

Notes for Class 4/4/24.

The Ways of God. Part 1

Steve Jones

Transformative Love of God and Personal Testimonies
`Love of God` `Prophetic Vision` `Spiritual Growth`

📄 Basic Information

- * Date & Time: 2024-04-04 18:25:40
- * Location: [Oasis Bible Training Center]
- * Instructor: [Steve Jones]

📝 Summary

This teaching delves into the transformative love of God, emphasizing waiting on Him for guidance and sharing a prophetic vision for 2024. Personal testimonies highlight the power of God's presence, the importance of fulfilling dreams, and the balance between the Word and the Spirit in Christian growth. Through stories of personal struggles, encounters with Jesus, and missions, the speaker illustrates the impact of pursuing intimacy with God, finding refuge in His love, and responding to His call for repentance and transformation.

📌 Knowledge Points

1. The teaching is a spiritual discourse focusing on the transformative love of God, the importance of listening to His voice, and a prophetic vision for the year 2024, alongside the role of the Oasis Bible Training Center in fostering a deeper relationship with Jesus.

* **Love of God**

The teaching begins with an emphasis on the transformative love of God.

* **Waiting on God**

The speaker highlights the importance of waiting on God to receive His word.

* **Prophetic word for 2024**

A significant beginning portion of the teaching is dedicated to sharing a prophetic vision for the year 2024, emphasizing more miracles, love, and divine encounters.

* **Year of the open door**

2024 is described as a year where many opportunities will arise, symbolized by open doors.

* **Year of the roar of Jesus**

The speaker predicts that Jesus will make His presence more profoundly known across the earth in 2024.

* **Oasis Bible Training Center**

The teaching mentions the Oasis Bible Training Center, focusing on intimate relationships with Jesus and discovering God's purpose.

2. The teaching emphasizes the importance of pursuing intimacy with God, discovering and using one's spiritual gifts, and the transformative power of God's presence in fulfilling one's divine purpose.

* **Importance of fulfilling dreams and prophecies**

The speaker emphasizes the significance of seeing dreams and prophecies come to fruition in one's life.

* **Proverbs 14:12 warning**

A caution about paths that seem right but lead to death, highlighting the need for divine guidance.

* **Intimacy with Jesus**

Jesus' sacrifice enables believers to have a close, face-to-face relationship with Him, beyond mere religious observance.

* **Discovery and use of gifts**

The speaker talks about the importance of discovering and using one's God-given gifts and talents.

* **Transformation through God's presence**

Personal testimony about overcoming fear and stepping into one's calling by embracing God's presence.

* **Isaiah 55:8-13 on God's ways**

God's ways and thoughts are higher than ours, emphasizing trust in His plans over our understanding.

* **Jonah's disobedience**

Jonah's attempt to flee from God's presence serves as a lesson on the consequences of ignoring God's call.

****Importance of waiting on God****

The speaker highlights the critical practice of waiting on God to renew strength and gain divine perspective.

****Matthew 6:6 on prayer****

Encouragement to engage in private prayer as a means to experience God's presence and receive open rewards.

****Living in the secret place****

The speaker advocates for a life lived in constant communion with God, as described in Psalms 91.

3. The teaching discusses the transformative power of finding a spiritual refuge, the importance of a personal relationship with the divine, and the innate human desire to seek approval from a paternal figure, symbolized by the Father God.

****Transformation through refuge and safety****

The speaker talks about how finding a place of refuge and safety can transform someone's life.

****Invitation to a secret place****

An invitation is extended to the audience to enter a 'secret place' where they can have a personal relationship with Jesus.

****Personal relationship with the divine****

Emphasizes the possibility and importance of having a face-to-face relationship with Jesus.

****Seeking parental approval****

The speaker shares a personal story about seeking approval from his alcoholic father and how it relates to a deeper desire to please the Father God.

****Innate desire to please the Father****

Suggests that there is an innate desire in every person to seek approval and be pleasing to the Father God.

****The concept of repentance****

Mentions that approaching God with one's flaws is acceptable as long as there is repentance.

4. The transformative power of God's love, the importance of repentance and transformation in one's life, and the balance between the Word and the Spirit in Christian growth.

* **God's Steadfast Love**

The speaker emphasizes the unchanging and steadfast love of God towards individuals, highlighting it as a transformative force in their life.

* **Intimacy with God**

The teaching discusses the lack of intimacy with God among believers, attributing it to feelings of unworthiness and the enemy's deceptions.

* **Inclusivity of God's Love**

The speaker asserts that God's love is inclusive, extending to all individuals regardless of their identity, including those who are gay or transgender.

* **Repentance and Transformation**

While God loves everyone as they are, the speaker suggests that God calls for repentance and transformation towards a life aligned with His will.

* **Wade Taylor's Life and Ministry**

The speaker shares the story of Wade Taylor, highlighting his humility, obedience to God's call, and the founding of Pinecrest Bible Training Center.

* **Miracle of Pinecrest's Title**

A recount of how Wade Taylor obtained the title for Pinecrest through a miraculous favor, showcasing God's provision and the fulfillment of His promises.

* **Balance of Word and Spirit**

The speaker emphasizes the importance of balancing the Word of God with the Spirit's movement, suggesting that this balance leads to spiritual growth and maturity.

5. The transformative power of God's love and the importance of community in overcoming personal struggles and deepening one's faith.

* **Love for God and Neighbor**

The speaker emphasizes the importance of loving God with all one's heart, soul, mind, and strength, and loving one's neighbor as oneself, aligning with Matthew 22.

*** **Personal Surrender to God****

The speaker talks about the act of surrendering to God, despite human imperfections and the challenges of living a Christian life.

*** **The Power of God's Love****

The speaker shares a personal testimony of feeling God's love from a young age and how it has been a guiding and transformative force in their life.

*** **Overcoming Personal Struggles****

The speaker discusses their journey through personal struggles, including substance abuse and the impact of being abused, and how turning to God helped them overcome these challenges.

*** **The Impact of Christian Community****

The speaker highlights the role of the Christian community in their spiritual growth, mentioning the support received from church members and the importance of being part of a church community.

*** **Transformation through Faith****

The speaker recounts a significant moment of spiritual renewal and transformation on New Year's Day, 1984, which marked a turning point in their life towards freedom from past burdens.

6. The transformative power of pursuing a deeper relationship with God, experiencing His presence, and responding to His call, illustrated through personal testimony and ministry experiences.

*** **Spiritual Hunger****

The speaker describes a deep spiritual hunger that led them to seek a closer relationship with God.

*** **Pinecrest Bible Training Center****

The speaker was inspired to attend Pinecrest Bible Training Center after reading a publication that suggested dedicating time to know God better.

*** **Presence of God****

The speaker recounts experiencing the presence of God strongly at Pinecrest and during a chapel service.

* **Starting a Business** *

Guided by a scripture, the speaker started a vinyl siding business, which was later given away when called to Bible school.

* **Abba Home Improvements** *

The business was named to reflect the speaker's relationship with God as a father and later evolved to signify spiritual home improvements.

* **Sacrifice for Higher Calling** *

The speaker gave up a prosperous business to attend Bible school, reflecting the biblical principle of sacrificing for God's call.

* **Five-Fold Ministry** *

The speaker emphasizes the importance of the Five-Fold Ministry in perfecting the saints and conforming them to the image of Christ.

* **Personal Encounter with Jesus** *

The speaker shares a profound personal encounter with Jesus during a worship service at Pinecrest.

* **Mission in Bulgaria** *

The speaker recounts a mission trip to Bulgaria where they experienced the manifest presence of God and saw many come to faith.

* **Love of God** *

The speaker describes the overwhelming love of God experienced during their mission in Bulgaria and the difficulty of saying goodbye.

? Questions

1. How can turning away from our own ways and seeking God's ways transform our lives, as illustrated by Steve Jones' personal testimony?
2. In what ways can waiting on God and entering into His presence help us discover our gifts and purpose, as Steve experienced with his musical talents?
3. How does the story of Wade Taylor giving up his successful cable TV company to follow God's calling to start Pinecrest Bible Training Center demonstrate the importance of obedience and sacrifice in our spiritual journey?

4. What role does vulnerability and sharing our struggles, such as Steve's experience with abuse, play in helping others find healing and hope in Christ?
5. How can the love and acceptance of God, as described by Steve, help individuals overcome feelings of guilt, condemnation, and failure?
6. In what ways does Steve's experience of intense spiritual growth and encountering God's presence at Pinecrest Bible Training Center highlight the importance of immersing oneself in a spiritually nurturing environment?
7. How does the concept of being a "mansion" for God, as explained by Steve, change our perspective on our identity and purpose as believers?
8. What lessons can we learn from Steve's decision to give up his successful business, Abba Home Improvements, to follow God's call to attend Bible school?
9. How can experiencing the manifest presence of God, as Steve did during his mission trip to Bulgaria, impact our faith and desire to share the gospel with others?
10. In what ways does the deep love and unity experienced by Steve and his team with the Bulgarian believers demonstrate the transformative power of God's love in breaking down barriers and creating eternal bonds?

Quotes

Here are the best 5 quotes from Steve Jones' teaching:

1. "When we turn away from God's purpose for our lives, we are literally turning away from the presence of the Lord. But when we turn to Him, we turn to the face of God."
2. "Jesus died that we could have so much more. He died for His people to have intimacy with Him, to have a face-to-face relationship with Him, to be able to learn how to come into His presence."
3. "If we can get it right, with a balance of the Word and the Spirit, we grow up and go up. That's where we're going, learning how to have that balance and have eagle's wings."
4. "When I know God loves me, it draws me back to Him, to that place of intimacy with God. The love of God is like a rubber band of love, constraining me."

5. "We were all born to be in that environment where the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and God is moving by His Spirit, where students are having an encounter with God, having miracle times where God touches them."

📖 Assignments

1. Read 'The Manifest Presence of God' by Walter Beuttler.
2. Practice waiting on God to discover your 'eagle's wings'.
3. Engage in private prayer as instructed in Matthew 6:6.
4. Go over notes of class and answer questions in your notebook