

# Whom Shall He Teach...And Whom Shall He Make To Understand...?



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## INSTRUCTIONS

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## Isaiah 28

1. *WOE to the crown of pride, to the drunkard of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!*
2. *Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.*
3. *The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:*
4. *And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.*
5. *In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of His people,*
6. *And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.*
7. *But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.*
8. *For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.*
9. *Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*
10. *For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line, here a little, and there a little:*
11. *For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.*
12. *To whom He said, this is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.*
13. *But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.*
14. *Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.*
15. *Because ye had said, we have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:*
16. *Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*
17. *Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.*
18. *And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your covenant with hell shall not stand: when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.*
19. *From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.*
20. *For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it.*

21. *For the LORD shall rise up as an mount Perazim, He shall be wrought as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do His work, His strange work; and bring to pass His act, His strange act.*
22. *Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong; for I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.*
23. *Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech.*
24. *Doth the plowman plow all to sow? Doth he open and break the clods of his ground?*
25. *When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rie in their place?*
26. *For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.*
27. *For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon a cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.*
28. *Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen.*
29. *This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.*

## *I. God Has A Plan For Us*

There are only two ways to go – either you go the way of the Lord or the way of lies and falsehoods, and the end thereof is death. There is no in between.

Well, He's having a hard time finding anybody He can teach. He said, *"Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine?"* He gave us the way that He wants to teach us, but nobody wants to do it His way. They want to do it their way.

The children of Israel decided to go their own way. They ended up in strange countries with other gods and they forgot the living God. He's saying to us tonight, "Are we going to let Him teach us His way or are we going to end up like the children of Israel?" The Lord was very disgusted with them. He was very angry with them. Why? Because they did not have ears to hear. He wanted to teach them the right things, so they could enter into His rest. But since they didn't know what His rest was, they could care less.

He said, *"...therefore, Hear the word of the Lord..."* But, He said, they didn't hear. He said, "there's precept upon precept, rule upon rule and rule upon rule..." Somebody said today, this is like the law here. Rule upon rule, rule upon rule and here a little, there a little, but nobody wants to do it. So, He said, I'll baptize them in the Holy Ghost and they'll do it. But that didn't work either. So, He said, "Let them go backwards. Let them go. They're not worth anything. I'll go over here and I'll get these boys out of the streets of the City of Los Angeles, and I'll take all the garbage out of them, I'll teach them rule upon rule, rule upon rule, precept upon precept. They're going to hear what I have to say."

God has a plan for us. We have to get down so low we can't crawl out, we can't even crawl up, and then we begin to cry to God for help. It's like the little boy when his parents told him to sit down, and he said, "I'm sitting down, but I'm standing up in my

heart." That is what we face today. Think about how long God faced it with His creation. Finally, He sent Jesus to be the living example for us. Not only the living example for us, but for us to be partakers of His nature.

How much He stressed it: *"Whom shall He teach knowledge, and whom shall He make to understand doctrine?"* He's making us grow up whether we want to grow up or not. Somebody said to me, "Oh, there's a little child inside of us and that little child has to be taken care of. He said, we have to have psychiatric care to get rid of the pain of that little child." The problem is most people never grow up. God can change us in a twinkling of an eye if we want to grow up. But if we don't want to grow up, forget it. God said He can't teach you doctrine, He can't teach you knowledge because you won't grow up. You're still on the milk drawn from the breast. But He has something for you. He has this rest He wants to give to you so that you may cause the weary to rest. This is the refreshing, yet they would not hear. They would not even open up their ears to it. They didn't want to hear it. They didn't want to do it. They wanted to stay a baby.

## *II. He's Given Us His Rest If We Obey Him*

The Lord is dealing with us today in a new way. He's doing a new thing because He's bringing us into something that He may do His work, His strange work, and bring to pass His strange act. We've got lots of religious people who know it all. Let me read this in Hebrews 4.

1. *Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.*
2. *For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*
3. *For we which believed do enter into His rest, as He said, As I have sworn in My wrath, if they shall enter into My rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*
4. *For He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all His works.*
5. *And in this place again, if they shall enter into My rest.*
6. *Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:*
7. *Again, He limiteth a certain day, saying in David, today, after so long a time; as it is said, today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.*
8. *For if Jesus had given them rest, then would He not afterward have spoken of another day.*
9. *There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.*
10. *For he that is entered into His rest, he hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His.*
11. *Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*
12. *For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*
13. *Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.*
14. *Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.*

15. *For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

16. *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace in time of need.*

*(Hebrews 4:1-16)*

He's given us His rest if we obey Him. He's given us His principle for action if we let Him train us. We can't go out there in action if we're not trained. If you were in the armed forces, and you were out in the front line and you weren't trained, you wouldn't last very long, would you? Neither will we, if we don't allow God to be the One that trains us. If we don't allow His rules of action, we will never be able to do anything. This which God has spoken to us is a command or principle intended as a general rule of action or conduct. It is serious what we have permitted today in the lives of the young people and the children. It's serious in the lives of the adults because they do not have the fear of God. God is calling us to put it very, very boldly.

11. *Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*

*(Hebrews 4:11)*

Jesus is the example that was given to us. It's His temple we live in, and He lives in us. If we've been born again and filled with the Spirit of God, and God has called us, then who are we to think that we can tell God what to do. If you don't appreciate Him, and you're telling Him what to do, He'll vacate your temple. Some of us are so smart, and we think we know it all. You see this "rest" was finished before the foundation of the world. God wanted so much to make a people that would enter into His rest, into His love, into His peace, and into His joy. He longs for it, but only if we do it His way. I told the Lord many times; I mean, I said to Him, I didn't tell Him, I said, "God, let me do it another way cause these people aren't paying any attention to the way You want it done. Just let me do it another way." He said, "No, you have to do it My way."

He wants to bring you into His rest. If you have unbelief you don't belong here. If you have belief you have to obey Him. So He said you must enter into His rest. Now He's given us His Word, which is *quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.* (Hebrews 4:12) Now if you don't believe God can do this you watch out because He's increasing His anointing in this place, as we are obedient to Him.

There's another thing: *"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."* (Hebrews 4:13) If we're going to smart off and we're going to mouth off and tell God how to do it, we better watch out because He's going to have the last word in our life. Jesus not only gave us an example, He lives in us. The more we rebel against Him, the more we're asking for trouble. God's love, God's peace, God's rest is ours, but we have to get it God's way. We can't have it just because we want it or we can go and brag about it. We have it because we've earned it God's way according to His Word. The Lord is speaking to us tonight. We need to realize how powerful the Word is.

I read to you the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah. It says they decided they were not going to hear what God had to say, nor be trained by the way God wanted them to be trained. So the Lord let go of them. He let them go their way. God sent Jesus to be, not only their example, but their foundation so that we have no excuse for not doing things the way God wants them done. He's so desiring that we enter into His covenant

and keep His covenant. He wants us to enter into His rest so that we can go and cause the weary to rest. This is also the refreshing, saith the Lord.

"Today, after so long a time as it is said, *today if you hear My voice, harden not your heart... There remaineth, therefore a rest to the people of God, for he that has entered into this rest he also has ceased from his own works as God did from His.*" (Hebrews 4:7b, 9, 10) Now what is God wanting us to do? He wants us to rest in Him, flow by His Spirit, so He can minister through us. Does anybody not understand that? I don't mean you can sit down and let everybody else work all around you. That's not the rest He's talking about. Or you can go to bed all afternoon while everybody else is working hard out there with the food. That's not what He's talking about. He's talking about inside of us. By us being willing and obedient to Him and allowing His Spirit to teach us His knowledge, His understanding, His grace and peace will be multiplied unto us.

### *III. God's Called Us To Have Open Ears To Hear, And An Open Heart To Receive And To Obey*

What's the matter with us? Do we hear His Word? Do we believe His Word? Do we enter into it? It's a fearful thing to fall into the hands of an angry God. He's been very patient with us. Yes, He has. He's going to bring some that are ready and are going to run and be rejoicing because they know this Word is mighty. It's *quick*, and it's *powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword*. Open your ears and hear it. Open your heart and understand it.

He said, *"He that hardeneth his heart and stiffeneth his neck shall suddenly be cut off."* (Prov. 29:1) If we don't hear Him, then He'll let you go. What is so wonderful is when He tells us how to do things and we know He will not make a mistake. We make the mistakes, but He does not make the mistakes. Thank You, Jesus.

Paul says here in Hebrews Chapter 5, beginning with the 8<sup>th</sup> verse:

8. *Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered;*
9. *And being made perfect, He became the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him;*
10. *Called of God and High Priest after the ordinance of Melchisedec.*
11. *Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.*
12. *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*
13. *For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*
14. *But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*  
*(Hebrew 5: 8-14)*

1. *Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,*

2. *Of the doctrines of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*
3. *And this will we do, if God permit.*
4. *For it is impossible for those who were enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,*
5. *And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,*
6. *If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance: seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame.*
7. *For the earth which drinketh from the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:*
8. *But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing: whose end is to be burned.*
9. *But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.*
10. *For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*
11. *And we desire that everyone of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:*
12. *That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*
13. *For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swear by himself.*
14. *Saying, surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.*
15. *And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.*
16. *For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.*
17. *Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show into the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath:*
18. *That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:*
19. *Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil:*
20. *Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an High Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. (Hebrews 6)*

God's called us to have open ears to hear, an open heart to receive and to obey. We're called to enter into His rest, His peace, His love, and His joy. In us, the Lord wants to be everything fulfilled that He's given to man. But we have to have ears to hear, a heart to receive and a heart to obey. God's called us to be willing and obedient. Tonight we need to search our hearts. *All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction, in righteousness that the man of God may be made perfect, thoroughly furnished unto good works. (II Tim. 3:16-17).*

God is calling us to minister His word by His Spirit. He must bring to us the principles of the kingdom and we must allow these principles to operate in our life. He's called us to bring His love, His peace, His joy, His righteousness and His holiness to the uttermost parts of the earth. But He has to work in us first. He has to make us perfect in Him, but we have to have ears to hear, a heart to receive and a heart to

obey. I pray tonight we will search our hearts and determine and purpose in our hearts that we're going to learn God's way. We're going to learn to follow Him His way – not the way we want to go, but the way God wants us to go.

#### *IV. The Lord Thy God In The Midst Of Thee Is Mighty*

We're not under the law but God has given us rules and regulations and people have totally ignored them. If you try to tell them this is the way, they'll tell you they have a better way. How many of you really want God to have His way? Do we want our ears cleaned out so we can hear every word, want our hearts purged and purified so God can use us? Tonight, I think we really need to come before Him.

One of these days I'm going to minister on the words of our mouth. Somebody came to me today and they were telling me about someone and they were telling me how they talked to them. We need to weigh our words and be careful we have a right attitude because God is going to cause us to answer for what we say and how we say it. There are new people here and we can really damage their walk with God if we don't realize we need to be kind one to another. If we think we can talk anyway to anyone, we are mistaken. The children learned this verse from the day they went to school. *"Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."* (Eph. 4:32) I think I'll make a big poster of it to remind us every time when we think about talking a certain way or like this little boy who decided to answer all the questions tonight when he wasn't spoken to. We need to remember God's called us in His love. I know that you love everybody; I know that, but sometimes they don't know you the way I know you, and the way I forgive you, they may not forgive you. Isn't that right? Believe me it's true.

But tonight I want us to think what God wants us to do. He wants us to come into a maturity in Him so that we can grow up and come out of the stall like the calves. (Mal. 4:2) Jesus has given us the authority to be able to withstand the works of the enemy in this day. Tonight I just want to see you come forth by His Spirit – His way. We need to realize we're a people that God is forming for Himself that He might be pleased with us. We need to realize that He wants to sing to us and that we might recognize that the *Lord our God in the midst of us is mighty.* (Zeph. 3:17) He is mighty in the midst of us. We need to shake ourselves off and decide we're going to let Him sing to us. That's the greatest honor anybody can have, isn't it?

I'll read it to you:

*14. Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.*

*15. THE LORD hath taken away thy judgments, He has cast out thine enemy; the King of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil anymore.*

*16. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion let not thine hands be slack.*

*17. The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing.*

*Zephaniah 3:14-17*

I don't know anybody that I'd rather have sing to me than Him. Amen.

*20. At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity, before your eyes, saith the LORD. (Zephaniah 3:20)*

## *V. Let's Decide To Be Willing And Obedient*

We need to watch what we say, what we do and how we act and let the Lord smile upon us; let the Lord sing to us. Tonight let us realize how much He loves us and we need to love Him with the same love that He loves us. Amen. God's love never fails. We need time to know that He is God and we're His servants. It's in your lap tonight. What are you going to do with it? It's not just a sermon. Let's make a choice tonight to serve Him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and all that is within us. To not only serve Him but to love Him with His love so that His love may reach out to our neighbors and they will know that God loves them.

If we do it God's way, the richest blessings of heaven will come down and strengthen our frail bodies and make us strong. What a mighty God we serve, and He's in the midst of us! So let's just stop and realize that He is here and we don't want to offend Him. We want to hear Him, receive Him and obey Him. For He is our Teacher, He is our Counselor, He's our Guide and He loves us. He's given us His mighty word that nothing can withstand. He said, "*Though heaven and earth shall pass away, My word shall never pass away*" (Matthew 23:35). We're going to face it down the road even if we don't want to face it now. Let's face it now. Let's understand what He's saying to us tonight. He wants us to enter into His rest so that He, by His Spirit, can lead us, train us and bring us into that place in Him where we can be taken by Him to the high places of the earth.

I'm getting ready for a ride, I don't know about you, and I don't plan to go to heaven right now. I'm going to get pretty close there if I ride in Ezekiel's wheel, with the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit! Amen! The work that God has put before us we ought to be rejoicing that we live in this day. Many generations desired it. They read it, they heard it but they couldn't be participating in it because they were in the wrong generation. But we're in the right generation tonight. The greatest privilege that God has given is a new work – a strange act and a strange work. He said nobody is going to say they did it, because they can't do it – only God can do it; to take these temples of clay and change our lives and put in us His mighty Son, filled with the resurrection power! Amen!

His resurrection power is going to do a work that the devil cannot stop. Neither can the wicked nor the rich man of the earth because He's going to bring them to naught. The suffering of the present time does not compare with the glory. We're going to see it before it comes. I believe that the glory which He has put in us is going to be revealed out there to all mankind. Tonight, let's take heart. Let's decide to be willing and obedient and to get rid of all the stuff that we've accumulated that doesn't belong to us and does not show forth His love, His peace, His joy. God bless you tonight. Amen.