

2024-10-20 Priest Ed Mason - Not A Perfect Knowledge - Song and Worship Service Notes

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Clickable Time Stamps

11:58 “Puppet Show” – Pete, Dawn and Jeremiah Peterson (audio not available for the first 40 seconds due to technical difficulties)

47:00 Special Music – “Faith Is” – Living Hope Restoration Branch Children’s Choir

48:18 Welcome and Call to Worship – Elder Larry Cain

53:24 Children’s Moment Book Sharing – “Keep the Faith” – Gayle Dunning

01:08:51 Scripture Reading – Priest Ed Mason

01:11:35 Special Music – “With A Steadfast Faith” – Living Hope Restoration Branch Children’s Choir

01:13:18 Sermon – “Not A Perfect Knowledge” – Priest Ed Mason

Summary

Priest Ed Mason’s scripture reading from Alma discusses the nature of faith, emphasizing that it is not perfect knowledge but requires a desire to believe. Priest Mason reflects on the importance of sharing faith and knowledge with others, addressing the declining belief in God, especially among younger generations. He encourages strengthening faith through reason and understanding the existence of God while urging listeners to live with purpose and obedience to God’s will.

Highlights

1. **Faith is an Experiment:** Faith starts as a desire and grows through action.
2. **Declining Belief:** Statistics show a significant drop in belief in God among younger generations.
3. **Importance of Knowledge:** Equipping ourselves with knowledge helps answer tough questions about faith.
4. **Divine Intelligence:** Nature and creation demonstrate a higher intelligence that suggests a Creator.
5. **Role of Jesus:** Jesus’s life and miracles provide strong evidence of God’s existence.
6. **Life as a Test:** Our existence is a test of faith and obedience to God.

7. **Encouragement to Share:** We should eagerly share our faith with others, especially non-believers.

Key Insights

1. **Faith as a Journey:** Faith is not an endpoint but a continuous journey that begins with a desire to believe. Cultivating this desire can lead to deeper understanding and connection with God.
2. **Cultural Shift:** The decline in belief, particularly among the youth, indicates a cultural shift influenced by secular education and media. This highlights the need for stronger faith-based communities and teachings.
3. **Knowledge as Power:** Gaining knowledge about our faith equips us to engage in meaningful conversations with skeptics, helping to clarify misconceptions about God and religion.
4. **Creation Reflects a Creator:** The complexity of the natural world and its systems points to a deliberate design, underscoring the belief in a higher power or Creator.
5. **Historical Significance of Jesus:** Jesus's unique claims and actions distinguish Christianity from other religions, providing a logical foundation for belief in God.
6. **Purposeful Living:** Understanding life as a test encourages individuals to seek alignment with God's will, fostering a sense of purpose and direction in daily actions.
7. **The Call to Evangelize:** Sharing our faith is a vital aspect of being a believer. By actively discussing our beliefs, we fulfill our responsibility to spread the message of hope and love.