

and godly in the present age, [13] looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

(Acts 4:32) Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. [33] And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

## 7. Life \_\_\_\_\_,

(Matthew 23:29-31) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, [30] and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' [31] "Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

(2 Corinthians 1:12) For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, ..

## 8. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, (s \_\_\_\_\_)

(Matthew 15:14) .. They are blind leaders of the blind. ..."

What do we need to understand the Scripture?

◆ The B \_\_\_\_\_,  
(2 Timothy 3:16) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

◆ The S \_\_\_\_\_,  
(1 Corinthians 2:14) But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

◆ O \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Hebrews 5:14) But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ Himself,  
(Luke 24:44-48) Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." [45] And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. [46] Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, [47] and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. [48] And you are witnesses of these things. (Matthew 26:64-65) Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." [65] Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!"



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### Dangerous Chase

Jamie Engelking was playing a game of chase down the slope. He was ripping through the gates at a rapid rate for an eight year old.

A young friend following him was doing her best to keep up. This game of "chase" was innocent and fun. It was two kids trying to improve their downhill skiing.

Then tragedy struck.

As Jamie cut too close to a gate, he hit a pole, pulling it out of the ground and causing its sharp base to point up in the air. The young girl chasing him never saw it coming. It pierced her eye and killed her instantly.

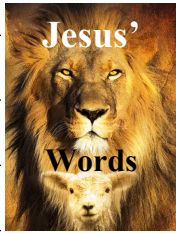
Jamie is now a highly rated Alpine skier. He can slalom downhill with the best of them. His team has named him captain. But he still carries the pain of being involved in a young girl's death. Life often resembles a chase. Much like Jamie and a young friend racing down a hill, you may find yourself running hard these days to get good marks, make great friends, and achieve success. People are leading you . . . friends, loved ones, peers. But who are these people you are chasing? Where are they going? Does the path include dangers like alcohol or drugs?

Jesus Christ gave us wise words to consider when He said, "If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit" (Matthew 15:14). The people leading you may be caught up in a chase that seems innocent enough but leads to a tragic conclusion. Ask Jesus to help you make sure that the people you are following are ultimately leading you into a deeper relationship with Him. -TF

### REFLECTION

- Who are the people leading me? Where are we going?
- How are my relationships helping or hindering my walk with Christ?
- What about those who are following my lead? Am I taking them on a course that will help them?

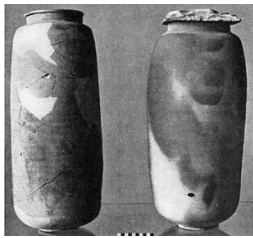




# Our Treasure

In Luke 11:5-8, 27-28, 37-54 there are 8 contrasts between the sheep and the goats (which are all initially assumed to be God's people). These contrasts regard:

1. Prayer,
2. Scripture
3. Depth,
4. Approval,
5. Existence, [last time]



Clay Jars containing the Dead Sea Scrolls

Characteristic	Goats	Sheep
Prayer	Vain Repetition	Perserverence
Scripture	Hear	Hear and Do
Depth	Superficial	Heart Relationship
Approval	From men	From God
Existance	Dead Spiritually	Eternal Life

**(2 Corinthians 4:7)** *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels...*

**(2 Corinthians 4:5)** *For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, ....*

**(2 Corinthians 4:16-18)** *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. [17] For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, [18] while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

## 6.                     burden, verses 37, 45-46

**(Matthew 25:33-34)** *And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. [34] Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom ...:*

**(Matthew 25:41)** *"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire ...:*

**(Matthew 9:36)** *.. He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.*

**(Matthew 11:28-30)** *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30]) For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

**(Ezekiel 34:2-5)** *".. 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of*

*Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? [3] You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock. [4] The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them. [5] So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.*

**(Galatians 1:8-9)** *But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. [9]) As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.*

**(Galatians 5:1)** *Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.*

**(1 Timothy 4:1-3)** *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, [2] speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, [3] forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.*



**(Romans 6:16)** *Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey...?*

**(Luke 4:18)** *"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR; HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED;*

**(Ephesians 2:8-9)** *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, [9] not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

**(Romans 6:14)** *For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.*

**(Romans 8:2)** *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

**(2 Corinthians 9:8)** *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*

**(1 Corinthians 1:4)** *I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus,*

**(Titus 2:11-13)** *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, [12] teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously,*