

An Understanding

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

He said, "Me And The Lord Have An Understanding" This is usually said by someone who doesn't come to church, or have any interest in doing anything for the Lord. They feel that they are special and don't have to obey the scriptures and live according to the commands of God. What zeal that they may have for God is not according to knowledge, but is of their own thinking. When will man ever learn that the ways of man are not God's ways?

Those who worshipped idols made up their own religion and did what they wanted. Those who worship the true God are to worship in spirit and in the truth. God has made it plain that we are to follow his word, not our own ways. He didn't leave it up to man to set the standards of holiness or, right and wrong. The Lord told us what to do and how to live if we are serious about being saved. **Matthew 7:21**, "Not every one

that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Some time ago I spoke with a man who had it all figured out, at least in his own mind. He said that he had studied and had figured out many things about the bible. One of the things that I remember him saying was that all you had to do to be right with God was to take care of your family. Really? No faith in the Lord, no repentance, no obeying the commandments of God, and the plan of salvation? I told him that taking care of your family was a part of what we are supposed to do, but it was only a part. I don't think I convinced him, and I know he didn't convince me.

Once again I refer to **Luke 6:46** where Jesus asked a very important question, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?" I didn't ask, but I'm sure he would have laughed at the idea of going to church. How can anyone think that they can do as they please, and basically leave God out of their lives,

and be acceptable to the Lord? If we read the scriptures we are told to obey the Lord, to be honest, holy, to pray, worship, help those in need, and to observe the commands of God.

I suppose it is not all that different from the churches who basically do the same. Some will laugh at the doctrine of baptism, the Lord's Supper, church attendance, and other things that the Lord has told His followers to do. They seem to feel that they are special and don't have to obey the commands of God. What man has devised as a religion has preference over what God has said. Can any man, or group of men, come up with a way that is better than what God has told his followers to obey? Only a fool would think so. God tells man what to do, and pity the man who presumes to tell God what is acceptable.

Man, going his own way, is what got the world in the shape its in. If the Lord hadn't made a way for us there would be no hope, or help, for anyone. *Jesus said, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46)*. Enough said.

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THE MAIDEN WHO KILLED A GENERAL....

ALTHOUGH WOMEN, IN BIBLICAL TIMES, WERE TREATED AS CHATTELS OF THEIR HUSBANDS—OWNED OUTRIGHT JUST LIKE SHEEP, CAMELS, AND OTHER PROPERTY—MANY TIMES THEY ACTED INDEPENDENTLY, LIKE DEBORAH, QUEEN ESTHER, AND MOSES' SISTER, MIRIAM. SUCH A ONE, ALSO, WAS JUDITH, HEROINE OF THE BOOK OF JUDITH, ONE OF THE APOCRYPHAL BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

THE ASSYRIAN GENERAL, HOLOFERNES, ATTACKED THE JEWS, BESIEGING THE TOWN OF BETHULIA, WHERE THE PEOPLE DESPAIRED OF EVER BEING SAVED. JUDITH TOOK IT UPON HERSELF TO VISIT HOLOFERNES IN HIS CAMP, WHERE HE WAS IMMEDIATELY SMITTEN WITH HER BEAUTY! AFTER ENTERTAINING HIM FOR THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS IN HIS TENT, JUDITH, AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY, CUT OFF THE GENERAL'S HEAD AS HE SLEPT!

AS A RESULT, THE ASSYRIANS FLED—CUSTOMARY IN THOSE DAYS, WHEN AN ARMY LOST ITS LEADER—AND JUDITH WAS PROCLAIMED, FROM THAT DAY ON, THE FINEST EXAMPLE OF A PATRIOT BY THE ENTIRE JEWISH NATION.



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