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GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW THE FUTURE

When He, the Spirit of truth shall come, He will lead you into all truth. He will not speak of His own, but only what He hears, will He speak. He will show you things to come.” (JN 16:13)

Here the Holy Spirit is called the ‘Spirit of truth.’ He is complete truth and only truth because He is God. This verse states that He will lead (guide, teach) us into *all* truth. Since He can lead us into all truth, this would include the past, present *and* future. He can and will show us things to come if we only seek Him for this.

As I studied this, I came to three conclusions: God knows the future, He declares the future and He can show us the future. Consequently, it stands to reason that He wishes to reveal the future to His children. And I’ll go one step further, we believers *need* to know what’s ahead.

Why do we need to know the future? It’s not just to experience a sense of amazement when a word is fulfilled—although there’s nothing wrong with that. Of course it’s amazing – it’s a miracle!

It’s also not just so we can receive a personal blessing, although again, absolutely nothing at all wrong with that. We need those blessings and we certainly are meant to enjoy them. But we need to know the future for several vital reasons, among them: preparation, sanctification and activation.

PREPARATION

This is both spiritual and practical. Proverbs 22:3 in the King James Version says: “A prudent man foreseeth the evil and hides himself; but the simple pass on and are punished.” The Passion Translation (a paraphrase) reads: “A prudent person, with insight, foresees danger coming and prepares for it. But the senseless rush blindly forward and suffer the consequences.”

The word ‘prudent’ is defined as: “acting with or showing care and thought for the future.” A prudent person not only plans for the future, but he does it with insight. If we believers aren’t prepared for the future, that leaves only one group who might be – unbelievers! We would then suffer some things needlessly.

SANCTIFICATION

What you had spiritually in the past will not be sufficient for the future. What you have today, will not be enough for tomorrow. His future for you is bigger and better than you could ever imagine. That’s why He must first expand us inwardly before He can expand us outwardly. Only those who submit to His deep and oftentimes painful inner working will be properly equipped for what’s to come.

ACTIVATION

Be ready to do something when God reveals things. First pray, asking for wisdom, then do what He tells *you* to do, not necessarily what He tells others. We certainly can and should hear from others including proven prophets, but in the end, each is individually responsible before God.

ISAIAH 46:9 says “From the beginning, I revealed the end. From long ago, I told you things that had not yet happened.” Everyone agrees the future will be bumpy but in Him, there’s nothing to fear. So, let’s enjoy the ride!

