

**“20/20: Perfect Vision” I**  
**Knowing The Lord and His Ways I**  
***Deuteronomy 7:9-10***  
***Proverbs 18:20-21***

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  1. *God reveals Himself in and through His Word.*
  2. *satan has always attempted to challenge the Word of God.*
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    - a) *A key to “safely” understanding and “rightly dividing” the Scriptures is to understand the character of God, how He does things and His desire for man to be like Him.*
  4. *For us to stand strong and not be deceived, we must know the Lord and how His mind works.*
  
- II. *EVERYTHING begins with words, whether it is God’s Word or your words. **John 1:1; Genesis 1:1-3; Proverbs 18:21.***
  1. *The Lord has placed man in a “word system.” We will experience life or death based on what we say and we will function that way because the Lord made it that way. We may choose the words we speak, but we cannot choose as to whether or not we will be governed by this “word system.” **Matthew 12:35-37***
  2. *“The Power of the Tongue.” Power, Strong’s 3027 Hebrew, “yad”; a hand (an open one [indicating power, means, direction, etc.]...). \*My note: 3034, yadah =to revere, worship with the extended hand. One of the Hebrew words used for praise.\**
  3. *In the Kingdom of God, the “little things” are of great importance.*
    - a) *Words are “seed.” **Mark 4:10-11, 14, 26-32.***
    - b) *Words of the tongue are as kindling to a fire. **James 3:1-13, 18.***

***III. Let's make a decision this year to be skilful with our words; to "kindle" AND feed some "good fires", fires that will destroy all of the satanic impurities around us and create a circumference, a "circle of existence" around us that supports the blessing of the Father on our lives. Let's make the decision to take away any advantage that we have given darkness over our lives.***

***1. Scriptures: Proverbs 21:23; Psalm 45:1.***

***2. Are we ready to write?***

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**“20/20: Perfect Vision” II**  
**Knowing The Lord and His Ways” II**

***Deuteronomy 7:9-10***

***Jeremiah 9:23-24***

***Hosea 6:6***

***John 17:1-3***

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**III. How's your "religion?" *James 1:26-27.***

- 1. "Religion"; Strong's/Thayer, 2356 Greek, "threskeia; ceremonial or external aspects of worship. Webster's 1828 Dictionary; to bind anew; ...originally to have signified an oath or vow to the gods, or the obligation of such an oath or vow, which was held very sacred by the Romans; practical piety; real piety in practice, consisting in the performance of all known duties to God and our fellow men in obedience to divine command...; the performance of the duties we owe directly to God, from a principle of obedience to His will.*
- 2. ALL aspects of religion are vain (void of results) if one fails to bridle his or her tongue. **James 3:8-18.***
- 3. The major "element" of our religion is what we say with our mouths. So then, what should we be saying?*
  - a) Say what the Lord says. **Hebrews 3:1.***
  - b) Words that build up and "minister grace to the hearers."  
**Ephesians 4:15, 25-26, 29-32.***

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**“20/20: Perfect Vision” III**  
**“The Heart of the Matter”**

***Matthew 12:33-37***

***Luke 6:43-45***

***1 Samuel 16:1-7***

- I. *Clear vision begins with knowing the Lord, His Nature, how He thinks and how he does things.*
  
- II. ***EVERYTHING begins with words!***
  1. *God has placed man in a “word” system.*
  2. *Death and life are in the “hand” of the tongue. **Proverbs 18:21; Psalm 45:1***
  3. *Things work for God through His spoken Word. **Psalm 33:6; Isaiah 55:8-11; Matthew 8:5-13; Mark 16:15-20.***
  4. *The “mature” disciple is as his master. **Luke 6:40; Isaiah 55:8-11 – God has “thoughts.”***
  
- III. *The efficacy of words is determined by what is in the heart (the mind, the thoughts) IN ABUNDANCE!*
  1. *Thoughts and pictures are in the mind. The mind is the place of “spiritual” conflict in our lives. It is there that we will have positive meditation and /or mental pressure. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5.** The mind, or the heart is the incubator.*
  2. *We claim and give “life” to thoughts through our words. **Matthew 6:24-25***
  3. *Our challenge: to clear out of our hearts the negat(e)ive words and thought patterns and fill up in abundance the Word of God and His thoughts.*
  4. *Our meditations are where our issues and solutions lay. **Psalm 1:1-3; Joshua 1:8-9; 1 Timothy 4:12-16.***

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*20/20: Perfect Vision IV*  
*“What The Tongue of The Wise/Righteous Can Do!”*

*Jeremiah 9:23-24*

*Psalm 86:15*

*Proverbs 18:20-21*

- I. *Clear vision begins with knowing the Lord, His nature, how He thinks and how He does things.*
  1. *The Lord has a soul and He has emotions. **Hebrews 10:38; Genesis 6:5-6.***
  2. *A key to “safely” understanding and “rightly dividing” the Scriptures is to understand the character of the Lord, how He does things and His desire for man to be like Him.*
  
- II. *The Lord has placed man in a “word system.” We will experience life or death based on what we say and we will function that way because the Lord made it that way. We may choose the words we speak, but we cannot choose whether or not we will be governed by this “word system.” **Matthew 12:35-37.***
  1. *Death and life are in the “hand of the tongue.”*
  2. *The tongue: the “pen” of a ready writer. **Psalm 45:1.***
  3. *What are we “penning?” ☺*
  
- III. *A most vital element of perfection, i.e. “spiritual maturity” is the ability of an individual to control ones tongue. There are three (3) stages of development:*
  1. *New born. Greek, brephos; 1025 Strong’s/Vine’s. **1 Peter 2:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:14-15.***
  2. *Babe. Greek, nepios; 3516 Strong’s/Vine’s; being without the power of speech; immature; carnal; those who have not grown as they should; impressionable; easily swayed. **Ephesians 4:14; 1 Corinthians 3:1.***
  3. *Perfect. Greek, telios; 5049 Strong’s/Vine’s; complete; mature; full age. **Ephesians 4:13; Matthew 5:48.***

***IV. Words, wisdom and the righteous.***

- 1. “A well of life.” Proverbs 10:11.***
- 2. Places a premium on words and understands that words are valuable and nourishing. Proverbs 10:19-21.***
- 3. Bring forth wisdom and understands what words should be spoken. Proverbs 10:31-32.***
- 4. Strengthens and lifts up the city. Proverbs 11:11.***
- 5. Understands confidentiality and controls his speech accordingly. Proverbs 11:13.***
- 6. Understands the “war of words.” Proverbs 12:6.***
- 7. Understands the role that words have in healthy living. Proverbs 12:18.***

***V. The Lord placed man in this “word system”, making provision for him to make the choice to take his place in the “divine nature” and be the same kind of creator, dominator, builder and sustainer that He is. Deuteronomy 30:19-20; 2 Peter 1:1-4; Genesis 1:26-28.***

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20/20 Perfect Vision V

“Knowing The Lord and His Ways” III

*Jeremiah 9:23-24 John 17:1-3*

*Psalm 86:15 Psalm 103:6-8 Hosea 6:2-3*

*Philippians 3:7-10 Colossians 1:9-10*

*2 Peter 1:1-10 2 Peter 3:18 Jeremiah 29:11-13*

- I. *Clear vision begins with knowing the Lord, His nature, how He thinks and how He does things.*
  1. *A key to “safely” understanding and “rightly dividing” the Scriptures is to understand the character of the Lord, how He does things and His desire for man to [know Him and to] be like Him.*
  2. *Contrary to the opinions of men, the Lord desires to be known by His people. **Jeremiah 9:23-24.***
    - a) *Understand; Hebrew sakal; Strong’s 7919; circumspect; intelligent.*
    - b) *Know; Hebrew yada; Strong’s 3045; to ascertain by seeing; to know by observing and reflecting (thinking); to know by experience.*
- II. *These Scriptures that we have read give us insight into the Lord’s character.*

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**Jeremiah 9:23-24:** “Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, says the Lord.”

**John 17:1-3:** “Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said; Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God. and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

**Psalms 86:15:** “But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.”

**Psalms 103:6-8:** “The Lord executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.”

**Hosea 6:2-3:** “After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight. Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, like the latter and former rain to the earth.”

**Philippians 3:7-10:** “But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. But in deed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.”

**Colossians 1:9-10:** “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

**2 Peter 1:1-10**: “Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ. To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self – control, to self – control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble.”

**2 Peter 3:18**: “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

**Jeremiah 29:11-13**: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

**20/20: Perfect Vision VI**  
**“Knowing The Lord and His Ways” IV**  
***Jeremiah 9:23-24***  
***John 17:1-3***

- I. *Clear vision begins with knowing the Lord, His nature, how He thinks and how He does things.*
1. *The Lord desires to be known by His people.*
  2. *It is equally as important to be known by God as it is to know Him. **Matthew 7:21-23; Genesis 18:16-19; Galatians 4:6-9; 1 Corinthians 8:3.***
- II. *Knowing the Lord and His ways. **Jeremiah 9:23-24.** Lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness.*
1. *Lovingkindness. Hebrew *checed*, 2617 Strong’s; from 2616; mercy; goodness; steadfast love; grace; goodness. (*chacad*, 2616; to bow [the neck only] in courtesy to an equal. *Checed* is translated as both lovingkindness and mercy.*
  2. *When the Lord shows lovingkindness and mercy, He is actually coming down to our level in order to bring us up to His. **Psalm 17:4-9; 36:7-10; Mark 10:46-52.***
  3. *The “ultimate” of His lovingkindness and mercy: **Psalm 91:1; Ephesians 2:1-6.***

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**“Simple Obedience”**

***Colossians 2:6-7***

***Romans 1:1-5***

- I. ***Four “overlooked” points of obedience in Colossians 2:6-7.***
- II. ***Point 1: As you have received, so walk “in Him.”***
  1. ***How did we get “in Christ?” 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 10:9-11. By faith. We believed, received and acted on the Word of truth concerning the new birth.***
  2. ***We are to walk this way in all areas of life.***
- III. ***Point 2: Rooted and built up “in Him.”***
  1. ***We are to grow in two directions simultaneously.***
  2. ***Rooted and built up “in Him.” These are the most important principles in our lives.***
  3. ***Our roots: with Christ, with Him, in Christ, in Him, through Christ, etc. These Scriptures represent who we are, what we have, what we can do and what the Holy Spirit can do through us.***
- IV. ***Point 3: Established in “the faith” as you have been taught.***
  1. ***Established. To confirm, make secure, make stable.***
  2. ***“The faith” as you have been taught. The faith represents the entire instruction regarding our redemption in Christ. Acts 6:7; 13:8; 14:20-21; 16:4-5; 24:24; Romans 1:5; Jude 1.***
- V. ***Point 4: Abounding therein with thanksgiving.***
  1. ***The highest form of prayer and faith: thanksgiving. 2 Corinthians 2:14; Colossians 1:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 1 Timothy 2:1.***
  2. ***In the majority of his letters, Paul offers thanks to God as a part of his salutation and/or his prayer for the churches***

*that he is writing to. Romans 1:8; 1 Corinthians 1:4; Ephesians 1:16; Philippians 1:3; Colossians 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 1 Timothy 1:12; 2 Timothy 1:3; Philemon 4.*

- 3. Everything has been accomplished by the finished work of Christ. There is nothing left to do but thank God for all that He has done!*

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2020 Perfect Vision VI  
“Knowing The Lord and His Ways” IV  
*Jeremiah 9:23-24*  
*Psalm 86:15*

- I. *Clear vision begins with knowing the Lord, His nature, how He thinks and how He does things. His life is represented through His nature, His thinking and His actions.*
  1. *Sharing His life and nature is the whole of God’s plan for man. **Genesis 3:22-24**: the tree of “life.”*
  2. *Life: Greek, zoe; 2222 Strong’s/Vine; life as a principle; life in the absolute sense; life as God has it.*
  
- II. *Christianity is in need of revival – a revival in the knowledge of God and His purposes. **Hosea 6:1-3; Isaiah 11:9.***
  1. *Revive defined: to bring back to life or consciousness; to make effective or operative again; to recover and restore after neglect or obscurity. Revival is for the church, not the world. You can only revive something that was once alive.*
  2. *Redemption in Christ is all about God restoring man to righteousness and life. **John 10:10; Acts 5:20; Romans 5:17; Ephesians 4:17-18; 2 Timothy 1:7-10; 2 Peter 1:3-4.***
  
- III. *Four things that must happen before the church is finished with its assignment. **Ephesians 3:6-11; Hebrews 10:12-13.***
  1. *The Church must walk in dominion over satan, demons, sickness, disease, poverty, manifestations of fear and death and disruptions in nature.*
  2. *The Church must press towards unity.*
  3. *The Church must press towards maturity.*
  4. *The Gospel of the Kingdom must be preached to the entire world AS A WITNESS.*
  5. *We must give attention to Paul’s Holy Spirit inspired prayers for the church and mankind.*
    - a) ***1 Timothy 2:1-4.***

- b) *Colossians 1:9-14.*
  - c) *Philippians 1:9-11.*
  - d) *Ephesians 3:14-20.*
  - e) *Ephesians 1:15-23.*
6. *The “Assignment”:* exercise dominion and release the knowledge of the Lord in the earth! *Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15-20.*

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2020: Perfect Vision VII  
“Knowing The Lord and His Ways” V  
*Jeremiah 9:23-24*

- I. *Some things that we have gleaned thus far.*
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- II. *Two Scriptures: **Psalm 86:15**; **Exodus 34:5-6**. The Lord is “longsuffering.”*
1. *Longsuffering; long – tempered; patient; slow to anger or wrath.*
  2. *Why is He like this? **1 Peter 3:20**; **2 Peter 3:8-9**. Because He does not want any to miss out on His goodness!*

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**“Overcoming Life”**

***John 10:10***

***Matthew 7:13-14***

***2 Corinthians 4:3-12***

***I. Life: one of the primary reasons for Jesus coming.***

- 1. Greek “zoe”. 2222 Strong/Vine; is used in the New Testament of life as a principle, life in the absolute sense, life as God has it, that which the Father has in Himself, and which He gave to the Incarnate Son to have in Himself, ***John 5:26***, and which the Son manifested in the world, ***1 John 1:2***.***
- 2. “Christ The Healer”, chapter 11: “Fullness of God’s Life the Secret of Victory.”***
- 3. Christianity is Life! ***John 3:16-17; Acts 5:20; 2 Peter 1:3-4; 1 John 5:11-13***.***

***II. The importance of this life...it is to be demonstrated now, on earth, on this side of glory!***

- 1. This life is in the Word! ***John 6:63; Proverbs 4:22***.***
- 2. God is working this in us and we are to work it out! ***Philippians 2:12-16***.***
- 3. This life is to be manifested in mortal bodies. ***Romans 8:10-11; 2 Corinthians 4:10-13***.***
- 4. This life is what the ministry gifts and the Body of Christ are to give out through the Holy Spirit. ***2 Corinthians 3:5-6***.***

***III. Divine Immunity.***

- 1. Fear not. ***Psalm 27:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:7***.***
- 2. Touch not. ***Psalm 105:13-15; 1 John 5:18-20***.***
- 3. No weapon. ***Psalm 91:1-16; Isaiah 54:13-17***.***

***IV. We should declare every day: “Life is at work in me and by the Holy Spirit life is flowing out of me! Thank You, Lord!”***

- 1. ***John 7:37-38***.***

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20/20: Perfect Vision VIII  
“Knowing God and His Ways” VI  
*Jeremiah 9:23-24*

- I. *Fear paralyzes, fear separates, fear brings destruction. **Isaiah 41:10-13; Luke 21:25-26; Matthew 10:33-39; Job 3:25.***
  
- II. *Four things that MUST happen. July 2 – December 17, 2017. There are 4 things that MUST take place through the “True” Church; the Believer’s who are committed to the Lord and serious about the Father’s plan and their place in it (Not the Apostate Church. **1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3;** depart, falling away; meaning to defect, revolt, cause to revolt, to stand off or aloof).*
  1. *The church MUST walk in dominion over satan, demons, sickness, disease, poverty, manifestations of death and disruptions in nature. **Matthew 28:1-19; Mark 16:15-17; Acts 1:8.***
    - a) ***Luke 10:1-3, 8-11, 17-20.** The Kingdom of God is DEMONSTRATED through healing the sick, power exercised over ALL THE WORKS OF THE ENEMY AND NOTHING BEING ABLE TO HURT YOU!*
    - b) ***Matthew 16:18-19.***
  2. *The Church MUST PRESS TOWARDS UNITY. **Psalm 133; Ephesians 1:9-10; 17:9-11, 22-23; Ephesians 4:11-16.***
  3. *The Church MUST PRESS TOWARDS MATURITY. **Matthew 5:43-48; Colossians 1:27-29; Philippians 3:10-16.***
  4. *The Gospel of this Kingdom, the Kingdom of God, MUST be preached to all the world AS A WITNESS. **Matthew 24:14; Mark 16:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5.***
  
- III. *Judgment: a motivating force in the nature and character of the Lord. **Jeremiah 9:23-24.***
  1. *Judgment, Hebrew, mishpat; 4941 Strong’s: a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially; a*

*sentence or formal decree; divine law; JUSTICE; rights. It is the act of sitting as a judge, hearing a case and RENDERING A PROPER VERDICT. It also refers to the rights BELONGING TO SOMEONE ELSE. The Lord is very interested in the rights that HE GAVE TO EVERY MAN BEING “INFRINGED” UPON BY ANY DEMONIC FORCE, WHETHER THROUGH LUCIFER HIMSELF OR ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS!*

a) *“We hold these truths to be self – evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.”* The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, July 4, 1776.

b) *Psalm 89:11-16; Genesis 18:16-25.*

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