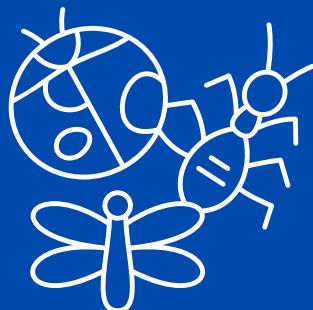

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**The body of Christ in Africa and the world should
be a body that focuses on enlightenment and
encouragement in the scriptures.**

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...they received the word with all readiness of
mind, and searched the scriptures daily,
whether those things were so."

CHRIST IS COMING SOON AND WILL REIGN ON EARTH

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There is no matter, ancient or modern, so powerfully confirmed by collateral supports of all kinds, as the history and prophecy of the word of God with Israel, contained in the Bible. But, of course, the evidence must be before the mind before this can be felt and seen. And here is the principal source of weakness and difficulty with most men. They do not familiarise their minds with the subject. “The cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things” so engross their minds as to prevent them from giving that amount of attention to the facts of the case that is necessary. The belief, which ought to be easy and gladdening, is often difficult and sometimes impossible.

All of us require to be continually reassuring ourselves, because of the adverse appearance of things. What is before our eyes is, as it were, a continual denial of historic truth and historic truth takes no pains to assert itself. You would not suppose from the busy street traffic of London or Houston that once, there was no London nor Houston.

You would not know in the bustle of a Parliamentary election that once the Romans were in England, and England but a province of Rome, and the only "votes" were the voice of the army in the election of an Emperor.

You would not suppose in the quiet of a harvest-field of Eastern England that there had been 2 World wars in Europe less than a hundred years ago and less than 50 years in between one and two, and a torturing Inquisition before then, and a tyrannical priesthood, hunting the Bible and heretics to death.

So you would not gather in the monotony and pettiness of mere business life, as it is in modern days, that there was once an Israel in Egypt and a miraculous deliverance therefrom, and a fiery law given from Sinai, and a long succession of messages by prophets through whom God spoke, and lastly a manifestation of God in the babe born in Bethlehem, and the carpenter baptized in the Jordan, and the divine teacher and miracle-worker crucified on Calvary, and that Jesus raised from the dead to die no more. Such things, though as certainly true as the sunrise and the blue sky, and the waving trees in the wind everyday, cannot be known in their truth except by stepping aside from the rushing stream of daily life, and holding converse with the events and the ages of the past.

This is to be done by no Herculean effort or supreme exercise of genius, but by the little daily regularities of reading and thought. All great things are done in littles. It is the patient littles that pile up and make a mountain at last. Those who know their day in this respect, and who obey the Spirit's counsel in the Proverbs, to "**stand daily at wisdom's gates, and wait at the posts of her doors**" - seeking for knowledge and understanding, and for wisdom as for hid treasure, find at last in the sweetness of intellectual attainment, how easy is the yoke of faith, how light is the burden of conviction, how inevitable is the exercise of belief-and how delightful is the victory which such mental equipment enables them to achieve over the deceptive appearances of things.

They can re-echo with joyful energy the words of John:
“This is the victory that overcometh the world, our faith.”

And lastly, we are required to act out our belief in God in the doing of those things that He has commanded, and abstaining from those things that He has prohibited. It might be supposed at first sight that this at least is a difficult part of the divine conditions, even if humility and belief were easy. Only let belief be vivid and sincere, action will require no forcing. Let a man believe in God and love Him, and he will not find it difficult to obey Him.

This is where the importance lies of “**keeping the heart with all diligence.**” If a man fritter away faith by neglect, obedience will soon die. When David said, “**I made haste to keep thy commandments,**” he expressed a state of mind that is almost natural where David’s strength of conviction exists. An obedient life is the natural outcome of knowledge and faith, and knowledge and faith depend upon the measures we take to acquire them. One of these measures is this assembling ourselves together in obedience to the Lord’s command. From this table, as a centre, many influences radiate that help us in the good fight of faith. In the battle, we shall suffer scars and bruises. We shall often feel that we have not succeeded so completely as we should desire; we shall even feel sometimes that we have failed to an extent causing “**confusion of face.**” There remains this final comfort, that-

“**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all iniquity.**”

“**We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**”

“Having such an high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

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Bible study groups

Let us study the Bible online, together. We have different Bible study groups, that works best for each of us. If we study the Bible together on WhatsApp, Zoom and in our gatherings, we learn from each other.



Our Fellowships

Why do Christadelphians in East Africa meet annually?



Our Ecclesias in the world

Ahsante kwa Kazi to Ecclesia in Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, Tanzania, USA, Canada, Mozambique, Australia and Papa New Guinea.

Acts 17:10

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

FULL ASSURANCE BASED ON KNOWLEDGE

Having an high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith—Heb. 10:21, 22.

This full assurance of faith cannot be attained in a day. It requires quite a degree of information. And God has provided this information by instructing us in His Word as to what Christ did for us, and what He is willing to do; why He died for us, etc. All this is furnished us as a basis for faith. Then to further strengthen our faith, we have all the exceeding great and precious promises, and His daily providence's over us.

The Apostle intimates that without this full assurance of faith the child of God cannot come close to Him. Only those who trust the Father as a little child would trust its earthly parent, can expect to make good progress and have the courage and confidence

which it is the privilege of all who are His to have, and without which we cannot have the perfect peace and rest of heart promised.

Let us remember that He who has begun the good work changes never; and that if our hearts are still in harmony with Him, if our faith is still clear and firm in the great atonement, if our consecration is still full and complete, so that we seek not our own wills but His will to be done in our affairs, then we may indeed have the full assurance of faith, because knowing that God is unchangeable, and knowing that we are still in line with His promises and arrangements, we know that all His gracious providences are still being exercised on our behalf. This is full assurance of faith—full confidence in the Lord.

Let us come with full assurance of faith in the sense that we shall have no doubt whatever that God's promises are true and for us.

**Bro.
David
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HOW TO RESTORE STRAYING SHEEP

DEALING WITH TRESPASSES AND FORGIVENESS.

MATTHEW 18:15 - 20.

1. PERSONAL EFFORT VERSE 15

"Moreover" - Note the application or patient effort v15,16,17 as the shepherd tramped the lonely way over the difficult mountain tracks to his sheep.

"If thy brother shall trespass against thee" -

By using the term "brother" the Lord is encouraging a respectful, humble approach.

"AGAINST THEE", "Go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone" - Grk. ELENCHO means "to expose, convict" in the sense of producing awareness of guilty, "between thee and him alone" so it's not in the sense of lording it over someone or displaying his trespass before all (**John 8v3-4**).

Rather, try the necessity of private, gentle and caring admonition (see **Romans 5v8-11 ; 1John 4v10,19**).

To imitate the Father's Love is spiritual maturity (see **Matthew 5v48**).

The healing of a matter will often be the result if we personally go and tell an offender their fault "between thee and him alone"

The extension of compassion often bridges the gap caused by sin (see **Ephesians 4v32 ; James 5v19-20; Jude 22-23**).

"If he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother" - if the one who has wronged, owns his own fault (see **Leviticus 19v17; Galatians 6v1**).

2. SEEK OTHERS HELP VERSE 16

"But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established" - A principle that was also outlined under the Law (see **Deuteronomy 19v15**; also see **Timothy 5v19**).

The function of the "*witnesses*" is to observe the disposition and reaction to encourage and ensure a balanced response to the situation.

If there appears to be an unrepentant attitude and reaction, then perhaps the next step (**v17**) of making it public, may need to follow.

3. SEEK ECCLESIAL SUPPORT VERSE 17

"And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the Ecclesia" - If "the brother" or sister , pays no attention, refusing to hear them..." then unfortunately , the Ecclesia needs to be advised.

This is only the second time the word "Ecclesia" (meaning "a called out assembly of people") is used in **Matthew (see 16v18)**. The disciples would not have been familiar with this term, but obviously the Lord knew and used it in the sense of the community of believers who would become a large body of people.

"but if he neglect to hear the Ecclesia" - There is no guarantee the straying sheep or brother or sister can be restored. Unfortunately, then only one thing remains.....

"Let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican" - A "Gentile or a tax collector," from whom the Jews would typically withdraw and never assist.

The Lord meant that exclusion needed to take place, and so in such situations, those who act in this way should be separated from the flock (see **Romans 16v17**; **2 Thessalonians 3v6, 14; 1 Timothy 1v20; 2John v10**).

4. SEEK DIVINE COOPERATION V 18

"Truly I say to you: Whatever things you bind on Earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever things you shall release on Earth shall be released in heaven."

5. MAKE IT A MATTER OF PRAYER V19-20.

"Again I say to you, that if two of you shall agree on Earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them by my Father who is in heaven."

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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