

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

LOST IN TRANSLATION

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*Dear Father above, may we all thank You, praise You and bless You, for another opportunity to grow in Your word. May Your word, touch the hearts of many. Lord, please help us all, learn from Your words of wisdom in the Holy Bible. Father, please teach Your people the real truth and purpose of Your Eternal plan. Also, Father, help us not to get perplexed in the lies of satan and his demons. Lord, please watch over us and help us get through this maze of spiritual darkness around us. Father, I ask this in the name of our light in this darkness, Christ Jesus... Amen. Let's start out this month's message with this question, why is the word of God so distorted and confusing? According to the word of God, the answer is very clear and precise. The word of God has been totally lost in translation, since it's beginning. One of the reasons why it is lost, is because of our sin nature. You see sin unchecked, can get control of anyone of us. I am sure that someone out there will disagree with that statement and that's fine, but the devil has his way of convincing a lot of good people out there, that when it comes to sin, it's okay, God understands. The Lord understands all right, that's why He teaches us just the opposite of that lie, and that is to repent and refrain from sin. This is a normal assumption, that most people believe. I am not saying all people, but a vast majority of people that I come in contact with, think this way. It is real clear when you take a good look around and see all the false religious teachers that have victimized so many good people, who are only looking for the truth. These religious demons, seem to be in all religions. I believe that religion without the pure word of the Lord Jesus Christ as it's central core, is doomed for failure. Let there be no doubt when it comes to the real word of the Lord Jesus Christ, that a lot of churches out there, are infiltrated by the devil. Jesus Himself, predicted that false teachers would infiltrate the Church and distort and deceive many. Jesus said in Matthew 24:4-5 **Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, " I am the Christ ", and will deceive many.***

We all must be on guard for all the false teachers among us, who will continue to bring in all kind a false heresies when or where ever the opportunity arises. The Bible teaches us, that many will follow these false teachers and also, follow their destructive ways. The main reason why so many lost souls are confused, is from false Godly doctrines that lack the true knowledge of the word of the Lord. When the word of the Lord is not front and center, satan finds ways to control our thinking. It's no wonder why so many people are spiritually lost with all that is going on in the church today. Things like, false doctrines, fornications, pride, greed and self righteousness. In 2 Peter 2:2

Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up.

That scripture is so right on the money, when we take a good look at how bad religion has gotten lately. So many of satins false teaching demons, have introduced a slue of false doctrines, causing the church as a whole, to go spinning out of spiritual control. This in-turn has left millions of Christians lost and spiritually distorted to say the least. In 2 Peter 2 :17 it is written: **These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.**

As time has gone by, this distortion of the word of the Lord has had a ripple effect throughout the Church, causing Christians to be in opposition with God. This opposition, among Christians, has gained a following among professing Christians. Being a literalist with respect to bible interpretation, I have run across so many people who are totally lost in the true translation of the word of God. When I say the true interpretation of the word of God, I mean, a transparent and precise purpose on what God expects of us as believing Christians. Also, how the Lord wants us to live our lives and the rewards He has awaiting us believers, who are obedient to His word. I guess you must be saying to yourself at this time, how is he so sure about God's plans. The reason why I am so sure, is because the Lord teaches me and shows me the truth through His Holy Spirit that dwells within me. This Holy Spirit that dwells from within, has taught me how to read, study and interpret God's word and purpose, clearly and precisely. The reason why it is so transparent and precise to me, is the fact that God has shown me the different things that can happen to us when we sin and disobey His commands, also the blessings that follow if we are obedient. From that point on, it becomes real easy and simple to understand. I just lay back and look at life and watch closely at what sin is doing to this world. All the pain and suffering that we all go through from time to time, usually has something to do with our sinful choices. Sinful choices, come from being out of touch with the word of God.. The reason why I know it to be true, is the fact that I myself was lost in Spiritual Translation for most of my life. At that time period in my life, the last thing that I was looking for, was any kind of spiritual understanding about Christ Jesus. The reason why, I was too involved with enjoying sin's lustful allure back then. Before being born again, I use to make up my own rules when it came to sin. I could almost justified every sin I committed by playing like everything was okay, God understands and He is so forgiving. That's all, I really wanted to believe back then. The devil would always fill my head up with more excuses for the sins I committed. It got to a point, where I became so beat down with the devils lies, until one day out of nowhere, God touched me with His Holy. God got my full attention when I finally came to the end of my flesh, and ask Him to come into my life and be my Savior. There are so many people out there, who believe that there is no such thing as being born again. Well, if the devil continues to have his way, this truth will always be a doubt in peoples minds. The Lord says in 1 John 5:19

We know that we are children of God and that the whole world is under the control of the devil. So my brothers and sisters in the Lord, it is my prayer that God will transform us, guide us, and protect us, from the lies of the *evil one*.....Amen.

NOVEMBER'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

THE UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE By Billy Graham

Psalms 90:12 Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

We are not the masters of our fate. We think we control our lives---but we don't. In an instant life can radically change-----a car accident, a heart attack, a pink slip, a child's ragging fever. Frustrated researchers conquer one deadly virus, only to discover one even more lethal.

The Psalmist pointed out our basic dilemma: "The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away" (Psalms 90:10, NIV). Even if we live to a ripe old age, he said, we seldom know peace.

No book is more realistic about the human situation than the Bible. It won't let us get by with frothy platitudes or unsupported optimism. But it also gives us hope. It tells us Christ can change our lives, and He has prepared a perfect place for us in Heaven. Even your next breath is a gift from God. Don't take life for granted, but "gain a heart of wisdom"...Amen



THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily for: Arlene Santarpio, Chris Vasques, Jamie DeCosta, Russ Holman, Mike Buettner, John Longo and Family, Robert Lambert, Robert Sommers, Robin Weiss, Sherry Arzillo, John McGibbon, Rose Robinson, Greg McGlade, Anna Granato, Marian Ortez, Lucy Cartogeno, Rene DiMatteo, Peg Ballerino, Nancy Flecker, Jeff Rafter, Felicia Rumbow, Penny Howe, Janet Neil, Jeff Haines, Candice Kiana, Johnathon Baker, Joe Hinley, Marian Wilson, Keith Ruggiero, Anne Marie Kolgridis,

Denise Lathrop, Carl Napolliello, Marian Johnson, Patricia Ruggero, Jimmy Rich, Jim Flynn. Also a special prayer for the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the hungry, the broken hearted, the weary, the poor in spirit, the hopeless, the persecuted, the lost souls, and the lonely souls around the world. Furthermore, please pray daily for our troops in harms way, and for all the corruption in the world spiritually, morally, and financially. Father, I ask these prayer request in the name of Christ Jesus...Amen.

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