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Episode 65 - Unlocking the Mystery of the Cross: A Deep Dive into Proverbs and Revelation

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Join Scott Stanley from DTG Ministries as he delves into the profound teachings of the Bible, exploring the depths of God's wisdom in the Book of Revelation. In this episode, we revisit key insights from Proverbs and their connection to the New Testament teachings.

Stanley emphasizes the significance of the commandments to love God and neighbor, reflecting on Galatians 5:14 and the wisdom of 1 Corinthians 2. Discover how the cross represents God's understanding of humanity and the path to walking in love.

The episode unravels the meaning of the fear of the Lord, drawing parallels with the imagery of rivers and direction from God. Stanley explains how wisdom, likened to the process of creation, helps believers navigate life and find peace.

Dive into the symbolic representations in Revelation, expanding your understanding of God's mercy and counsel. Learn how the Holy Spirit, as the essence of wisdom, guides the redeemed in restoring humanity.

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Scriptures are directly transcribed with notations. See the KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi. This is Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries. We're continuing to search and discover the deep things of God in the Book of Revelation, and today is no different. I want to go back and cover something... I think I covered it in these podcasts. In Proverbs, chapter 2, reading from verse 1,

Pro 2:1 My son, if you will receive my words and then hide my commandments.

Now, I'm just going to speak the obvious. The commandments he is talking about are in the words he wants you to receive. "*Receive my words and then hide my commandments.*" At this point, I'm reading this from the standpoint of the New Testament speaking with the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, recognizing the commandments he is speaking of is to "*love God and love your neighbor as yourself,*" which in Galatians 5:14, if you love your neighbor as yourself, you fulfill the whole thing because that's how you love God- you love your neighbor as yourself. So,

Pro 2:1 If you'll receive my words, and then love your neighbor as yourself, hide my commandments,

Pro 2:2 So that (and when you say "so that," it means you want to walk in love) ... so hide these commandments so that you'll incline your ear to wisdom.

In 1 Corinthians, chapter 2, Paul says, "*We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery. It's the hidden wisdom*" (1Co 2:7). He's talking about the cross. He's talking about what the Son of God revealed about humanity on the cross. You want to walk in love so that you'll incline your ear to the cross. The cross was an outward picture of God's understanding of humanity. Again, what's the problem? What does it cause? How do you fix it?

Pro 2:2 If you'll incline your ear unto the cross, and then apply your heart to understanding in this [8394] (This is God's understanding. Apply it to God's understanding of the cross.)

Pro 2:3 If you'll cry after knowledge (and that knowledge is [998] it is understanding) ...
If you'll cry after knowledge and then lift up your voice or pray for God's understanding
of it. (It's always God's understanding. God's understanding is the Holy Spirit.)

Pro 2:4 If you'll seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasure,

Pro 2:5 Then you're considering the fear of the LORD, and the knowledge of God.

What if I were to ask you, what is the fear of the Lord? I want simply to look up the word "fear," and this word "fear" comes from a word that means "to throw." In Hebrew, there are two letters in this word: It's a hand and a man's head- you could say the works of man. The fact that it means to throw, see, that's what you do with your hand. In the King James, they have translated this as "river, brook, flood, stream." How do you tie that in? How do you tie in river, brook, flood, and stream with the word "throw," and you see "the works of a man or the hand of a man"? A hand is your works.

So, in the Ancient Hebrew, he explains it. He says, "The hand of man is used for throwing, a flowing of water in a river, a throwing of the finger to show a direction to walk or live, the throwing of an arrow, the throwing down of water, and rain." See, again, it stems from "throw." Again, this is where you get this word, the fear... the fear of the Lord. So, if I drop down, as I trace this down, it means "a river, a flowing of water in a river, a flowing of the insides, inside your heart, inside your mind." A flowing of the insides is fear of, to be afraid, dreadful. But you connect with that "reverence and fear, a throwing of the finger to show a direction to walk or live in."

So, I get this picture in my mind. You come up to God, and you ask for direction. "Which way should I walk?" And he throws out his hand, pointing a finger, "Go this way." Or he throws down water from heaven, called rain. See, he's going to answer you to give you direction, and this is what he means when he says, "If you seek God's understanding of man portrayed on that cross, if you're seeking God's understanding, now you're considering the fear of the Lord." In other words, you respect what it is he would tell you to do. You respect the direction that he would tell you to go. "This is where you need to walk. This is what you need to do."

Remember Job 28:28, that "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*" So, what that means to me now is if I want to understand what God wants of me in my life, and if I have a fear of God, I would turn to wisdom. I would turn to the cross to find the

direction God would have me go, thereby showing him a fear, a reverence, a respect for what he would tell me to do. If you think about it, when you look at the cross, "*into your hands, I commit my spirit,*" my spirit is the way I see it. I want to know how God sees it. I am experiencing a fear of God when I tell him, "Into your hands, I commit my spirit. I'm giving it to you, and I want you to give me direction. I want you to give me an understanding."

How is he going to do that? He does it through the scripture. He will teach you through the scripture and give you a deeper understanding of the water of the word, the pointing of the finger... the direction he wants you to walk.

Pro 2:6 For Jehovah gives wisdom. Out of his mouth will come knowledge and [8394] God's understanding.

Pro 2:7 He will lay up a continued success, sound wisdom. (It's continued success for those who are upright in their heart.) He is a shield to them that walk uprightly.

Pro 2:8 He will keep the paths of judgment, and he'll preserve the way of the saints. (his way and your way.

Pro 2:9 Then you will consider righteousness, judgment, and equity, or every good path. Every good path is righteousness, judgment, and equity.

Now, I wanted to read that because I want to take this to chapter 3 of Proverbs. Verse 1.

Pro 3:1 My son, forget not my law. Let your heart keep my commandments.

You're back to Proverbs 2:1 again. But here, you let it happen. If you don't want to let it happen, you don't have to. If you don't want to hear what he has to say, if you don't want to follow the direction he wants you to go, you don't have to.

Pro 3:1 My son, forget not my instruction, but let your heart keep my commandments:

Pro 3:2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

Well, what does he mean when he says length of days? I want to ask you to hold your place in Proverbs because we're coming right back.

Psa 21:4 He asked life of you, and you gave it to him. Length of days forever and ever.

Now, my question to you is, how do you define life? Does he mean he wanted to live on this planet and not die, or did he mean something higher than that? Remember, Jesus said in John 17:3,

Jhn 17:3 For this is life eternal, that they might know you the only true and living God, and Jesus, whom you have sent.

So, if that is life, and if you're asking of God life, and he gives you length of days, that is pointing to Creation Week, the days in creation. To quickly break down those steps in Creation Week, he separates light from dark. See, you're beginning to realize God. Light from dark, heavenly water from earthly water- day two. Day three, move the water away from the earth. On day four, put the sun, the moon, and the stars in the heavens. Give it a heavenly understanding. Remember, I see the difference between light and dark, water and water, earth and sea.

Now put the sun, the moon, and the stars in my understanding so that I can understand them like God. On the fifth day, everything that was given to me from the world, everything in the sea, will start to be redeemed, and I will begin to see life in what I have been told all my life. The Lord will redeem those things for me, bringing me to the sixth day, where he will make me in his image... Creation Week.

If I am asking for life from God, I want life ... he will give me length of days. Length doesn't necessarily mean the time spent, but it means you will have a depth of understanding. You'll be able to look back and better understand light and dark, water and water, earth and sea, heavenly sun, moon, and stars, and redeem the life from the sea. Everything in the sea will have life because he'll help me understand it. Then he can make me in his image. So, again, when I look at this, Proverbs 3:1,

Pro 3:1 My son, forget not my instruction. Let your heart keep the commandments of love,

Pro 3:2 Because length of days, and long life, and peace shall they add to you. (I ask life of you; he gives me length of days. I make a decision to keep his commandments. It will give me length of days, and long life, and peace.)

Pro 3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you. Bind them about your neck. Write them upon the table of your heart.

Pro 3:4 So shall you find grace, or favor, and good understanding, good success, in the sight of God and man.

Let's drop down to verse 13, and this is where we begin to tie this into the Book of Revelation.

Pro 3:13 Happy is the man that finds wisdom. (Happy is the man that finds the cross) and the man that draws out God's understanding from it. (That "draw out, getteth" is "to draw out God's understanding.")

Pro 3:14 Because God's understanding (the cross and God's understanding from it) is better than silver and the fruit of fine gold.

Pro 3:15 She's more precious than rubies: and all the things you can desire are not to be compared to that.

See, what we're after, what everybody, anybody serving God- what you're after is God's understanding. You're after the Holy Spirit. But you don't realize it's the understanding of the cross and how Jesus was portraying humanity to bring you healing from the things going on in your life. So, again, in verse 16, chapter three,

Pro 3:16 Length of days (the understanding of Creation Week, the process taken in Creation Week), is in the right hand of wisdom and God's understanding...

The right hand. See, Jesus sits at the right hand. He is the wisdom of God. He is that spirit (2Co 3:17). He is the main tool God will use to save us from our iniquity.

Pro 3:16 Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand are riches and honor.

That word "honor" is "glory." It's the character of God. The right hand is in length of days. The fruit of that is what's in the left hand. The result of that will be riches of truth and glory of character.

Pro 3:17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

Let's not forget that. Ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. What is? Drawing out God's understanding from wisdom. It's the Holy Spirit. Her ways, her ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

Pro 3:18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retains her.

Now, the next part is something that, after you've heard this whole study, if you come back and listen to this again, this will begin to add up for you.

Pro 3:19 Jehovah by wisdom founded the earth by the cross. By God's understanding, he establishes the heavens.

Pro 3:20 By his knowledge, the abyss, the depths of the sea, are broken up, and the clouds of witnesses, the church, is able to drop down the dew.

Let me say it again. The Holy Spirit, the wisdom of God... God's understanding of the cross are the ways of pleasantness, the paths of peace. This is the Tree of Life. I could say the Tree of Life is what you're gleaning through the days of creation. As you go through those days of creation, you can come to the sixth day and think back and begin to discern even more between light and dark, water and water, and sea from the earth. See, you can go through that process and glean more truth about what he's actually trying to help you see. The point is this is a tree of life, and by using that, he founds the earth, establishes your heavenly understanding, and he can break up the depths of the sea.

Now let's take this to Revelation 22:1.

Rev 22:1 He showed me a pure river of water of life. It's clear as crystal. It's proceeding out of your conscience with one on the throne. It's coming from God and the Lamb. (What is? A pure river of water of life, as clear as crystal.)

Rev 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, or in the midst of it, and on each side, is a tree of life. It bears twelve manner of fruits. It yields her fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of nations.

We've been given this picture of a tree in the midst of a river, and on each side of the river. But if I say this is the Holy Spirit, this is the knowledge God has of the cross, this is

in the midst of the water coming from your conscience. That is in the midst of it, and this water coming from your conscience is clear as crystal. What does he mean on each side? Well, I think of the Holy Spirit, I know each side, meaning I know what God would have me do, and I know how he would have me do it. One way I look at that is my Adam and my Eve side.

Adam was spoken to by God, "This is what I want you to do." Eve listened to the serpent. If you die with him on the cross, you are now free to marry because your wife has died, and you can marry the Holy Spirit. *She will marry her children* (Isa 62:5), and now by means of this spirit being in the midst of my conscience, I know what he would have me do... walk in his commandments. By that same spirit, I know how he would have me do it. Hence, everything coming out of the throne is clear as crystal. I'm not saying it's easy, but it's clear. This is what he would have you do. This is how he would have you do it.

Well, this tree of life bears fruit, and it yields its fruit every month. Well, if I go to the Old Testament and look up "month," it literally is a new moon, and the moon is a symbol of the scripture. Months are determined by the moon in darkness. Days are determined by the sun. So, this is going to yield its fruit when I am at a point of not understanding. This tree of knowledge that's in the midst of my conscience- flowing out of my conscience as a crystal river- will yield its fruit so that even though I'm in darkness, I will have the fruit of the spirit in my life. The leaves of a tree... See, if I look at the word "tree," it's "a counselor." But what are leaves? Leaves are reasons, or they're excuses.

When you look at a tree in the winter, or when a tree dies, it casts its leaves, or it casts its excuses. The leaves on the tree of Life are reasons... the reasons he gives you for what he wants you to do are the healing of the nations. The nations equal the sea that you have been taught all your life. You're to be redeemed from every nation. But when he redeems you, he doesn't take it away. He fixes it. So, the leaves on this tree of Life are for the healing of the nations... every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. That sea is there, but it has to be corrected.

And, again, you can see in Revelation 21:1, "*There's a new heaven, a new earth, and there's no more sea.*" Okay, what did he do with the sea? Well, let's turn back to Revelation, chapter 4, verse 5.

Rev 4:5 Out of the throne, (out of your conscience, we just saw in chapter 22, it is water clear as crystal. Well, here is the effect of it.) Out of the throne, out of your conscience, proceeds light (light flashes), thundering (rebuke), and voices, and there are seven lamps of fire burning before the throne. These are the seven spirits of God, or a fullness of his spirit, a fullness of his understanding. (Where is that? Oh, that's before the throne.)

Rev 4:6 Before the throne is a sea of glass.

Stop. That sea that he redeems is now a sea of glass. What do you mean? Well, when I think of a sea of glass, I think of something peaceful. What did we just read in Proverbs? *"Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and her paths are peace,"* Proverbs 3:17.

Pleasantness and peace, a sea of glass. Why do I have pleasantness and peace? Because I've asked God for the way he would have me walk. "What would you have me do?" I have committed my spirit to him so that I could receive his. He has helped me pour out my water and my blood, and I possess the Spirit of God, live according to the Spirit of God. Out of my throne is coming water, clear as crystal, and I have pleasantness and peace as he has redeemed the worldly sea and made it something righteous by redeeming all those definitions, correcting all of this, and healing my nations.

If I take this to Revelation 15, and I know I'm speeding along here, but I wanted to get this in. In Revelation 15,

Rev 15:1 I saw another sign in the heavens, great and marvelous, seven messengers having the seven last plagues, for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

Right here, I could spend a month just talking about that. There are three signs in the heavens. Two of them are in chapter 12. Verse 1: A great sign in the heavens, a woman clothed with the sun. Verse 3: Another sign in the heavens, a great red dragon. But this sign in Revelation 15:1 is great and marvelous because these are the sons of Jacob. This is Jacob, who has been redeemed. They have become spiritual Israel and have overcome the dragon, the beast, the image of the beast, and the mark. See, they've overcome all of this. How do I know they're Jews? Well, if you look at verse 3,

Rev 15:3 They sing the song of Moses, and the song of the Lamb...

So, they have both of those experiences. That's why it's great and marvelous, because this is why Christ came... to redeem these people. Here, at the end of the world, is a group of people who possess that truth, and they are going to pour out the plagues of God's wrath.

Now, before I go on, I want you to understand that the plagues of God's wrath are not against people. God's wrath is against the iniquity that they carry. If you keep that in mind, it will make sense when you read the vials or the seven last plagues. But looking at this, verse 2,

Rev 15:2 I saw as it were (here you go), a sea of glass mingled with fire...

What is it that's before the throne? The seven lamps, the seven spirits, the sea of glass. See, it's all the same thing. It's the Holy Spirit mingled with the healing of the nations. It's the Holy Spirit mingled in the sea of glass.

Rev 15:2 I saw a sea of glass. They had gotten the victory (like I said) over the beast, the image, the mark, the number. They have the harps of God (or the compassion of God. They're Jews.)

Rev 15:3 ... What they say is, great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, you King of saints. (This song is also the song of the Lamb. The Lamb himself said this. This is another verse showing you the Trinity isn't true. This is the Lamb's attitude toward his Father.)

Rev 15:4 Who shall not fear you? ...

We just saw fear. When you're turning to God for direction, you are allowing him to throw out his finger, allowing him to throw down water from heaven. *"Who shall not fear you? Who shall not ask you for direction? Who shall not put their spirit in your hands and ask you to give me life? Okay. I'll give you length of days."* You'll have a depth of understanding of light and dark, water from water, earth and sea, heavenly truth. See, all of this comes together for these people.

Rev 15:4 Who shall not fear you and glorify your name? (Because that's what you'll do when you fear God.) Only you are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your judgments are made manifest.

Rev 15:5 After this, I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony, *the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony...* (The tabernacle is the Holy Spirit, Revelation 21:1-3. It's New Jerusalem- the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony.)

The testimony is the testimony of Christ. It is the testimony he bears witness to, which he did on the cross. Because he was the Son of God, he is bearing witness that God loves you as much as he loves Jesus. The testimony of our iniquity- he's showing you what is wrong with man. The testimony of what it does to you... a crown of thorns, stripes on the back... the testimony of how to overcome it, the things he spoke on that cross. The tabernacle of the testimony... the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony. Revelation 21:22, "*There's no temple. God is the temple. The Lamb is the temple.*" In 1 Corinthians 6:19, "*The church is the temple.*"

The Father, the Son, and the church are the ones who have the Holy Spirit of God. They are the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony. Well, in this verse, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony is in the heavens, and it was opened. What do you mean, it's opened? If something is opened, you can see it. You can see in; you can see it. Now you understand it. The temple of the tabernacle of the testimony: The Father and the Son and the true church who possesses the Holy Spirit and who is living accordingly, is now opened and,

Rev 15:6 These seven messengers come out of that temple, having the seven last plagues; they're clothed in pure and white linen, and they have their breasts girded with golden girdles.

Rev 15:7 One of the four living creatures gave them the golden vials full of the wrath of God.

Which living creature? You've got four: A lion, an ox, a man, and a flying eagle. Notice how they are described before they're redeemed. Once they are redeemed, they become a king, a priest, a son of man, and divine nature. If I can understand how that happened, the redemption that happens, what he has just described is white linen, breast girded with golden girdles- the priesthood. It is the second living creature that is seen. The temple is seen. One of the living creatures comes up and gives them the vials. The vial is your mind. It's what is in their mind. It gives them the understanding that they are going to pour out.

Take this back to Revelation, chapter 6, and look at the second horse. Why? Because the beasts line up with the horses. The first living creature is horse one. The second living creature is horse two. The second living creature is the ox. The second living creature redeemed is a priest. What does he do? Verse 3, Revelation 6:3.

Rev 6:3 When he opened the second confirmation, I heard the second living creature (which is a priest redeemed).

Rev 6:4 There went out another horse. It's red. (Now remember, you're looking at the unredeemed. It's red.) There was given to it to take peace from the earth that they should kill one another, and there was given unto him a great sword.

Make that a redeemed servant of God. You give the priest, the servant of God, the sword (which is an understanding of the scriptures), and when he takes peace from the earth, he's taking peace from the earth from another person because he is speaking to them the truth. He is speaking the truth, using the sword, taking peace from that person because of their guilt and their shame, etc. When it is unsanctified, when you are not redeemed, the Bible takes peace from you because you see you can't live up to it.

But in this state where you're standing on the sea of glass and he hands you a sword and you speak the truth, which is what you see in the vials, you're taking peace from the earth, from the people who are hearing you. That is what the vials are about.

Gracious Heavenly Father, I pray for a depth of understanding. I pray for your glory. I pray for peace for all of us. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.