

~INTENTLY (146)

[English, closely, fixedly, carefully, attentively, keenly, absorbedly]

- Yes, why do God's people keep paying out money to false religious shepherds, and their corrupt organizations, for what **is not bread**, for understanding, that does not bring them closer to God nor reveal through his word, his unfolding purpose? As a people we are fed spiritually, when we see insights, new understanding, and when God's further will for us is revealed to us more clearly.
- Jehovah's Witnesses did these things many years ago, but now they are a **dry tree**. No new insight has come forth from them for over twenty years. Why do you Jehovah's Witnesses, keep paying out to these men, for what **is not bread**?
- Listen intently to the Son of Man, and you will find what is good, wholesome and true. Let your soul find **fatness** and its **exquisite delight**, in the abundance of spiritual good things.
- Why do you people keep paying out money for what is not bread, and why is your toil for what results in no satisfaction? Listen **intently** to me, and eat what is good, and let your soul find its exquisite delight in fatness itself. (**Isaiah 55:2**)
- Jesus then shows us an example of how God's system of things works, it is to be like the situation with the birds of the heavens. They have no place to store up food, like barns or pantries, still they never go without food. Jesus then pointedly asks; Are humans not worth far more than birds to God? What do you think?
- Observe **intently** the birds of heaven, because they do not sow seed or reap or gather into storehouses, still your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than they are? (**Matthew 6:26**)
- Then, after quoting from Isaiah, he sat down and handed the scroll back to the attendant. Then all the people in the synagogue were **intently** looking at him.
- With that he rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue were **intently** fixed upon him. (**Luke 4:20**)

- So then Saul, who is also called Paul, which is his Greek name, becoming filled with Holy Spirit, looked at this opposer to the Good News quite **intently**.
- Saul, who is also Paul, becoming filled with Holy Spirit, looked at him **intently**. ([Acts of Apostles 13:9](#))
- This man was listening **intently** to Paul speech, and so Paul after looking at him, saw that he had the faith to be made well. Clearly men who exercise no faith in Yehowah God, get nothing in return, for true faith is a requirement for healing, indeed, it is a requirement for all things.
- This man was listening to Paul speak, who, on looking at him **intently** and seeing he had faith to be made well. ([Acts of Apostles 14:9](#))
- So looking **intently** at the members of the Sanhedrin Paul told them that he had behaved as a Jew with a perfectly clear conscience throughout his life, right up to that day.
- Looking **intently** at the Sanhedrin Paul said; Men, brothers, I have behaved before God with a perfectly clear conscience down to this day. ([Acts of Apostles 23:1](#))
- Paul now makes further reference to the Law Covenant and draws a parallel to it. He shows, that when Moses came down from the mountain, his face shone with a glory so profound, that the sons of Israel could not look **intently** upon his face, for he had been in God's very presence. Yet this code of Laws from God administered death, for all men were sinful, and simply could not live up to its principles.
- Moreover, if the code which administers death and which was engraved in letters in stones came about in a glory, so that the sons of Israel could not gaze **intently** at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, a glory that was to be done away with. ([2 Corinthians 3:7](#))
- Moses put a veil upon his face, so that the sons of Israel might not look **intently** at the true glory of his face, which shone with rays of light. This was symbolic, showing that Israel would turn away from looking at the true glory of God, out of fear of dying. Yet this glory

they saw was to be done away with, and replaced with a far greater glory.

- Christians will come to see that greater glory, because they know that they must die to see it, for no man can see God and yet live. They have been baptized into a death like Christ's for that very purpose, knowing that during this life they must exert every effort to remain holy and unblemished before this wonderful God, for after they die, they will be judged, and come to stand in his very presence, and they will see a glory, they could never have seen as mere men.

- And not doing as when Moses would put a veil upon his face, that the sons of Israel might not gaze **intently** at the end of that which was to be done away with. ([2 Corinthians 3:13](#))

- Moses esteemed the reproaches of being the one to deliver his people from slavery, to be vastly superior to all the treasures of Egypt. He looked **intently** in faith toward the payment of the reward, something of inestimable value.

- Likewise the greater than Moses, the Christ, has esteemed the promises of freeing mankind from slavery to sin and death, as riches greater than anything he could obtain by any other means, from this wicked system of things under Satan the Devil.

- Because he esteemed the reproach of the Christ as riches greater than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked **intently** toward the payment of the reward. ([Hebrews 11:26](#))

- Paul now looks **intently** toward the example of the one, the exemplar for all Christians, Christ himself. He is the chief agent and the Perfecter of all Christians' faith. How so? Well, for the joy set before him, he endured a torture stake, and despised the shame men tried to place upon his glorious work before God, and because of this faithful course, he has sat down at the right hand of God in the heavenly places for all eternity!

- As we look **intently** at the Chief Agent and Perfecter of our faith, Jesus. For the joy that was set before him he endured a torture stake, despising shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ([Hebrews 12:2](#))