

Heavenly Understanding

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[0 : 00] A Pastor's Reflections, Heavenly Understanding, John 3.12 When God speaks, we expect that He knows what He is talking about.

He is, after all, God. We can be 100% assured that every word of God means exactly what it is intended to.

And there is absolutely no confusion in those words of God. 1 Corinthians 14.33 For God is not the author of confusion.

Any confusion that takes place is not then a condition of the word of God, but of my understanding. It is not that God's word is confused, but that my fallen mind is already in a state of confusion.

It is God's word and God's spirit that will unconfuse my mind and bring clarity. Psalm 119.104 Through thy precepts, I get understanding.

[1 : 41] Remarkably, one of the specific reasons the Spirit of God was given to us is for the purpose of clarity and understanding in God's word.

John 16.13 Howbeit, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. For He shall not speak of Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak, and He will show you things to come.

The ability to understand God's word is not something that is only for those who have a great mind. God desires all of His people to understand His word, and so He has given His Holy Spirit to all of His people for that purpose.

Ephesians 1.17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation and the knowledge of Him.

Today, we can understand God. We can understand what He has spoken to His people. We can understand His word because of the Holy Spirit of understanding that He has given.

[2 : 54] The question, then, is not if we can understand, but as Peter says, will we take heed to what we do understand? May God give us greater understanding and greater obedience to His heavenly word.

Father, thank you for the Holy Spirit of wisdom and understanding. Thank you that the word of God is explained to me by the very God of the word Himself. Thank you that not only can I understand the word, but because of Jesus, I can now have life in the word.

Amen.