

"Thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee!"

Deeper understanding given to God's Church comes from a Being that is higher than Jesus Christ! Deeper understanding comes from the supreme God of the Universe – God the Father. He gives it to Jesus Christ who in turn passes it on to us. Notice what scripture states: "The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass..." (Rev. 1:1).

Deeper understanding of scripture is given to light up our spiritual path ahead. We *need* light to see clearly. Scripture tells us that "He that gains (Strong's 4160) truth comes to the light" (John 3:21; Ps. 43:3). Of course, Truth gives us light which enables us to see spiritually. Conversely, without that Truth we would be in darkness which is tantamount to being blind (John 12:35).

John 8:12, John 12:46 and other scriptures tell us that *Christ is light*. John 14:6 tells us that *Christ is Truth!* Therefore, we must follow Christ to walk in the light of life – that is what will ensure our future with Him.

Keep the Word of My Patience

In this context, Rev. 3:10 tells God's Philadelphians something interesting: "Because thou hast *kept*^{G5083} the word of my patience^{G5281}, I also will keep^{G5083} thee from the hour of temptation". God's Philadelphians "keep the word of His patience" and as a result are taken to a Place of Safety to be spared from the Great Tribulation.

Keeping the 'Word of His patience' evidently means that we need to be steadfast and are to endure patiently. Is that all that we have to do, to be taken to a Place of Safety? There is depth to Rev. 3:10 which we need to grasp and understand if we are to be truly accounted worthy of being taken to a Place of Safety! Carefully note what Strong's tells us about the biblical phrase "**kept** the **Word** of my patience" in Rev. 3:10. Notice:

- 1) "Kept" is 5083 in Strong's and could be translated as, "to keep an eye upon". Clearly, we are "to keep an eye upon" the Word of His patience.
- 2) "Word" in Revelation 3:10 is 3056 in Strong's and could be translated as: "something said... **specifically** the *Divine Expression* (that is, *Christ*)".

This scripture is telling us that we *specifically* need to "keep our eyes on Christ" and the Truth which He gives us! Christ is the God of Patience (Rev. 3:10) and He is Truth (John 14:6), therefore we must keep our focus on Christ and the deeper understand He gives which is handed down to us by God the Father!

Rev. 3:10 tells us that we must keep focused on Him - *the Word of His Patience*. This dictates that Philadelphians will be *very carefully* watching, proving and following Christ; they will follow Truth and walk in that Light. This is what will keep them from the hour of temptation (Rev. 3:10). It is what will qualify the Philadelphians to be taken to a Place of Safety and spared the Great Tribulation. Keeping our eyes on the Word of His patience means *recognizing* and *listening* to God's Voice and not rejecting it when He tries to give deeper understanding of scripture. Notice God's stern warning to those who insist on discrediting or resisting God's knowledge: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee..." (Hos. 4:6). These are strong uncompromising words from God the Father! If we reject His knowledge, we will not be 'kept from the hour of temptation'. It's as simple as that!

Receiving vs rejecting

Let us take a look at another scripture. In this end time there is a group that listens to Christ and another that does not. Notice:

"I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left" (Luke 17:34-36).

The phrase "The one shall be taken and the other left" is repeated three times in the space of three consecutive verses! It is again mentioned twice in Matt. 24:40-41. What is God trying to tell us? He certainly wants us to understand! Remember that we have already seen that the Philadelphians keep their eyes focused on Christ and His Truth (Rev. 3:10). The Philadelphians are the ones that continuously receive truth, accept it and learn.

Back to Luke 17:34-36 and the phrase: "The one shall be taken^{G3880} ...the other left^{G863}". The phrase "shall be taken" is 3880 in Strong's and could be translated as: "to receive, to learn, or to take unto". The indication is that this group 'receives' and 'learns' from New Truth! Now notice the word "left". "Left" is 863 in Strong's and could also be translated as: "to forsake, to lay aside, to leave, let (alone, be, go, have), omit, yield up." The impression is that this group "takes no notice" or "lays aside" New Truth! "Two women shall be grinding together, the one shall RECEIVE^{G3880} and the other will LAY ASIDE^{G863}". Evidently, those that allow God to give them deeper understanding and New Truth are the ones who are "taken" because they follow Christ (Rev. 3:10), while the group that lays aside His deeper understanding and doesn't accept it are the ones that reject Christ and are left^{G863}! The ones who reject Truth are not Philadelphians!

Those who **receive** God's Truth, **listen** to His voice, and **accept** what He says, are those who follow and are responsive to Christ – the God of His Patience. *They are the ones who "have kept the word of His patience"*, or have "kept their eyes focused on Christ" as pointed out in Rev. 3:10! Those who **refuse** to understand the deeper things, and lay aside New Truth, don't understand Jesus Christ! These people are not following Him, but follow a man! And because they reject God's light, they are causing their own punishing tribulation.

Remember, deeper understanding given to God's Church comes from a Being that is higher than Jesus Christ! Deeper understanding comes from the supreme God of the Universe – God the Father. He gives it to Jesus Christ who in turn passes it on to us. I implore every reader not to reject it or lay it aside, but to receive it and embrace it!

Keep your eyes upon the Word of His Patience!