

Bible Class Notes

1. Old Testament vs. New Testament Visitation

Verse: Exodus 13:21 — *“And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud... and by night in a pillar of fire.”*

- In the Old Testament, God did not dwell within His people. He revealed Himself through outward signs.
 - Under the New Covenant, God lives within believers (1 Corinthians 6:19), and we are led by the Holy Spirit rather than physical manifestations.
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2. Understanding What a Visitation From God Is

Verse: Luke 19:44 — *“...because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”*

- Visitation is not always dramatic.
 - God often visits us through His appointed servants — especially pastors.
 - Many people miss their visitation by looking for the spectacular and ignoring the spiritual.
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3. Learning to Discern God’s Voice Through People

Verse: John 10:27 — *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”*

- We must discern whether the person speaking is being used by God.
 - Many reject correction or conviction because they confuse the messenger with the message.
 - Offense can cause people to reject what God is saying.
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4. The Role of the Pastor as a Constant Visitation

Verse: Jeremiah 3:15 — *“And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”*

- Unlike prophets or evangelists who may come and go, pastors are permanent shepherds for our growth.
 - They walk with us through all seasons — good and bad.
 - Every time your pastor preaches under the anointing, it is a visitation from God.
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5. Hearing With Spiritual Ears

Verse: Revelation 2:29 — *“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”*

- You may come expecting a word on one subject, but the Spirit will speak exactly what you need.
 - God can speak through sermons, children, or casual conversations — if your ears are tuned spiritually.
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6. The Principle of Quietness

Verse: Ecclesiastes 3:7 — *“A time to keep silence, and a time to speak.”*

- Quiet time is necessary for intimacy with God.
 - Silence helps us hear what God wants to say.
 - Some people avoid quiet because they haven't dealt with internal wounds, but silence can lead to healing.
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7. Dealing With the Internal Giant (Unhealed Areas)

Verse: 1 Samuel 17:45 — *“You come to me with a sword... but I come to you in the name of the Lord.”*

- Many believers are still carrying past hurts.
 - The devil will use unresolved pain to disrupt your peace and joy.
 - Healing begins when you confront the pain with truth and faith.
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8. Faith and Expectation in Church

Verse: Hebrews 11:6 — *“But without faith it is impossible to please him...”*

- Come to church with expectation: *“God is going to speak to me today.”*
 - Speak it before you arrive. Faith prepares the heart to receive.
 - The same message can minister different things to different people depending on what they're believing for.
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9. The Importance of Self-Honesty and Correction

Verse: Proverbs 3:11-12 — *“My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline... because the Lord disciplines those he loves.”*

- Spiritual growth requires us to face ourselves honestly.
- If you can’t take correction, your growth will be stunted.
- The Holy Spirit builds us up, and sometimes that involves breaking down false ideas and pride.