

# 114.) Was ist ein Kind? / What is a Child? - Parminder Biant 05.05.2020

Summary of the last presentations:

1 Joh 4,20 shows the method to compare something literal with something spiritual.

Paul uses this method to explain the human relationships.

When Adam contemplated God's creation in the nature and the animals, he saw, that every created being had a counterpart, except himself. A counterpart was always from the same species, so Adam couldn't just choose an animal as his counterpart but he needed someone who is equal to himself. When he understood this through observing God's creation, he felt very lonely and he understood that he is not complete without a counterpart.

Adam understood that he couldn't create his own counterpart, but God had to give it to him - a counterpart that he could love and worship.

Ex 2,3-11 says that you should not create your own image nor worship it, but God would provide the image for you, which you should then worship and love.

The first 4 commandments say: Worship human beings, because God has created them in his own image and given them to us in order to love and worship them.

You can't worship God, because he is spiritual. The only way to understand, love and worship the spiritual is to understand, love and worship the natural first.

The last 6 commandments teach you about how to do this and how to behave.

4: "Do it!"

6: Explanation about how to do it.

This explains also the Sabbath which is made for humans to cherish their relationships in the first place.

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What does it mean to be a child?

The Bible says that it's good to be a child and sometimes it says that it's not good to be a child. How can we reconcile this?

1 Cor 13,11 talks about being like a child in a negative way

but Math 18:1-5, Luke 9,46-48, Mark 9,33-37 say: Be like children, which is positive.

So what is 1 Cor 13 about?

1 Cor 13 describes what love and charity is.

Verse 8 says that prophecy, speaking in tongues and knowledge will fail, but love will never fail.

What does this mean?

How can prophecy fail?

We know that prophecies do not fail and God does not lie.

1 Cor 13,8: What does it then mean that prophecies fail?

“fail” in Strong’s (g2673):

to be idle, to be useless, to delay, to be inactive, to terminate

For example: “It’s useless to talk to you.” - means the conversation has come to an end.

Charity will never fail but these prophecies they shall fail:

This means that the prophecies - which are same as knowledge - will cease and come to an end as soon as they are fulfilled. But charity doesn’t!

When the prophecy is fulfilled or has come to its completion then also the knowledge has come to its end, because then you know everything, you are wise.

But charity never faileth, never comes to an end, it never stops.

Definition according to Thayer’s for faileth: become powerless, become unimportant, become inefficient or worthless.

That means: Love never ends and never becomes worthless, but everything else comes to an end when it is fulfilled.

At the moment we understand prophecies only partially and have partial knowledge, but when the perfect love shall come, then all other things will be fulfilled.

God is waiting for love to come to its completeness.

What's the purpose of prophecy, tongues and knowledge? These are the stepping stones to bring us to completion, to unity. Prophecy is like a vehicle to take us somewhere. When we arrived at this destination, then it is no longer needed.

When the concept of charity is perfected and has become to its maturity then the prophecy is no longer needed.

What is meant with the childish thoughts in Verse 11?

The childish phase is love that is not being perfect. Childish thoughts are only a partial understanding of charity. The adult stage is when love has come to its perfection.

Verse 12: We see from face to face in heaven. The glass or mirror is first dark, but when it is taken away, we see the face of God while looking at ourselves. This is then looking at yourself face to face.

Verse 13: At the moment we have faith, hope and charity:

What is faith?

Jes 46,10: Believing in something that you can't see based upon something that you have seen in the past.

What is hope?

Something that you expect to happen in the future.

At the moment we have faith and hope in what?

That the perfect will come and something else will come to an end.

Faith and hope will end or be fulfilled, when I will be in heaven. When I am there, I no longer need to have faith nor hope because it is fulfilled. But love will never end.

So what is it to be a child?

To be a child is to have love that is imperfect. To be an adult means to have that love perfected.

When that happens you will see face to face, you know yourself as God knows you, you look at the face to God and see yourself. The tools (prophecy and knowledge) have come to an end and the love will be perfected.

You perfect the love through prophecy and an **increase of knowledge!**

Once this is completed, prophecy and knowledge will no longer be needed. The love is the perfected and will remain forever.