

Assignment 12

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The professor is devoted with the academics of the Bible, especially the Gospels but does not believe what is written is the divine word of God. In reading John 3:16, he does not see the impact of God sending his only son to be sacrificed for our sins and that if we believe we may have eternal life. He does not have the Holy Spirit guiding him to the truth; therefore, he does not see Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

The professor's wife has studied the Bible but does not have the degrees as her husband, but she has let the Holy Spirit guide her and therefore knows more than her husband. She understands that in John 3:16 that God did send his son to be crucified and that those who believe may be saved are not just words but truth. She has accepted that Jesus is our Lord and Savior and understands that the Bible is the divine word of God.

The professor's daughter is excited to be learning about God and when reading John 3:16 understands that God sent his son to die on the cross so that our sins may be forgiven and that we may see eternal life. She is zealous for Jesus but is not a mature believer and the cares of this world might change her views unless she continues to grow in God's word and take its meaning to heart.

Psalm 100

- Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
- ³ Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his^[a];
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- ⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

When I read Psalm 100 aloud it is like being in a crowd and all are rejoicing of his goodness. "It is he who made us", sticks out to me for I know he created us so intricately and complete with billions of cells and neurons that make up our advanced bodily

systems, such as the circulatory, respiratory, and musculoskeletal to name a few and they work together so precisely it is amazing and mind boggling. The psalmist also states, "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever" and I see that in my own life, how good God has been to me and continues to be through my hard and good seasons. When I start to be overwhelmed by this world, he leads me back and centers me like a shepherd to its sheep. The psalmist knew giving thanks and praise to God should be joyfully celebrated and when I meditate on this, God wants us to be joyful in our praise and grateful for all we have because it is the Lord who gives us the air that we breathe, the food that we eat, the water we drink, and the homes we live in.

"His faithfulness continues through all generations", reminds of the Father giving his only son to be sacrificed for our sins. For generations, mankind has turned from God and not obeyed his laws and yet when they turned to God and repented, God heard them and delivered them from their circumstances. Then Jesus Christ came so that he can become our sacrifice so that our sins may be forgiven and we have a chance of eternal life. He showed us how to be obedient and what it means to show mercy and forgiveness. Today, God shows us mercy and patience, waiting for us to repent of our sins and turn to him.

Meditating and praying to God over this passage has made me see all the good things God has done. People are like sheep, we are easily misled and misguided, and he leads us back. This world with its many troubles can put a heavy burden on us and can overwhelm many to despair but if we seek God and let him take control we can live our lives more peacefully. I know this from experience because before I fully gave my life to God, I was overwhelmed, overworked, and had extreme anxiety and that is now gone. I still worry and have anxiety, but I know that God is in control, and I feel so more peaceful now.

It is a joy to give God thanks and praise for his goodness. The Father calls us to be his children and therefore we know we have a God that loves and cares for us. He is gracious and merciful. Even in our trials, he is with us and will not forsake us. I will give God praise and worship with gladness and joy.

Excellent work, Karen, and great text to work with. A pleasure to read and appreciated.