

A Good Understanding

Psalm III:10 (NKJV): 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

Deuteronomy 4:1–6 (NKJV): 1 **“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe,**

that you may live,

and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you.

2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

3 Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal Peor; for the Lord your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor.

4 **But you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive today, every one of you.** 5 **“Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess.**

6 Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’

Deuteronomy 5:29 (NKJV): 29 Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, **that it might be well with them and with their children forever!**

Deuteronomy 5:32–33 (NKJV): 32 “Therefore you shall be careful to do as the Lord your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33 **You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has**

commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.

Deuteronomy 6:1–3 (NKJV): 6 “Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the Lord your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, 2 that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. 3 Therefore **hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’** A fruitful habitation reminiscent of paradise

Deuteronomy 6:4–5 (NKJV): 4 **“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!** 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

One, not polytheistic, many say pray to what ever you call God, Buddha, Allah, Mother Nature, a higher power, as if it doesn't matter as long as you pray. The Greeks were polytheistic. They had imagined a god of the sun, the god of thunder, a god of the sea—all being separate gods and even warring among themselves. The Greeks don't stand alone in hatching up gods from their own perverted reasoning.

Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (NKJV): 4 **“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!** 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

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>You shall teach them diligently to your children,

>and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,

>when you walk by the way,

>when you lie down, and

>when you rise up. 8

>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand,

>and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9

>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

In doing all these frequent acts God commanded, God was teaching Israel to love Him, these actions were essentially investments in God and the more we invest in something the greater our affection becomes attached to it.

Numbers 25:1–3 (NKJV): 25 Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. 2 They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. 3 **So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel.**

1 Corinthians 6:15–17 (NKJV): 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! 16 **Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.”** 17 **But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.**

Genesis 2:24 (NKJV): 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Mark 10:6–9 (NKJV): 6 But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ 7 **‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.** 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Numbers 25:7-13 (NKJV): 7 Now when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand; 8 and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel. 9 And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand. 10 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 11 “Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal. 12 Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; 13 and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.’ ”

The Commandments

Exodus 20:1-9 (NKJV): 1 And God spoke all these words, saying: 2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 “You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. 7 “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. 8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

“If you love Me, keep My commandments...

John 14:15-17 (NKJV): 15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:21-24 (NKJV): 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.

And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?” 23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

Psalm 25:14 (NKJV): 14 The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

Romans 5:1-5 (NKJV): 5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

The Holy Spirit is given to believers at the moment of justification.

The initial out pouring of the Holy Spirit was a unique event at the birth of the Church, which is the historical account given in the book of Acts in the Bible.

Heading

John 1:29–35 (NKJV): 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ 31 I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.” 32 And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. 33 I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.” 35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples.

Isaiah 11:2 (NKJV): 2The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel
and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

John 1:26–27 (NKJV): 26 John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water, **but there stands One among you whom you do not know.** 27 It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.”

John 15:8–17 (NKJV): 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. 9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. 11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and

that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.