

Monday Night Discipleship: Week 30

Overview:

1. Biblical Interpretation: What is the Holy Spirit's role in understanding the meaning of Scripture? (Part 2)
2. Longman Chapter 31 discussion:
 - a. Content: What Is Nahum About?
 - b. Authorship and Date: Who Wrote Nahum and When?
 - c. Genre: What Style of Literature Is Nahum?
 - d. Connections: How Does Nahum Connect to the Gospel?

Biblical Interpretation: What is the Holy Spirit's role in understanding the meaning of Scripture? Last week we began our discussion regarding the Holy Spirit's role in understanding Scripture, by reviewing who the Holy Spirit is. If you missed the discussion on part 1, please watch it on our website at https://waialaebaptist.org/discipleship_phase_2/.

1. What is Divine Illumination?
 - a. Common Misunderstandings:
 - i. Special Hidden Knowledge- some Christians believe that the Holy Spirit gives us special _____ knowledge about passages from the Bible that are not available to others.
 - ii. Understanding Without Processing- Some Christians believe that the Holy Spirit illumines them to understand what the Bible says without actually having to _____ or intentionally put effort into studying the Bible themselves.
 - b. Definition: the Holy Spirit's _____ in giving us greater cognitive understanding to Scripture and bringing conviction to know how to respond to its teachings. One scholar summarizes it well, saying, "The Spirit does not whisper to us special reasons which are not otherwise available; rather he opens our eyes to acknowledge those reasons which are available."¹
2. Scriptural Support of Illumination-
 - a. Psalm 119:17-20 ¹⁷Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. ¹⁸Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. ¹⁹I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me! ²⁰My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times."²

¹ Kevin D. Zuber, Ph.D. Thesis on Illumination, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1996, abstract.

² The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Psalm 119:17-20. All passages of Scripture will come from this translation unless otherwise referenced.

- b. Matthew 13:11-16, “the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹² Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables: ‘Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. ¹⁴ In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: ‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. ¹⁵ For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’ ¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.”³
- c. 1 Corinthians 2:14 “¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.”⁴
- d. 2 Corinthians 3:13-16 “¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.”⁵
- e. Luke 24:44-45 “‘This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.’ ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.”⁶
- f. John 20:22 “And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”

3. Implications of Illumination-

³ The New International Version (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011), Matthew 13:11-16.

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Longman Chapter 31 discussion:

1. Content: What Is Nahum About?

a. Introduction:

i. Name doesn't seem to fit his message-

ii. Brutality of the Assyrians-

iii. Assyria: God's tool of judgment-

iv. Many today miss Nahum's relevance-

b. Outline:

i. God's Announcement of Nineveh's Destruction (Nahum 1:1-2:1) -

ii. Details of Nineveh's Destruction (Nahum 2) -

iii. Explanation of Nineveh's Destruction (Nahum 3) -

2. Authorship and Date: Who Wrote Nahum and When?
 - a. Author: _____ of Elkosh
 - b. Date: Micah was written sometime between _____ and _____ BC.
3. Genre: What Style of Literature Is Nahum?
 - a. Minor Prophets-
 - b. Writing Prophet-
4. Connections: How Does Nahum Connect to the Gospel?

God the Mighty Warrior/Christ our Mighty Champion-

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Nahum 1:1-8

An oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum of Elkosh.

² The LORD is a jealous and avenging God;

the LORD is avenging and wrathful;

the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries

and keeps wrath for his enemies.

³ The LORD is slow to anger and great in power,

and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty.

His way is in whirlwind and storm,

and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

⁴ He rebukes the sea and makes it dry;

he dries up all the rivers;

Bashan and Carmel wither;

the bloom of Lebanon withers.

⁵ The mountains quake before him;

the hills melt;

the earth heaves before him,

the world and all who dwell in it.

⁶ Who can stand before his indignation?

Who can endure the heat of his anger?

His wrath is poured out like fire,

