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Who Gives A Spít



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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9).*** I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,
Pastor John

RESOURCES USED

- * The Companion Bible
- * Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- * Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- * A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- * Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- * The American College Dictionary
- * World's Bible Handbook
- * The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- * Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- * The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- * God's Plan For Man
- * Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- * Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- * Manners And Customs From the Bible
- * What The Bible Is All About
- * Halley's Bible Handbook

These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!

Words translated from the Gk = Greek and Hb=Hebrew.

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OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

Hosea 4:6

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

Proverbs 23:7

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

Colossians 1:9

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

Proverbs 24:3-5

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

Mark 13:10

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,
John and Karen Pelizzari

WHO GIVES A SPIT

Mark 8:22-26 [22] And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. [23] And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. [24] And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. [25] After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. [26] And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

1. This passage of scriptures causes us to ask some questions on why Jesus did what He did regarding getting this man healed.
 - a. Why did Jesus have to lead this man out of town to heal him?
 - b. Why did Jesus spit on the eyes of the blind man?
 - c. Why did Jesus have to pray for the blind man twice?
 - d. How does all of this apply to our lives?

Why Did Jesus Have To Lead This Man Out of Town?

Matthew 11:20-23 [20] Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: [21] Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. [22] But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. [23] And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

2. Here we see Jesus getting on to Jewish cities, not individual people.
 - a. These were communities where most of His mightiest works were done.

Upbraid (the cities) - Gk - *oneidizo* - to defame, challenge their reputation.

- a. Rail at, chide, taunt - a mocking remark in order to wound or provoke.
- b. Cast in teeth - an agitated response.
- c. (Suffer) reproach; revile, meaning to protest in an angry manner.
 1. Similar to what a good teacher would do to get one's attention, either wound (convict) you or provoke you to respond.
 2. Sadly, most people confuse conviction with condemnation because they don't know the difference.
3. Jesus chose three cities and rebuked them for their unbelief.
 - a. **Chorazin** (verse 21) is of an unknown origin, but we know it was a Jewish community of some significance since Jesus used it as an example.
 - b. **Bethsaida** (verse 21) - **Luke 9:10** tells us that Bethsaida was a common place for Jesus and the disciples to get together for intercessory prayer, which symbolically would make it a place of breakthrough and spiritual activity and warfare.
 - c. **Capernaum** (verse 23) was the city from which Jesus based His preaching and healing ministry. Capernaum was exalted to heaven because this

was the city Jesus used as the hub of His ministry in Galilee. Jesus said this city had been exalted to heaven and would be brought down to hell.

1. Capernaum was where He had healed a paralyzed man who was let down through the roof.
 2. Peter's mother-in-law and the leper who was cleansed were healed here.
 3. This is where the centurion was commended for having great faith.
 4. This is where the woman was healed from the issue of blood.
 5. The daughter of Jairus was raised from the dead in Capernaum.
 6. Remember, it was one of the three cities where His mightiest works were done.
4. We also know that it was a city filled with religious cynicism (which is having little faith and very little sincerity) and unbelief. They just didn't care enough to change.
- a. Is this why some church folks leave when the Holy Ghost is moving?

5. They had heard His preaching and witnessed the miracles and it didn't phase them one bit.
 - a. They didn't repent.
 - b. They still practiced / indulged in their sins.
6. So He compared them to present and past Gentile cities filled with sexual promiscuity and perversion, idolatry (which is putting everything else before God), and heathenism, which is partying and so forth.
 - a. These were the present cities of Tyre, Sidon, and the Old Testament city of Sodom.
 - b. Jesus said these cities were better than the cities of Israel.
7. And this is no different than today. Church folks who call themselves believers really have no fear of the Lord. These church folks have no conviction in trying to live a separated lifestyle.
 - a. They think nothing of replacing worship with their work
 - b. It doesn't bother them to live and talk like the world.
 - c. It's no big deal to lie and cuss, even to the Pastor.

8. Some church folks have no convictions and therefore think the preacher is ministering a hard message and getting on to them.
 - a. And so they get defensive and critical instead of repenting and changing their ways.
9. If these cities had seen the same miracles and heard the same preaching, they would have repented.
 - a. Jesus said that it will be more tolerable at the Great White Throne Judgment for the heathen Gentile cities than for Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum.
10. So Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of town before healing him.
11. Why? Because this blind man lived in Bethsaida, one of the cities Jesus had cursed for its lack of faith, showing no sincerity or concern and because of their unbelief.
12. Jesus separated the man from the unbelief of the city.
 - a. He didn't need their snide remarks and insults to be hurled at this man who was young in faith.
 - b. See, even church folks who have been saved for many years and may even be in the ministry can be very critical and cynical instead of being loving and forgiving.

13. He could heal in the midst of unbelief, but this man could not maintain his healing surrounded by the ridicule of the city in which he lived.
14. This is why Jesus led the man out of town and healed him away from the view of the religious folks of Bethsaida.
 - a. Understand that coming to church does not make one a believer.
 - b. Most church folks are skeptical, doubtful, and suspicious.
15. Jesus gives him some very unusual instructions.

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16. Notice verse 26 - **And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.**
17. Avoid the negativity of uncaring, doubtful people.
18. Sometimes the reports of unbelief given by others can influence our ability to maintain our breakthrough.
19. It's ok to go home but we need to separate ourselves from the village of unbelief that could so easily sway us and cause us to lose our miracle.

Why Did Jesus Spit On The Eyes of The Blind Man?

Leviticus 15:8 **And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.**

Leviticus 15:8 (MSG) **"If the man with the discharge spits on someone who is clean, that person has to wash his clothes and bathe in water; he remains unclean until evening.**

20. Here we see that spitting can transfer a curse.
 - a. The medical community validates that of passing on diseases.

Numbers 12:14 (NLT) **And the Lord said to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, wouldn't she have been defiled for seven days? Banish her from the camp for seven days, and after that she may return."**

21. Again we see that spitting or being spit upon is not a good thing.

Deuteronomy 25:9 **Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.**

22. Here we see that one is to spit upon a person before declaring a curse.
23. So we see that under the law anyone who was spit upon had to wash themselves and their clothes and were considered unclean until the evening.
24. We know that anyone who hangs on a tree was cursed. This was in reference to Jesus crucifixion.
25. So at what point on the cross did Jesus become cursed?

Matthew 27:30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

26. Jesus was spit upon as a great insult before He was crucified. That made Him our unclean cursed thing that he chose to clean and save.

Mark 8:23 (NLT) Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?"

27. Many believe that this was creative spit. But that is not what the scriptures tell us that spit symbolizes.

a. Allow me to mess with your doctrine.

28. Jesus did not spit on the blind man; He spit on the blindness.

a. This was the ultimate insult to sickness and disease.

b. If Jesus could speak to sickness and rebuke it, then apparently sickness can hear.

c. **Luke 4:39 (NLT)** Standing at her bedside, he spoke to the fever, rebuking it, and immediately her temperature returned to normal.

She got up at once and prepared a meal for them.

d. If sickness and disease can hear, it can also be insulted.

e. And, who is behind sickness and disease? Satan.

29. So Jesus released all of His contempt for satan and his works when He spit on the blindness.

a. He was cursing satan with the same thing that satan had cursed this man with.

30. Jesus spit on two others in the New Testament.

John 9:6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

Mark 7:33 (NLT) Jesus led him to a private place away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then, spitting onto his own fingers, he touched the man's tongue with the spittle.

31. In both incidents, Jesus spit on the diseased part of the body showing us that He was spitting on the disease, not the person.

- a. Jesus touched people but He spit on the devil and his works.

Why Did Jesus Have To Pray For The Blind Man Twice?

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- 32. Notice that two things happened in this man's healing. Jesus spit on the blindness but He also laid hands on the man for healing.
 - a. He laid hands on the man twice, verse 23 and verse 25.
- 33. After laying hands on this man once, he told Jesus he saw men walking, but that they were blurry and they looked like trees.

- a. Obviously this man was not born blind, but had become blind.
 - b. He knew what men looked like.
 - c. And he also remembered what trees looked like.
- 34. When Jesus laid hands on the man a second time, his vision was completely restored. He saw clearly.
 - 35. This is the only case recorded in the Word where Jesus laid hands on a person more than once. Why?
 - 36. Think about this. He grew up and lived in the city of Bethsaida, a city filled with unbelief and scepticism.
 - a. So he must have been filled with doubt concerning the ability of Jesus to heal him.
 - b. But now since he was separated from the people of the city, it allowed him to open himself up, still skeptical, to the healing power of God.
 - 37. After he could partially see, he determined within himself to being healed completely.
 - 38. Jesus did not lay hands on this man twice to release more of God's power.
 - a. God's full power was in manifestation.
 - b. Jesus prayed twice because the man was now more open to God's healing power.

39. There is another incident in the scripture where a person was prayed for more than once.

Matthew 17:14-16 [14] **And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, [15] Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. [16] And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.**

40. We know the disciples had been commissioned by Jesus to lay hands and heal while preaching the gospel.

a. The disciples had obviously prayed for this boy based on what the father said.

41. So Jesus had to cast out the devil from a boy who had already been prayed for by the disciples.

a. Then Jesus rebuked the disciples for their unbelief.

Matthew 17:19-20 [19] **Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? [20] And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief...**

Matthew 17:19-20 (NLT)

[19] Afterward the disciples asked Jesus privately, "Why couldn't we cast out that demon?" [20] "You didn't have enough faith,"...

42. Jesus rebuked the disciples because of their failure due to the skepticism of the religious leaders and the pressure of the crowd.

a. Skepticism and pressure caused their unbelief.

b. A skeptic is someone who doubts the truth.

43. There is nothing wrong with a person being prayed for a second time if they know they have grown in faith since the first time they were prayed for.

How Does This Apply To You?

44. Sometimes you have to separate yourself from the pressure of people's opinions and your own reasoning.

a. Separate yourself from unbelief and get into God's Word.

45. Sometimes the people closest to you can be the biggest negative influence on you.

- a. Get what you need from Jesus and then you become an influence to them.