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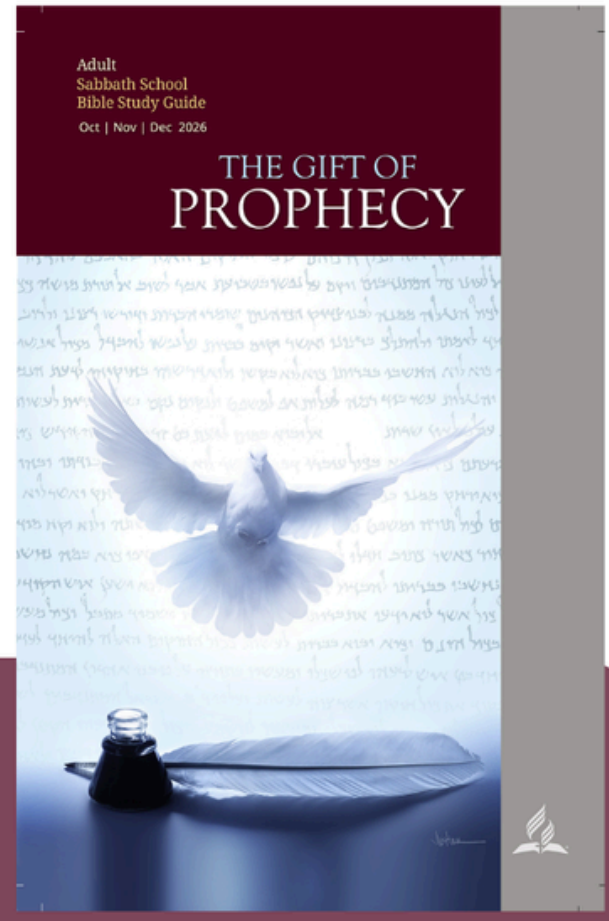
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THE GIFT OF PROPHECY



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LESSON 7

NOW HEAR THIS!

#THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PRIDE

LESSON 7: NOW HEAR THIS!

MEMORY TEXT

"Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come."

(1 Corinthians 10:11, NASB)

BACKGROUND

WOUNDING OF THE PRIDE

When our pride is hurt, correction can feel like rejection. We become ashamed, defensive, or angry because admitting our mistakes threatens how we see ourselves. Sometimes, protecting our feelings becomes more important than accepting what is right.

Because of sin, we sometimes blame the messenger instead of examining ourselves. Even God's loving correction can make us resent Him. Yet, God reveals our mistakes not to shame us, but to help us recognize our need for His grace.

INTRODUCTION

Human beings do not always reject truth because they fail to understand it. Sometimes, truth threatens their established identity, exposes self-deception, or challenges the psychological comfort of familiar beliefs. To protect their sense of control, people may rationalize, become defensive, or discredit the messenger. Sin makes self-justification easier than surrender.

This explains why God's good message can provoke resistance rather than gratitude. Divine truth exposes wounds, misplaced loyalties, and cherished illusions we are reluctant to release. Yet, God confronts us not to humiliate us but to restore us. His truth challenges our defenses because His love seeks our freedom.

Gospel THEMES

Fear can narrow human thinking until perceived danger becomes more powerful than remembered faithfulness. The Israelites focused on the giants rather than God's promises. When anxiety becomes overwhelming, people may look for someone to blame, even those trying to guide them toward safety.

Gospel LIFE

Their anger against Moses and Aaron revealed a deeper struggle with trusting God. Sometimes, we reject God's messengers not because their message is wrong, but because it challenges our fears and demands faith beyond what we can presently see.

Anger at God's Messenger

ANSWER TO THE MAIN QUESTIONS

Q: It's easy to trust in God when things are going well, isn't it? How about when disaster strikes? How about when trusting God means discomfort or inconvenience? How well do you do then?

ANSWER:

Human beings often trust God when life feels predictable because we still feel in control. But suffering exposes how much our trust depends on circumstances. When faith becomes uncomfortable, we discover whether we love God Himself or simply the security His blessings provide. Genuine trust learns to hold on even when understanding fails.

Gospel THEMES

When truth threatens our comfort, reputation, or established beliefs, we may try to silence the message rather than examine ourselves. Like Jehoiakim, we sometimes destroy what makes us uncomfortable because avoiding the truth feels easier than accepting responsibility.

Gospel LIFE

However, rejecting God's message does not change reality or remove its consequences. God continues to speak because He desires our restoration, not our destruction. Our resistance may silence the messenger, but it cannot silence God's truth or cancel His love.

ANSWER TO THE MAIN QUESTIONS

Q: What does it tell us about God's loving character that He persisted in trying to reach His people despite their defiance?

ANSWER:

God's persistence reveals that His love is not easily exhausted by human failure. He does not abandon us simply because we resist, misunderstand, or repeatedly turn away. His repeated appeals show that He desires restoration more than punishment. Even when we are unwilling to listen, God remains willing to reach us.

Gospel THEMES

Repeated exposure to correction can make people emotionally resistant, especially when they refuse to change. Over time, they may normalize wrongdoing, mock warnings, and dismiss those who challenge their choices. The more they defend themselves, the harder it becomes to recognize their need for God.

Gospel LIFE

Yet, God's repeated warnings reveal His patience, not His desire to condemn. He continues reaching people despite their resistance because He desires restoration. The tragedy is not that God stops speaking, but that human hearts can become so hardened that they no longer want to listen.

Destroying the Message: Part 2

ANSWER TO THE MAIN QUESTIONS

Q: They mocked the messengers of God, despised God's words, and scoffed at His prophets. Surely, we today would never do anything like that—or would we?

ANSWER:

We may not openly mock God's messengers, but we can reject their message when it challenges our preferences, exposes our inconsistencies, or threatens our comfort. Sometimes, we honor God's Word publicly while quietly resisting its correction. The danger is believing we are receptive to truth while refusing to let it change us.

Gospel THEMES

Human beings often recognize the mistakes of others more easily than their own. We protect our self-image by comparing ourselves with worse behavior, convincing ourselves that we are better. This self-deception allows us to appear righteous while avoiding the painful work of self-examination.

Gospel LIFE

Jesus exposes the danger of religious pride: we can honor God's messengers, defend biblical truth, and condemn past wrongdoers while resisting the very truth that should change us. God desires not merely our religious appearance, but humble hearts willing to be corrected.

ANSWER TO THE MAIN QUESTIONS

Q: How do we make sure that in principle, we don't do the same thing: outwardly acting religious while inside being full of rebellion and greed and hate?

ANSWER:

We must allow God's Word to examine us, not merely use it to examine others. Religious activities can hide hearts unwilling to change. Only through honest self-examination, confession, and dependence on Christ can we confront our selfish motives and allow God's grace to transform what outward religion cannot.

Gospel THEMES

Human beings often repeat past mistakes because we underestimate how easily our desires, fears, and pride can influence our decisions. We may know the consequences of others' failures yet believe we are strong enough to avoid them. Self-confidence can sometimes blind us to our vulnerability.

Gospel LIFE

God preserves humanity's failures in Scripture not to shame us, but to teach us. His Word helps us recognize our weaknesses before they become our downfall. True wisdom begins when we stop thinking we are better than those who failed and learn to depend on God's grace.

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reminder

Gospel Reality!

GOD IS LOVE AND THERE IS NO OTHER MUCH BIGGER REALITY!

GOOD NEWS

#THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PRIDE

LESSON 7: NOW HEAR THIS!

takeaway

HEART of the Gospel

#THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PRIDE

Pride makes us protect our sense of worth by resisting correction and refusing to admit mistakes. We become more concerned with being right than learning the truth. Sometimes, our greatest barrier to growth is not what we do not know, but our unwillingness to learn.

takeaway

HEART of the Gospel

#THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PRIDE

Pride makes us more committed to defending our beliefs than examining whether they are right. We resist correction because admitting mistakes threatens our self-image. Sadly, we can become so occupied with proving ourselves right that we lose the willingness to recognize the truth.

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takeaway

HEART of the Gospel

#THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PRIDE

Spiritually, pride makes us believe that our understanding is sufficient and that others need correction more than we do. We may even know Scripture yet resist its message. True wisdom begins when we stop defending our self-righteousness and allow God's Word to expose and correct us.