

“Adorn The Doctrine Of God”

Introduction. In Titus 2:9-10, Paul wrote that servants being obedient to their masters would result in the adornment of “the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.” “Adorn” means “to cause something to be beautiful or attractive by decorating” (cp. Matthew 23:29; Luke 21:5; 1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3, 5; Revelation 21:2, 19). We are going to spend our time briefly tonight talking about how we can we make the doctrine or gospel of God into something beautiful.

I. Understanding

- A. If Paul can tell us to understand the will of God, then we must be able to understand the will of God (Ephesians 3:4; 5:17).
- B. In order to understand God’s will, one must have the will to learn (John 7:17). Jesus taught in parables to reveal spiritual truths to His disciples (Matthew 13:10-17).
- C. Through the understanding of God’s commands, we are capable of hating every false way (Psalm 119:104, 128).

II. Respect

- A. We admire the doctrine of God because we realize that God is higher than us in every way (Isaiah 55:8-9; Psalm 119:15).
- B. Moses was a great example of someone who respected or fixed his attention on what really mattered (Hebrews 11:26; cp. Isaiah 17:7-8).
- C. Our respect of God’s word must be so great that if one will not respect God, we cannot have fellowship with them (1 Timothy 1:3; 2 John 9-11).

III. Obedience

- A. In the context of Titus 2:10, Christian slaves could powerfully testify to the gospel by their willing faithfulness and obedience to their masters (cp. Romans 6:17-18).
- B. In the sin of David and Bathsheba, Nathan told David that his sin had given the enemies of God an occasion to blaspheme (2 Samuel 12:14).
- C. Those who are obedient are very worthy to be praised and held up as examples (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 3 John 3).

IV. Contention

- A. Paul was not ashamed of the gospel (Romans 1:16-17), and he told Timothy that he was not to be ashamed of the testimony of the Lord (2 Timothy 1:8).
- B. Elders must be sound in the faith in order to rebuke those who contradict (Titus 1:9-13). Nehemiah was so intense for God’s holiness that he struck some of the men and pulled out their hair (Nehemiah 13:23-25).
- C. Those who keep the law of God battle against the wicked (Proverbs 28:4; Philippians 1:17), but the real foe is Satan (Ephesians 6:12-13).

V. Continuation

- A. After Simon was baptized, he continued with Philip and wondered as he worked miracles among the Samaritans (Acts 8:13).

- B. We must continue in the faith (John 8:31; Acts 13:43; 14:22; 1 Timothy 4:16), and in the love of Christ (John 15:9), but we cannot continue in sin (Romans 6:1; 11:22).
- C. Strong preaching will help brethren continue and receive their inheritance, which is why it is desperately needed (2 Timothy 3:14-15; 4:1-4).

Conclusion. Does your life bring credit to the truth? Does it show the beauty of God's instructions to mankind? God revealed a wonderful plan of salvation, and we get to make it beautiful for the world to see and obey. For a Christian there can be no higher motive. Will you come and take your own part in adorning the doctrine of God? If you want to be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins, or if you have been baptized but have slid back, come forward and respond when we sing our invitation song.