1 Corinthians 2:6-16

King James Version

- ⁶ Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:
- ⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
- ⁸ Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- ⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
- ¹⁰ But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- ¹¹ For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
- ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
- ¹³ Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- ¹⁴ 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.
- ¹⁵ But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.
- ¹⁶ For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.

4:11 mystery, musterion (moos-tay-ree-on); Strong's #3466: From mueo, "to initiate into the mysteries," hence a secret known only to the initiated, something hidden requiring special revelation.

In the NT the word denotes something that people could never know by their own understanding and that demands a revelation from God. The secret thoughts, plans, and dispensations of God remain hidden from unregenerate mankind, but are revealed to all believers.

In nonbiblical Greek musterion is knowledge withheld, concealed, or silenced.

In biblical Greek: it is truth revealed (see Col. 1:26). NT musterion focuses on Christ's sinless life, atoning death, powerful resurrection, and dynamic ascension.

6:68 Lord, kurios (koo-ree-oss); Strong's #2962: Originally, an adjective signifying authority or having power.

As a noun the word designates the owner, master, controller, one in authority. In direct address, kurios is a title of respect given to masters, teachers, and so on.

Kurios in the OT was Yahweh, while in the NT the title is transferred to Jesus.

- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 King James Version
- ¹⁸ For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
- ¹⁹ For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.
- ²⁰ Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
- ²¹ For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
- ²² For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

- ²³ But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;
- ²⁴ But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
- ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
- 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 King James Version
- ²⁶ For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:
- ²⁷ But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;
- ²⁸ And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:
- ²⁹ That no flesh should glory in his presence.
- ³⁰ But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
- ³¹ That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

As believers, we know that the death of Christ is the power of God.

They might mock Christ and what he did, not understanding that it is the power of God. <u>Walking forward.</u>

Luke 17:11-19

King James Version

- ¹¹ And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.
- ¹² And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:
- ¹³ And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

- ¹⁴ And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.
- ¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,
- ¹⁶ And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.
- ¹⁷ And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?
- ¹⁸ There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.
- ¹⁹ And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Jesus did not heal these men on the spot, he told them to go and show themselves to the priest to be declared healed.

Leviticus 13:45 King James Version

- ⁴⁵ And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.
 - As they continued ahead they began to be made whole.
 - They went forward struggling, their body parts missing or even falling off.
 - We struggle in life dragging ourselves sometimes to the house of God.
 - As they went forward God's miracle started to manifest in their life.
 - The dead skin started to become alive, body parts started to become whole.
 - Only 1 person came and glorified God.
 - There are people that do not know how to glorify God.
 - Jesus told the single leper that his faith has made him whole.

- The eye has not seen, nor ear has heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man.
- Moses fled from Egypt in fear, and returned as the deliverer.
- David went from tending sheep, to giant killer, to King of Israel.
- We all came to God not knowing much yet we responded to the call and God has made something out of your life.
- You will never know until you say YES to God.
- It take faith to follow God and to act in obedience.

20 years ago we said Yes to God.

Philippians 3:12-14 King James Version

¹² Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

¹⁴I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

I want to encourage you today that you continue ahead, keep your eyes on the mark.

We must not question God and ask why is this happening.

Romans 9:14-25

King James Version

- ¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.
- ¹⁵ For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.
- ¹⁶ So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.
- ¹⁷ For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.
- ¹⁸ Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.
- ¹⁹ Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?
- ²⁰ Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?
- ²¹ Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?
- ²² What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:
- ²³ And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,
- ²⁴ Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?
- ²⁵ As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

God's will is done in our life.

We are not called to question God but to obey and to walk by faith.

Let us pray.