISTENING TO A GOSPEL MESSAGE;OR FALL ASLEEP IN ORDER TO AVOID HEARING IT;WHAT ARE WE DOING,BUT REFUSING INSTRUCTION?

PROV.9:9-10:"GIVE INSTRUCTION TO A WISE MAN,AND HE WILL BE WISER YET:TEACH A JUST MAN,AND HE WILL INCREASE IN LEARNING.THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM:AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF TH E HOLY IS UNDERSTANDI NG." SO,THE WISER A MAN IS;THE MORE JUST HE IS,THE MORE EAGERLY HE WILL SEEK INSTRUCTION. INSTRUCTION IN THE WORD OF GOD.

PROV.12:1,"WHOSO LOVETH INSTRUCTI ON LOVETH KNOWLEDGE:BUT HE THAT HAT ETH REPROOF IS BRUTISH." PROV.13:13,"WHOSO DESPISETH THE WO RD SHALL BE DESTROYED:BU T HE THAT FEARETH THE COMMANDMENT SHALL BE RE-WARDED." SO IF YOU "HATE" TO HEAR THE WORD PREACHED FOR MORE THAN AXX SHORT TI ME:IS THIS EVIDENCE THAT YOU LOVE IT? OR HATE IT? PROV.13:18, "POVERTY AND SHAME SHALL BE TO HIM THAT REFUSETH INSTRUCTION:BUT HE THAT REGARDETH REPROO F SHALL BE HO NORED." PROV.15:32-33,"HE THAT RE-FUSETH INSTRUCTION DESPISETH HIS OWN SOUL:BUT HE THAT HEA RETH REPROOF GETTETH UNDERSTANDI NG.THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE INSTRU CTION OF WIS-DOM:AND BEFORE HONOR IS HUMILITY." PROV.23:12,"APPLY THINE HEART TO IN-STRUCTION,AND THY EARS TO THE WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE."

TH E WORD "INSTRUCTION" ISN'T IN THE 9TH VERSE OF THE 28TH CHAPTER,BUT IT CERTAINLY APPLIES TO THE SUBJECT IN A VERY SERIOUS WAY: "HE THAT TURNETH AWAY HIS EAR FROM HEARING THE LAW, EVEN HIS PRAYER SHALL BE AN ABOMINATI ON." WHEN THE LAW OF GOD IS BEING READ AND XXXXX TAU GHT,AND WE THROW UP A BLOCK IN OUR MINDS SO AS NOT TO HEAR IT;WHAT HAVE WE DON E BUT TO "TURN AWAY OUR EARS FROM HEARING THE LAW?" HE TELLS US THAT IF WE DO THIS THAT "EVEN OUR PRAYER SHALL BE AN ABOMINATION." TO TREAT GOD'S WORD WITH DISRESPECT,NO MATTER WHO IS READING AND TEACH ING IT IS A SERIOU S THING.

BUT IT WILL DO US NO GOOD TO BE A S THE PEOPLE DESCRIBED IN EZE-KIEL 33:31-32:"AND TH EY COME TO THEE AS THE PEOPLE COMETH,AND THEY SIT BEFORE THEE AS MY PEOPLE,AND THEY HEAR MY WORDS,BUT THEY DO NOT DO THEM FOR WITH THEIR MOUTH THEY SHOW MUCH LOVE;BUT TH EI R H EART IS AFTER THEIR COVETOUSNESS.ANS,LO,THOU ART UNTO THEM AS A VERY LOVELY SONG OF ONE THAT HATH A PLEASANT VOICE,AND CAN PLAY WELL ON AN INSTRUMENT:F OR THEY HEAR THY WORDS,BUT DO NOT DO THEM."

BUT WHAT ABOU T TH ESE PEOPLE WHO ARE OFFENDED AT A SERMON MORE THAN 30 MINUTES LONG? AND THAT COMPLAIN THAT THEIR WAS REPITITION IN THE TEA CHING? THE Y ARE NO T OFFENDED AT THE PREACHER,BUT AT THE WORD OF GOD.THE LORD SAID IN MATT.11:6,"AND BLESSED IS HE,WHOSOEVER SHALL NOT BE OFFENDED IN ME." THE LORD TAUGHT THE PEOPLE CONTINUALLY.HOW TIRED OF HIS COMPANY SOME OF OUR MODERN DAY CHRISTIANS WOULD HAVE BEEN,WHEN HE EVEN REPEATED OVER AND OVER THE SAME TEACHINGS. THESE PEOPLE REMIND US OF THE SCRIPTURE TO BE FO UND IN AMOS 6:10:"THEN SHALL HE SAY,HOLD THY TONGUE:FOR WE MAY NOT MAKE MENTION OF THE NAME OF TH E LORD." THEY TELL US TO HOLD OU R TONGUE,AND NOT TO MAKE SO MUCH MENTION OF THE WORD OF TH E LORD;IT TIRES THEM AND MAKES THEM BORED. BUT IS THIS A PROPER ATTI TUDE TOWARD T HE WORD OF THE LORD?

PS.119:105,S AYS,"T HY WORD I S A LAMP UNTO MY FEET,AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH." PS .119:97,SAYS:"O HOW I LOVE THY LAW!IT IS MY MEDITATION ALL DAY." THE FIRST PSALM,VERSES 2-6,DESCRIBES ONE WHO TRUL Y LOVES THE WORD:"BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD;AND IN HIS LAW DOTH HE MEDITATE DAY AND NIGHT.AND HE SHALL BE LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE RIVERS OF WATER,AND BRINGETH FORTH HIS FRUIT IN HIS SEASON;HIS LEAF ALSO SHALL NOT WITHER;AND WHATSOEVER HE DOETH SHALL PROSPER.THE UNGODLY A RE NOT SO:BUT ARE LIKE THE CHAFF WHICH THE WIND DRIVETH AWAY.THEREFORE THE UNGODLY SHALL NOT STAND IN THE JUDGEMENT,NOR SINNERS IN THE CONGREGATION OF THE RI GHTEOUS.FOR THE LORD KNOWETH THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEO US:BUT THE WAY OF THE UNGODLY SHALL PERISH." PS.19:7-14:"THE LAW O F TH E LORD IS PERFECT,CONVERTING THE SOUL:THE TESTIMONY OF THE LORD IS SURE,MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE.THE STSTUTES OF THE LORD ARE RIGHT,REJOICING THE HEART. THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD IS PURE,ENLIGHTENING THE EYES.THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS CLEAN,ENDURING FOREVER:THE JUDGEMENTS OF THE LORD ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ALTOGETHER.MORE TO BE DESIRED ARE THEY THAN GOLD,YEA,THAN MUCH FINE GOLD:SWEETER ALSO THAN HONEY IN THE HONEY COMB.MOREOVER BY THAM IS THY SERVANT WARNED:AND IN KEEPING OF THEM THERE IS GREAT REWARD. WHO CAN UNDERSTAND HIS ERRORS? CLEANSE THOU ME FROM SECRET FAULTS.KEEP BACK THY SERVANT ALSO FROM ORESUMOTUOUS SINS;LET THEM NOT HAVE DOMINION OVER ME:THEN I SHALL BE UP RIGHT,AND INNOCENT FROM THE GREAT TRANSGRESS-ION.LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH,AND THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART,BE ACCEPT-ABLE IN THY SIGHT,O LORD, MY STRENGTH,AND MY REDEEMER."

THIS LESSON HAS BEEN MINE.IT IS NOW YOURS FOR ALL ETERNITY.

YOURS FOR THE TRUTH,THE WHOLE TRUTH,AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH,

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