

Developing Overcomers' Faith Part 5

Discerning good and evil

Overview: Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, [even] those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

A. Wisdom discerns between good and evil.

1. Wisdom is the principal thing.

Pro 4:7 Wisdom [is] the principal thing; [therefore] get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding

Matt 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

2. Those who are the very elect have the wisdom to discern.

Matt 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the **very elect**.

3. Jesus is our Wisdom.

1 Cor 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

We must discern based on Jesus, Who is the Living Word. WWJD?

B. The Word of God discerns between perception and reality.

1. Truth.

John 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth**.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

2. Perception and Reality.

Mar 14:7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jas 3:16 For where envying and strife [is], there [is] confusion and every evil work.

3. Kingdom of God versus Mammon.

Politics – the art of compromise, no eternal value. Man cannot save man.

Human Government – rule of people by people, ignoring power of the tongue, satan and all spiritual laws; often is putting their constitutions or laws ahead of the Bible. Men cannot save the earth, nor the world, nor themselves.

C. Discerning the signs (trends) of the times.

1. Global.

Poverty meets Pandemic.

Locusts – now swarming 30 countries including Iran, Pakistan and India.

Famine – WHO says the world must unite in order to prevent starvation.

2. USA.

Riots and Black Lives Matter.

Pandemic and lockdown.

Economy – stock market, jobs 2.8 MM increase in jobs in May but 1.8 new unemployment applications and about 21 million ongoing on unemployment.

3. Prophetic Trends.

Racism: Black, Native American, non-USA refugee camps all over.

Racism and religious persecution in the End Times: Jews, Christians.

The continued rising of the strong men in governments using Covid-19.

Pandemic: impact on money, crypto-currency, electronic payments.

Mark of the beast: advances in chip technology (e.g., now in diabetes tests).

Genetic engineering for vaccines: Eli Lilly (mice) and Moderna (mRNA).

D. Discerning who you are.

1. History of authority and dominion.

Gen 1:26, 28 God gave Adam authority over the earth.

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Ex 7:1 God made Moses a god to pharaoh.

Psa 82:6 ... Ye [are] gods; and all of you [are] children of the most High.

Joh 10:35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

2. Current status of authority.

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together.

2Pe 1:3 According as **his divine power hath given unto us all things** that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these **ye might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

3. Your Covenant with God.

Bible: encouragement, education, suggestion, recommendation, guideline, law and, finally, a covenant.

Personal covenants: Violating your covenant is a transgression.

Keep your covenants with God.

God does not sin. Why should you and I?