

Our devotion today is an outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for August 8, 2021.

WHAT DO WE KNOW MORE THAN OTHERS? #3 MT 5:43-48

In this day and time, we find some people that know everything, and this is the type that usually ends up knowing nothing. What is important here is do we know more about God and/or Jesus, than others? Do we want to know more than God?

A. Do we know more than God? Look at:

1. Eve in the Garden: Genesis 3:1-13, 22-23 Know as much as God

¹ Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?² And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:³ But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.⁴ And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:⁵ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.⁶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.⁸ And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.⁹ And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?¹⁰ And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.¹¹ And he said, Who told thee that thou was naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou

shouldest not eat?¹² And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.¹³ And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

²² And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:²³ Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

a. Listened to the Serpent: Devil, Mammon Verses 3-5

b. Eve looked at sin: When she saw she ate and gave to her husband: V 6

c. They both realized what sin was and realized they had done wrong and tried to cover their sin, it can't be done, and they tried to cover it up with fig leaves. V.7

d. They tried to blame it on the other man on Eve, Eve on the serpent. (Mammon) V. 12

e. The punishment for sin: They were casted out of Eden. V.23

2. Tower of Babel: Live with God:

Genesis 11:1-8. Let us live in heaven with the Lord.

¹ And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. ³ And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. ⁴ And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be

scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. ⁵ And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. ⁶ And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. ⁷ Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

a. They wanted to live with the Lord in Heaven.

b. God put a stop to the building, the Bible does not say he destroyed the tower, he confused their language and scattered them abroad.

3. Aaron and the Golden calf:

They wanted a god –idol- to worship. Exodus 32:1-7

¹ And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.² And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.³ And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.⁴ And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool,

after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.⁵ And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the Lord.⁶ And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.⁷ And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves:

a. The people wanted a god they could see and touch. They were impatient with Moses; he had been gone too long.

b. Aaron made an idol into a golden calf and the people called it their gods. V.4

c. They had a feast day, they sat down to eat, drink and rose to play. V. 6

d. The people corrupted themselves. V.7.

e. In Verses 9 and 10 the Lord was going to consume them: ⁹ And the Lord said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: ¹⁰ Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. Verse 14 God had a change of heart. And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

4. Israel and the desire for a King: I Samuel 8:5-8

⁵ And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord.⁷ And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.⁸ According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

a. They wanted to be like everyone else.

b. God told Samuel to do it. They had forsaken God not Samuel

c. They are serving other gods, not me.

b. What about us?

1. Do we know God's will for our life?

2. Do we know how to tell other people about Jesus?

3. Do we know what the Bible teaches?

It might be time for a good old fashion Bible teaching time.

Muslims and other religions. Thanksgiving at Jamestown

4. Do you know where you would go if you died today?

Heaven or hell?

None of this: I hope so, or maybe.

Others are responsible for themselves, we are responsible for ourselves and what God wants us to see, hear, and know.

What about us: How does He speak to us? Psalm 46:10 **10. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.**

Next week: (What do we do more than others)

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