

From the Pastor:

Following 1 Peter 1:8-9 is an interesting passage – 1 Peter 1:10-12 records, “Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who [which*] was in them was indicating when He [It*] testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven – things which angels desire to look into.”

*There are no pronouns in the original Greek. If a pronoun is to be inserted, it should be neuter in gender since “Spirit” in the Greek is neuter.

This passage clearly indicates that there was information which was revealed to and recorded by the prophets which the prophets did not understand. God told them that this information was not for them to understand yet. It was given to them to record for later generations to understand.

We see an example of this in Daniel 12:4, 8-19, 13: “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end, many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase...Although I heard, I did not understand, then I said, ‘My lord, what shall be the end of these things?’ And he said, ‘Go your way Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end...But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.’”

God progressively reveals His truth. Earlier generations of God’s servants did not always understand what they were recording. They simply recorded what God revealed to them. Such knowledge was for later generations who would only understand what was recorded as God deemed it necessary for them to understand that knowledge. That spiritual knowledge became available as God opened the minds of His servants and people to understand it through His Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:6-14). If the knowledge is indeed from God, then all who are being led by God’s Spirit will understand it (Deuteronomy 29:29; John 6:12-13; 1 Corinthians 2:10).

This is what Jesus said to His disciples when He gave the parable of the sower in Matthew 13. Matthew 13:16-17 records, “But blessed are your eyes for they see; and your ears for they hear, for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

Peter also said, “things which angels desire to look into.” In saying this he showed that even the angels learn the details of God’s plan as He reveals it to the church. Paul recorded this truth in Ephesians 3:4-5, 10. Breaking into one of Paul’s long sentences this passage reads, “by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ, which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places...”

Brethren, God reveals His truth to the servants of His Church through His Spirit. All who are truly seeking to love God – who are being led by God’s Spirit – will understand that truth.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	6:43pm	6:45pm	6:49pm
Sunset Tuesday 11-8	5:38pm	5:41pm	5:45pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



November 2, 2019

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Noah's Ark & Early Man Seminars":
Arnold Mendez

Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael Watts
Sermon: DVD

“The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly. But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.”

Proverbs 15:2

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 11/2	Regular times and locations for Victoria and Harlingen. Corpus Christi will have a double Sabbath.; 10 am and 2 pm.
Sabbath 11/9	Regular times and locations for all congregations.. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Mills will be in Victoria. A DVD sermon will be played in Harlingen.

Attention All Teens:

The time has come to apply for Teen Winter Camp 2019. The application deadline is Nov. 15. For more information, please go to: camps.cogwa.org/camps/winter-camp/

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Pot Luck: The next potluck will be on November 2.

Noah's Ark-Early Man Seminars: Corpus Christi will be hosting Noah's Ark and Early Man Seminars. The seminars will be on the Sabbath of November 2nd. The Noah's Ark seminar will take place from 10 am - 12 noon. There will be a meal break and the Early Man Seminar will take place from 2-4 pm. Included in the presentations will be a question and answer session. For more information see the announcement link at:

<http://corpuschristi.cogwa.org/announcements/>