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Discernment Pt 1 discernment of a natural man

This is our first study on the topic of discernment. We establish the meaning of the word discern, and establish three points – (1) A natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God because they are spiritually discerned, (2) a lost man can discern the face of the sky but not the signs of the times, and (3) The Pharisees could discern the face of the sky but not the sign of the times.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. A natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God for they are spiritually discerned.

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Cor.2: 14).

2. The Pharisees could discern the face of the sky but not the sign of the times

“The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, [It will be] foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?” (Matt.6: 1-3)

3. Those in Israel in whom was no faith could not discern between good and evil

“And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end [shall be]: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith – c.f Isa 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Illustration

There are many in this world blinded by the enemy – just as the Pharisees and Sadducees. They cannot see the signs of the times, two examples–

* In Sweden people are inserting a microchip under their skin – in their hand – <https://www.npr.org/2018/10/22/658808705/thousands-of-swedes...>

Questions to think about.

Why are so many in the world blinded ?

Answers from the scriptures

There are both Christians and unsaved who are blind to what is happening with our freedoms world-wide. Whereas, for those who are blind to the signs of the times – that blindness is 100% of the lost and Christians who do not know the scriptures and so are unable to discern spiritual things.

There is lack of discernment of what is good and what is evil in governments around the world, this is the fruit of the evil in their hearts – they see evil as good and good as evil – Isa 5:20 “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”. Let us be vigilant, reading the scriptures to know what is good and what is evil, and what are the signs for us to discern the rapture of the church – something that the natural man cannot discern, nor know, nor hope in.