

(T) Welcome to **Discipleship training On The Air**. In this meditation and memorisation series you may learn how to build up the Christian Church. Two teachers will meditate on the meaning of a Bible verse about one characteristic of the God of the Bible.

In this eleventh series, the Bible teaches five truths about the God's greatness. The topic of today's meditation and memorisation is: GOD IS ALL-KNOWING. We will meditate a new Bible passage, memorise a new Bible verse and then review the previously memorised verses together.

(S) **POINT 1. MEDITATION OF THE NEW BIBLE VERSE**

The new Bible verse that we will meditate and memorise is Hebrews 4:13. We will meditate the truths in the Bible together. Let me read Hebrews 4:11-13. "Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account".

The memorisation verse is: God is all-knowing. Hebrews 4:13. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:13.

(T) **First. God knows the eternal secrets of the universe.**

Are there things which people do not know, but God knows? Yes. In Daniel 2:22 we read, "The God of heaven reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him". And in Deuteronomy 29:29 we read, "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law." These two Bible verses teach that on the one hand there are things, which people did not know before and which God later revealed. And that on the other hand there are many things, which God knows and which he has not revealed to people. God knows all the answers to all the questions in the world. Things that remain darkness for people are light to God. Things that are puzzling secrets to people are known to God. There is nothing that God does not know. The things which God has not revealed to people, he does not want them to know. But everything he wants people to know, he has revealed to them in the Bible.

(S) **Second. God knows everything in creation.**

What things does God see and consider? *God sees and considers everything all people do*. In Psalm 33:13-15 we read, "From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth - he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do". We live in a world, which does not believe in the existence, presence and nearness of God!

One. Some people around us live as if they came into existence by an accident or by evolution.

They are totally ignorant that God has created them to live for his glory. People live to make money and to buy things and to enjoy life, but they are unaware that God will bring them into judgement for all these things! Liberalists do not read the Bible because they think that the Bible is outdated. Communists do not read the Bible because they are told that the Bible is harmful like opium for the people. Other religions do not read the Bible because they are told that the Bible has been falsified. All these statements about the Bible are lies. Satan is very happy when people do not read the Bible, because in that way he can keep people away from being saved and from going to heaven. You should be aware that God knows what you think He sees what you do and hears what you say. And you will have to give an account to God for everything you have thought, said and done in your life. If you are wise, you will read the Bible and discover the truth yourself. If you are wise you will believe and obey what the God of the Bible says, because this is the only way to be receive complete forgiveness of sins and the only way to be saved.

(T) **Two. Some schoolteachers teach all kinds of theories to our children to make them believe that God does not exist.**

They are teachers and scientists, but work in a very unscientific way. They draw conclusions and make statements without first having examined the facts. They say things about the God of the Bible, without reading the Bible. How can anyone make statements about the Bible unless you have read the Bible yourself? God knows what all teachers in our schools are saying and he considers their actions. All teachers should be aware that God is watching them and that God is hearing what they are teaching to our children! All wise teachers will first examine the Bible themselves and will allow their students to examine the Bible for themselves. Wise teachers are not afraid of the truth! Wise teachers want to discover the truth!

(S) Three. God sees your moral life.

The moral life of everyone is in full view of the Lord. In Proverbs 5:20-23 we read, “Why be captivated, my son, by an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another man’s wife? For a man’s ways are in full view of the LORD, and he examines all his paths. The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast. He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own great folly”. Especially in the area of sex, God has set boundaries for all people. God sees every transgression of these boundaries. A person’s behaviour in the area of sex is in full view of the Lord.

(T) Four. God sees your religious life.

The religious practices of everyone are in full view of the Lord. In Jeremiah 16:17-18 God says, “My eyes are on all their ways, ... their sin is not concealed from my eyes. I will repay them double for their wickedness and their sin, because they have defiled my land with ... their vile images and ... detestable idols”. God has given people very clear commands that they should not have any idols in their homes and that they should not worship any idols. God sees when people burn incense or give sacrifices to the idols in their homes and he sees when they visit temples. The God of the Bible sees how people worship gods that are proclaimed by false prophets. He will punish all people that worship a god that is different than the God of the Bible.

(S) Five. God sees your teaching.

The teaching and preaching of every Christian is in full view of the Lord. In Jeremiah 23:23-26 we read, “Am I only a God nearby”, declares the LORD, “a not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the LORD. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD. “I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds?” God sees and hears what false prophets preach and false teachers teach in the world. God hates false teachings and he will surely punish false prophets and false teachers.

(T) Third. All people are completely exposed and powerless before God.

In Hebrews 4:13 we read, “Everything is uncovered and laid bare before God’s eyes”. What is the meaning of the sentence “all people stand uncovered and laid bare before God”? We people may be able to conceal our inner being from our neighbours. We may be able to disguise ourselves before other people. We may even be able to deceive ourselves, thinking that nobody knows what we are doing! But nothing escapes the scrutiny of God!

One. Everything is uncovered before the eyes of God.

The word ‘uncovered’ literally means ‘naked’. In reality, all people in the world stand naked before God. Although they dress in beautiful clothes, God sees them as they really are. Many people never show who they really are. They put on a different mask or disguise for every occasion. For example, at home they pretend to be a caring father, but at their working place they behave like a tyrant. In their religious buildings and ceremonies they pretend to be very religious and do everything their gods and prophets prescribe. But back in the world at their working place they lie and cheat as if the living God cannot hear and see what they are doing! The Bible says, although they pretend to be different than what they really are with their masks and disguises, they stand naked before God. Nobody can hide his real identity from the eyes of God! Nobody will have anything to cover himself with when he stands before God’s judgement seat. At the final judgement, all masks, disguises and hiding places will be removed!

(S) Two. Everything is powerless before the eyes of God.

The word ‘laid bare’ literally means ‘powerless’. It is a word used in wrestling. It describes a certain grip used in wrestling. The wrestler puts his arms around his opponent’s throat and squeezes him in a way that his opponent lies limp and powerless in his arms. The wrestler twists his opponent’s neck backwards, forcing his opponent to look straight into his eyes. In the final judgement, when everybody must give an account to God, God will require from every person to look straight into his eyes. All people must face God. Their whole lives lie open and revealed before God. Although people today think that they can do evil and get away with it, the Bible says that they are powerless to get away. They cannot escape from God. Although they may escape the action of the police or trick the judges in the courts, they will never be able to escape the judgement of God! Even without realising it themselves, God has them in his *grip*. Everyone is powerless in God’s grip! At the final judgement it will become very clear that they cannot escape from all the evil they have done while living on earth! Then all their power on earth through bribes, corruption, threats, war and terrorism will be absolutely useless. They former corrupters of the earth the warlords and terrorists will be absolutely powerless before God! These two words describe the denuded and helpless plight of all created persons and forces when they are brought face to face with their Creator and Judge in the final judgement!

(T) Fourth. God judges everything by his Word.

How can a person know what is right and what is wrong in the eyes of God? Every person can know what is right and what is wrong in the eyes of God, by reading and studying the Bible. In the Bible, God has revealed to all people what he wants them to know, what is pleasing to him and how he wants all people to live. God not only uses the Bible *to reveal*, but also *to judge*. He judges people’s thoughts, words and actions by what he has written in the Bible. In Hebrews 4:12 we read, “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates

even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart". The Bible judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

One. The word of God is living. The meaning is that the word of God is *enduring and life changing*. It has the ability to make people alive, when they believe it and obey it. In 1 Peter 1:23 we read, "You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God". The word of God does not lose its power after some time. It never dies. It remains the truth forever.

Two. The word of God is active. The meaning is that the word of God is *actively accomplishing that which God has purposed it to do*. In Isaiah 55:11 God says, "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire, and achieve the purpose for which I sent it". (Jer 23:29).

Three. The word of God penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit. The meaning is that the word of God probes the inmost recesses of man's spiritual being and brings the sub-conscious motives to light. As in 1 Corinthians 4:5, where Christ will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts, here the word of God has a judicial function: it will discern and discriminate between the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

(S) Fifth. All people must give an account to God for their lives.

Our final reckoning has to be made with the God of the Bible, not with any other god, not with our fellow-men and not with our own conscience. At the final judgement we will be stripped of every disguise and protection, and we will be completely exposed before God. Then we will be utterly at the mercy of God, the Judge of all people.

(T) Sixth. Because God knows everything and judges everything, make every effort to enter the eternal home of the people of God.

Hebrews 4:11-13 exhorts, "Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience". The book of Hebrews shows the glory that is accessible to people who believe as Christians do and the disaster that follows for people who do not believe as Christians do. In view of both the glory and the disaster, the writer urges the readers to make every effort to attain (reach) the "rest" or "eternal home" of the people of God. He refers to heaven, the real paradise. He urges people not to miss paradise through not believing in Jesus Christ. He urges people not to miss paradise through not obeying Jesus Christ. The Israelites in the desert missed it.

The God of the Bible warns people that he cannot be trifled with. His word cannot be ignored with impunity. People must receive his word with faith and must obey it in their daily life. God says, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts". God's "today" has arrived. Therefore let us take his word seriously, be zealous to believe it and persevere in obeying it! God is all-knowing and everything lies uncovered and powerless before his eyes. Because God is all-knowing, all people are accountable to God. We must all give an account of what we have thought, said and done in our lives to him in the final judgement. Therefore, let us make every effort to live in the way God wants us to live!

(S) POINT 2. MEMORISATION OF THE NEW BIBLE VERSE

Write the Bible verse on a card or in a notebook. The topic today is "God is all-knowing" and the reference is Hebrews 4:13. Let us memorise the Bible verse together.

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(S) POINT 3. REVIEW OF THE LAST BIBLE VERSES YOU HAVE MEMORISED

Let us review the last 5 Bible verses that we have memorised without looking at our notebooks. Series "The Christian Church", verses 4-5 and series "God's greatness", verses 1-3.

(T) The tasks of church leaders. Acts 20:28. Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. Acts 20:28.

(S) The glory in the church. Ephesians 3:20-21. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21.

(T) God is incomparable. Isaiah 40:25-26. “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Isaiah 40:25-26.

(S) God is all-glorious. 1 Chronicles 29:11. “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom: you are exalted as head over all”. 1 Chronicles 29:11.

(T) God is sovereign. Ephesians 1:11-12. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:11-12.

(S) **POINT 4. ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT WEEK.**

First. Daily review the last five memorised Bible verses once every day for 5 weeks.

Second. See the workbooks “Go and build Christ’s Church” and Internet on www.dota.net

Third. Listen every SATURDAY to WEDNESDAY on the radio to “Discipleship training on the air”.