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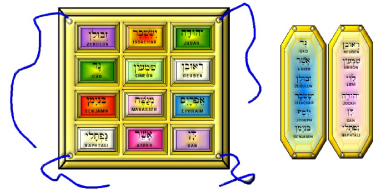
Lesson 79

Lesson 79: A Call to Stability

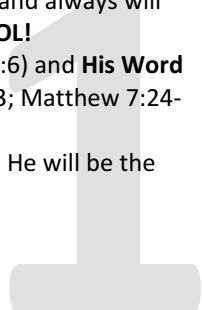
Scripture: Hebrews 13:8-9

He Is the Same (Hebrews 13:8)

- Times, culture, traditions, circumstances, people, etc. **will** change, **BUT** Christ will always be the same! (Psalm 90:2)
- He is always the **same** in His offices:
 - He is and always will be our **GREAT HIGH PRIEST!** He will **always** make **intercession** for us. (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25)
 - ★ Breastplate and Shoulder Boards



- He is and always will be our **SAVIOUR.** Before the foundation of world He **promised** to come to **seek, find, and to save** His sheep. (Luke 15:4-5; 19:10; John 10:29; 6:37-39)
- He is and always will be our **SALVATION.** He is God's **gift** to His people. (Romans 6:23) – and God's gifts are **irrevocable!** (Rom 11:29)
- He is and always will be the **King of kings.** He rules and always will rule! He is always and will always be in **CONTROL!**
- He is our **ROCK.** He does not change! (Malachi 3:6) and **His Word** is our **ROCK!** (Deuteronomy 32:4; 2 Sam. 22:2-3; Matthew 7:24-27)
- He is the **SAME** today as He was in the 1st Century and He will be the same in 2025 as He was in 2024.



Various and Strange Doctrines (Hebrews 13:9)

- ★ Right after the Holy Spirit exhorted us to follow those who preach the Word He warns of DANGERS.
- The Holy Spirit **warns** us not to be **carried away** by **false teachings**.
- We are commanded **not** to be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine and the philosophies of the world. (Eph. 4:14; Colossians 2:4, 8)
- This **warning** is a warning that is taken so lightly today. We live in an age where **anything** is TRUTH, except the TRUTH!
 - Consider Paul's warning in Acts 20:29-30! He warned them that false teacher would come from without and within that he called **ravenous wolves**. **See Matthew 7:15**.
 - Consider Peter's warning in 2 Peter 2:1-3
 - Paul was amazed how easily the Galatians turned from the **TRUE** Gospel to follow a **FALSE** or **CORRUPTED** one. (Gal. 1:6-7, 2 Cor 2:17; 4:2)
 - Christ repeatedly warned us that many would be deceived. (Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24)
- We live in an age where **FALSE DOCTRINE** fills books, pulpits, podcasts, youtube video, etc.
- We live in the **times** where the Holy Spirit warned that **many** would **depart** from **the** faith and follow doctrines of demons. (1 Tim. 4:1)
 - ★ The doctrines of demons sound like, seem like, and look like **REAL** doctrine! (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)
- We are warned that many TODAY will turn away from TRUTH to fables! They will not want anything to do with sound doctrine. (2 Timothy 4:1-4)
- One of the greatest battles today is one who attacks strong and pure doctrine. Destroy doctrine and everything else becomes corrupted.
- We are commanded to **test** everything because there are many antichrists in the world. (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22; Acts 17:11; Isaiah 8:20; 1 John 4:1)
- Paul **unashamedly** pronounced a **CURSE** on himself and anyone who preached **another** Gospel! (Galatians 1:8-9).

Be ESTABLISHED!

- The only way to be established is by being **firmly** grasping the God's doctrines as taught in the **written** Word of God.
- The CHURCH is called to be "the **PILLAR** and **GROUND** of TRUTH." (1 Timothy 3:15) - The entirety of God's Word is TRUTH. (Psalm 119:60; John 17:17)
- The CHURCH is to "earnestly contend for the faith." (Jude 3)

Sifting Through So Many Interpretations – Why?

→ Why does God allow so much false interpretations (false doctrine)?

① To **TEST** us! (Deuteronomy 13:1-4; Ezekiel 14:9)

② To **EXPOSE** false teachers in the Church. (1 Corinthians 11:19)

→ Why are there so many interpretations?

① **False Christians.** Unbelievers, some sincerely believing they are true believers can never correctly interpret the Bible. (1 Cor. 2:14)

② **Failure to Be Hard Workers.** See 2 Timothy 2:15 and 2 Peter 3:16.

③ **Ignorance of the Whole Word of God.** Apollos was an example. (Acts 18:24-28)

★ Building a doctrine on one or even a few verses will lead to a **false doctrine.**

④ **Baby Christians teaching!** Many so-called Christians fail to **mature** and are **unable** to tell the difference between what is true and what is false. (Hebrews 5:13-14)

⑤ **Tradition vs. Truth.** Many teach what is **tradition** and not **truth**. See Matthew 15:1-9)

⑥ **Novelty vs. Truth.** Scholars sometimes fall into this as does many others. Consider Luke 16:15.

⑦ **Personal Experience vs. Truth.** I do not test the Word of God by my experiences. I test all of my experiences by the Word.

⑧ **Greed.** (2 Corinthians 2:17; 4:2)

⑨ **Tickling of Ears.** Fear of man instead of the fear of God. (2 Tim. 4:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; Galatians 1:10)

⑩ **Whole Word vs. Parts.** (Acts 20:26-27; 2 Timothy 4:2)

Getting, Being and Staying ESTABLISHED

① **DESIRE TRUTH.** Be humble enough to say, “I can be deceived by false teachers!” (Matthew 5:6; Proverbs 2:1-5; 1 Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:13-14)

② **PRAY!** Depend on the LORD and not yourself. (1 Kings 3:9; James 1:5; Prov 3:5-7)

③ **LEARN** from the gifted teachers. (1 Cor 12:10; 1 John 4:1; Ephesians 4:11-13)

④ **FOLLOW** the pattern of the mature. (Eph. 4:14; Heb 5:13-14; 13:7; 1 Peter 2:2)

⑤ **DEPEND** on the Holy Spirit – it is His job to lead us into truth. (John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:16; 1 John 2:26-27)

⑥ **DILIGENTLY STUDY all** Scripture and doctrine. (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:14-15)

