

The Steadfast Spirit

The Spirit of Life - Week 12 (1-26-22)

Steadfast - Firmly fixed in place; IMMOVABLE

-firm in belief, determination, or adherence; LOYAL

I. Steadfast Love

A. “Hesed” is the Hebrew term for “Steadfast Love” or Mercy

B. Mercy stems from a Latin word of “merced” or “merces” which means Price Paid

C. Story of Joseph

1. Genesis 39:21 - “But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.”

a) Hesed vs. Agape - Hesed is based on obedience, Agape is founded in unmerited grace.

(1) While Hesed (steadfast love) is based on obedience it also shows mercy

(2) God shows us Mercy by not giving us what we deserve when we are disobedient (Hesed)

(3) Christ shows us Grace by giving us what we don’t deserve - the Kingdom of God. (Agape)

(a) Psalm 103:8

II. 2 Thessalonians 3:5 - May the Lord direct your hearts to the Love (Greek term - Agapen) of God and to the Steadfastness (Greek term - hypomonen) of Christ.

A. Agapen (masculine for Agape) is the steadfast LOVE of God.

B. Hypomonen - steadfastness, patience, perseverance, endurance,

1. Scripture that uses this same Greek word (11 times in the new testament)

a) Romans 2:7, Romans 5:3, Colossians 1:11, 1 Timothy 6:11, James 1:3, James 5:11, 2 Peter 1:6, Revelation 2:2-3, Revelation 2:19

2. It takes Patience to be persistent, perseverance to endure, and endurance to remain steadfast/immovable

III. Wisdom is not primarily knowledge, but Godly behavior in difficult situations.

A. What are some of those real life “difficult situations?”

B. Seeing leadership at any level not having a biblical world view

C. Stress or anxiety

1. Financial, Emotional, Relationships, Health

2. Jude 17-23 - A Call to Persevere

3. James 1:5 tells us to ask for that Wisdom and it will be given.

a) The Greek term used here for wisdom is sophias.

b) Word study on sophia also translates as clear or clarity

(1) sometimes we simply need clarity for a decision we have to make.

(2) Luke 2:39:40 - Order is key.

c) Once they had done what God asked/Required of them, then Jesus grew, became strong, and was filled with Wisdom.

(1) Luke 12:48

(a) Of whom much is given, much is required. Our God deserves all we can give him.