

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

Obedience Beyond Comprehension

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We sing a hymn (#580) Ten Thousand Angels by Ray Overholt. It uses **Matthew 26:53** as it's inspiration. Beginning in **verse 47** we see Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Judas is about to betray Him to the chief priests and elders of the Jews.

Didn't Jesus see this coming?

Could HE have escaped or eluded the soldiers?

Could He have gone in hiding?

YES is the answer to all those questions. Then the next question could be – why? Why would someone let himself be captured and led away to a certain torture and followed by a certain death?

The answer is this – Jesus was being obedient to the prophecies of the OT. Yes, Jesus knew what His destiny would be.

Hebrews 5:8 Though He were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things he suffered;

Let's take a moment and look at the prophecies.

In **Isaiah 46:9-10** and part of verse **11**.

"Remember the former things of old: I *am* God, and *there is* none else; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:.....I have spoken *it*, I will bring it to pass; I have purposed *it*, I will also do it."

God is telling us there are prophecies for the future and they will come to pass. It may be 500 years, it may be 1,000 years but the prophecies will be fulfilled. Make no mistake about it.

My point is this – we have the OT and the NT. We can read the prophecies and the fulfillments. We are intelligent enough to know

that it was not chance or luck that the prophecies were fulfilled. It was through the providence of God. How could over 300 prophecies be written hundreds of years before and every one of them be fulfilled if it was not meant to be?

II Peter 1:21

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost”.

Paul was being held in Rome after a long journey. He had called together the Jewish chiefs to explain and testify of the Kingdom of God. Paul taught them that the kingdom they had awaited was here. The Messiah was ruling though His kingdom was spiritual and not political. In **Acts 28:23** Paul was attempting to persuade them concerning Jesus both from the law of Moses and out of the prophets.

Jesus spoke in **Luke 24:25**:

“...O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:...”

Continuing in verse **27**: “And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he explained unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

Moving to verse **44-47** of **Luke 24**:

“And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

To be continued next week.....