

# PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON – 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

## GREATER GRACE II

**TEXT** Matthew 13:31, 32

**MEMORY VERSE** James 2:17 KJV “Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone.”

James 2:17 GNB “So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead.”

**OR**

James 2:17 “...if it is alone,... then it is dead.”

### GRACE RELEASED

There are many examples of where grace was released as the children of God stepped out in faith. Grace can be said to be the might of God at work in a man.

#### **Daniel (*Daniel 2:1-49 \*3, 17-19, 27, 28*)**

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that troubled him. He called for some of the wise men to give an interpretation to the dream that he had refused to tell them. Of course they couldn't do it so the king became upset and ordered that they be killed. When Daniel heard about it, he requested for time from the king and his request was granted. Daniel prayed, with support from his three close friends, and God told him the dream and gave him the interpretation. Daniel reported back to the king. After saying that it was God who had revealed it to him, Daniel told the king his dream and gave him the interpretation of his dream. In addition to a number of other things, Daniel's action saved a lot of lives.

#### **Moses (*Exodus 14:1-31 \*10, 13-16, 21, 22*)**

There was a time when Moses was leading the Israelites to the Promised Land and they were in big trouble: behind them was Pharaoh's army and in front of them was the Red Sea. Well, Moses sought God's face and God told him what to do. Moses tapped into God's grace and stepped out in faith by stretching out his rod over the water. As a result of his obedience, the Red Sea parted and the Israelites were able to walk on dry land. Moses' action led to the saving of a whole nation.

#### **Servants at the Wedding (*John 2:1-10 \*7-9*)**

Jesus was at a wedding with some of his disciples. It's good to invite Jesus to be part of what we are doing. When the wine ran out, Jesus told the servants what to do. Grace was available, and as the servants in obedience stepped out in faith with the water they had fetched into the jars, the water became sweet wine. This is what the guests drank and they enjoyed it. The action of the servants ensured that the host of the wedding party was not embarrassed or disgraced.

### QUESTIONS

1. What is grace?
2. a) What did Daniel do that demonstrated faith in God and released grace?  
b) What did Moses do that demonstrated faith in God and released grace?

- c) What the servants at the wedding do that demonstrated faith in God and released grace?
3. What have you (or someone you know) done that demonstrated faith in God and released grace?
  4. Who benefitted from Moses' action?
  5. What five-letter word is important in the release of grace?

## **CONFESSION**

I am saved by grace. It is not my good works. I am saved by grace. I am born again. I am set apart to do the good work God wants me to do. I will stand strong. I am strengthened to fulfil my purpose on earth. I will not grow weak. I am saved to serve and so I do my work well. I do it enthusiastically and with an excellent spirit. My acts of faith are a blessing to my family, my friends, my community and my nation.

## **ACTIVITIES**

1. ***With younger children*** – Talk about the things they do or can do that make their parents and/or siblings happy. For example, finishing the food on their plate; picking up their toys and returning them to the proper place; sharing their toys with their siblings.
2. ***With older children*** – a) They should talk about things they can do that make their parents and/or siblings happy. For example; helping a sibling with his/her homework; washing up after a meal; sharing the gospel with a neighbour; babysitting a neighbour's child.  
b) Talk more about taking a step of faith and receiving God's grace.