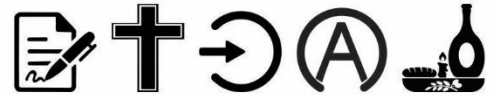


THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Covenant. Christ Jesus. Entering In. Abiding In. Priesthood.



CRITICAL BIBLICAL THINKING | LESSON 9

<p>READ: Ephesians 2:4-8</p> <p>After reading this, are your Biblical eyes opening up to the fact that grace doesn't negate the terms of the covenant but rather defines them?</p> <p>Are you beginning to discern through the Word, that grace is God the Father extending Himself in the person of Christ Jesus – His Son? That it is the very great mercy of offering grace THROUGH Christ?</p> <p>Do you understand that obedience to what Jesus said was required is NOT about something we “work for” but rather receiving what Christ did?</p> <p>Does obedience negate it being a gift from God? Or does obedience become the means by which we receive the gift?</p> <p>Does our obedience classify as personal boasting?</p> <p>READ Matthew 7:14</p> <p>Using BibleHub.com look at the word “gate”</p> <p>Using BibleHub.com look at the word “small”</p> <p>Using BibleHub.com look at the word “way”</p> <p>Using BibleHub.com look at the word “narrow / compressed”</p> <p>Using BibleHub.com look at the word “few”</p> <p>Using BibleHub.com look at the word “find”</p> <p>READ Luke 13:24</p>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">STRIVE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">◀ 75. <i>agónizomai</i> ▶</p> <p>Strong's Concordance</p> <p><i>agónizomai</i>: to contend for a prize, struggle Original Word: ἀγωνίζομαι Part of Speech: Verb Transliteration: agónizomai Phonetic Spelling: (ag-o-nid'-zom-ah-ee) Definition: to contend for a prize, struggle Usage: I am struggling, striving (as in an athletic contest or warfare); I contend, as with an adversary.</p> <p>HELPS Word-studies</p> <p>Cognate: 75 <i>agónizomai</i> (from 73 <i>agón</i>, "conflict/struggle," the root of the English term, "agonize") – properly, to <i>struggle</i>, like engaged in an intense athletic contest or warfare (Souter). See 73 (<i>agón</i>).</p> <p><small>Copyright © 2021 by Discovery Bible.</small></p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">TO ENTER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">◀ 1525. <i>eisérchomai</i> ▶</p> <p>Strong's Concordance</p> <p><i>eisérchomai</i>: to go in (to), enter Original Word: εἰσέρχομαι Part of Speech: Verb Transliteration: eiserchomai Phonetic Spelling: (ice-er'-khom-ah-ee) Definition: to go in (to), enter Usage: I go in, come in, enter.</p> <p>HELPS Word-studies</p> <p>1525 <i>eisérchomai</i> (from 1519 <i>eis</i>, "into, unto" and 2064 <i>erchomai</i>, "come") – properly, come into, go (enter) into; (figuratively) to enter into for an <i>important purpose</i> – for the believer, doing so to experience <i>the result</i> of the Lord's eternal blessing.</p> <p><small>Copyright © 2021 by Discovery Bible.</small></p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">THROUGH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">◀ 1223. <i>dia</i> ▶</p> <p>Strong's Concordance</p> <p><i>dia</i>: through, on account of, because of Original Word: διά Part of Speech: Preposition Transliteration: dia Phonetic Spelling: (dee-ah') Definition: through, on account of, because of Usage: (a) gen: through, throughout, by the instrumentality of, (b) acc: through, on account of, by reason of, for the sake of, because of.</p> <p>HELPS Word-studies</p> <p>1223 <i>diá</i> (a preposition) – properly, across (to the other side), back-and-forth to go all the way through, "successfully across" ("thoroughly"). 1223 (<i>diá</i>) is also commonly used as a <i>prefix</i> and lend the same idea ("thoroughly," literally, "successfully" across to the other side).</p> <p>[1223 (<i>diá</i>) is a root of the English term <i>diameter</i> ("across to the other side, through"). Before a vowel, <i>dia</i> is simply written <i>di</i>.]</p> <p><small>Copyright © 2021 by Discovery Bible.</small></p> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> </div>	
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THE NARROW

◀ 4728. stenós ▶

Strong's Concordance

stenos: narrow
 Original Word: στενός, ἢ, ὄν
 Part of Speech: Adjective
 Transliteration: sténos
 Phonetic Spelling: (stén-ós)
 Definition: narrow
 Usage: narrow, strait.

HELPS Word-studies

4728 stenós – properly, narrow; (figuratively) the closely-defined path God ordains to travel on to gain His approval (used three times in the NT).

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DOOR

◀ 2374. thura ▶

Strong's Concordance

thura: a door
 Original Word: θύρα, ας, ἡ
 Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine
 Transliteration: thura
 Phonetic Spelling: (thoo'-rah)
 Definition: a door
 Usage: (a) a door, (b) met: an opportunity.

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin
 a prim. word
 Definition
 a door
 NASB Translation
 door (28), doors (6), entrance (3), gate (1), gates (1).

NAS Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible with Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek Dictionaries

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MANY

◀ 4183. polus ▶

Strong's Concordance

polus: much, many
 Original Word: πολὺς, πολλή, πολύ
 Part of Speech: Adjective
 Transliteration: polus
 Phonetic Spelling: (pol-ooos')
 Definition: much, many
 Usage: much, many; often.

HELPS Word-studies

4183 polýs – many (high in number); multitudinous, plenteous, "much"; "great" in amount (extent).

4183 /polýs ("much in number") emphasizes the quantity involved. 4183 (polýs) "signifies 'many, numerous; . . . with the article it is said of a multitude as being numerous' (Vine, Unger, White, NT, 113,114) – i.e. great in amount.

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READ John 10:7 – the Greek word for door also means what?

READ John 10:9

WILL SEEK

◀ 2212. zéteó ▶

Strong's Concordance

zéteó: to seek
 Original Word: ζητέω
 Part of Speech: Verb
 Transliteration: zéteó
 Phonetic Spelling: (dzay-teh'-o)
 Definition: to seek
 Usage: I seek, search for, desire, require, demand.

HELPS Word-studies

2212 zéteō – properly, to seek by inquiring; to investigate to reach a binding (terminal) resolution; to search, "getting to the bottom of a matter."

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TO ENTER IN

◀ 1525. eiserchomai ▶

Strong's Concordance

eiserchomai: to go in (to), enter
 Original Word: εἰσέρχομαι
 Part of Speech: Verb
 Transliteration: eiserchomai
 Phonetic Spelling: (ice-er'-khom-ah-ee)
 Definition: to go in (to), enter
 Usage: I go in, come in, enter.

HELPS Word-studies

1525 eisérxomai (from 1519 /eis, "into, unto" and 2064/erxomai, "come") – properly, come into, go (enter) into; (figuratively) to enter into for an important purpose – for the believer, doing so to experience the result of the Lord's eternal blessing.

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AND NOT

◀ 3756. ou, ouk, ouch ▶

Strong's Concordance

ou, ouk, ouch: not, no
 Original Word: οὐ
 Part of Speech: Particle, Negative
 Transliteration: ou, ouk, ouch
 Phonetic Spelling: (oo)
 Definition: not, no
 Usage: no, not.

HELPS Word-studies

3756 ou – no ("not"). 3756 (ou) objectively negates a statement, "ruling it out as fact."

[3756 (ou) is written ouk before smooth breathings and ouch before a rough breathing.]

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BE ABLE (1)

◀ 2480. ischuó ▶

Strong's Concordance

ischuó: to be strong, have power
 Original Word: ἰσχύω
 Part of Speech: Verb
 Transliteration: ischuó
 Phonetic Spelling: (is-khoo'-o)
 Definition: to be strong, have power
 Usage: I have strength, am strong, am in full health and vigor, am able; meton: I prevail.

HELPS Word-studies

Cognate: 2480 isxýō – properly, embodied strength that "gets into the fray" (action), i.e. engaging the resistance. For the believer, 2480 (isxýō) refers to the Lord strengthening them with combative, confrontive force to achieve all He gives faith for. That is, facing necessary resistance that brings what the Lord defines is success (His victory, cf. 1 Jn 5:4). Accordingly, faith (4102 /pístis) and 2480 (isxýō) are directly connected (Js 5:16). See 2479 (isxýs).

BE ABLE (2)

Js 5:15,16 (Gk text): "15And the prayer characterized by faith (4102 /pístis) will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed sins with present effects, it will be forgiven him. 16Therefore, openly confess these sins to one another, and pray for the benefit of one another, for the purpose of being supernaturally healed. Very combative (engaging, overcoming, 2480 /isxýō) is the specific (urgent) request of a divinely-approved person who is energized (by God)."

[Here the believer seeks to make petitions (1162 /déesis) in faith – i.e. which are in accord with God's inbirthings (the persuasion of His will).]

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<p>In the video, I paraphrased this verse with the following words: As a follower of Christ, we must commit to the commands by striving and contending, and never stopping to enter into and go through (all the way through successfully)—this very closely defined path that God has ordained for us to travel on to gain His approval, that way is defined as narrow, and the door or gate IS Christ Jesus. There are going to be many that will seek by inquiring and investigating and even desiring to enter in for the very important purpose of wanting to enter the kingdom, but they're not going to be able to enter because they do not enter in through the terms the Father set (the closely defined path-the keys Peter gave)—and because they don't, they cannot and do not experience the results of what Jesus has done. Because they are not entering in the way the Father set-- it in affect <i>rules out</i> entering in because they never effectively and successfully complete the process.</p>	
<p>Do you agree or disagree with this paraphrase?</p>	
<p>READ Exodus 25:30</p>	
<p>Using BibleHub.com look at the word "presence" – do you see "faces"?</p>	
<p>READ Revelation 4:7 – what are the "four" faces 1. 2. 3. 4.</p>	
<p>Jesus is the _____ of the tribe of Judah (Read Matthew)</p>	
<p>The calf/ox/bull are known as servants – what was Jesus? (Read Mark)</p>	
<p>In the book of Luke, we see the focus on Jesus as the _____ of Man</p>	
<p>What does an eagle symbolize?</p>	
<p>READ Leviticus 24:8-9</p>	
<p>When is the bread set? Where is the bread ate?</p>	
<p>READ John 6:33</p>	
<p>READ John 6:35</p>	
<p>READ John 6:48-51</p>	
<p>READ John 6:53</p>	
<p>GO BACK to John 6:51 in BibleHub.com – look at "he will live" --what is the Greek word? What does it mean? Then, look at "life"—what is the Greek word? What does it mean?</p>	
<p>READ 1 Corinthians 11:23-34</p>	
<p>What does it mean "in an unworthy manner"?</p>	
<p>How does it make one guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord?</p>	
<p>What does it mean "to examine himself"?</p>	
<p>What were three things Paul said was a result of someone taking the Lord's supper irreverantly? 1. 2. 3.</p>	
<p>READ Exodus 25:30 again</p>	
<p>Is Jesus the bread of Life?</p>	
<p>Is taking bread at the Lord's Supper about His body?</p>	
<p>Can you see the literal significance of what it means to remain / abide in the presence of the Father everyday and the provision that we have been given?</p>	
<p>Isn't it interesting that after one comes THROUGH Christ to enter covenant that we are now in the holy place and that just as priest in the Old Covenant were given provision – that we are as well?</p>	
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