

WATCH YOUR KIDNEYS

JESUS wants to look at your KIDNEYS! He said, "And all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the REINS and HEARTS." (Rev. 2:23) Why would He do that?

REINS ARE KIDNEYS

No. We are not talking about the leather straps called reins used to guide a horse, even though both words are spelled alike. "RAIN," "REIGN," "REIN." We will try to keep them straight, today.

The word "REINS" is old fashioned King James English for our present day word "KIDNEYS". It is also the same word that Greeks and Italians presently use for "KIDNEYS."

SYMBOLIC NOT LITERAL

Don't let your questions about organ transplants ruin your understanding of the Bible symbols. We are not teaching about the actual, literal, physical organs. The Bible uses HEART, BRAIN and KIDNEY as symbols. That's like saying, BOWELS of mercy. Mercy is the subject and BOWELS are the symbols. And don't mix up your KIDNEYS with your BLADDER. They are quite different.

YOUR SCRIPT

We use "SCRIPT" to describe several different terms used in the Bible such as "GOD's will," "GOD's purpose," and/or "the volume of the book."

WE BELIEVE

You have a SCRIPT to walk out, and so did JESUS. He said, "Lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of me, to do thy will, O God." JESUS, David and Moses all referred to the book (SCRIPT) that God wrote. (Heb. 10:7, Psalm 139:16, Ex. 32:32)

Before the world began, when you were with the SONS OF GOD in SPIRIT, our GOD taught you diligently. He wrote your SCRIPT and you readily agreed to it. Later, when your body was developing in your mother's womb, our GOD placed your SCRIPT into your KIDNEYS. Now, in the middle of the night, your KIDNEYS instruct you with the details of your SCRIPT for your near future. You are happiest when you are following your SCRIPT. The manifest SONS OF GOD will follow their SCRIPTS.

You are a SPIRIT. You have a SOUL. You live in your BODY. Your HEART is where our GOD placed the SPIRIT, the eternal part of you.

KIDNEYS IN THE BIBLE

Here are some things that the Bible tells us about your KIDNEYS.

1. OUR KIDNEYS INSTRUCT US
2. OUR KIDNEYS REJOICE
3. GOD INSPECTS AND TRIES THE KIDNEYS

KIDNEYS ARE REINS

Webster's Dictionary does not give a definition for "REIN" (singular). You have to look up "REINS" (plural) to find "KIDNEYS."

STRONG'S CONCORDANCE says, "REINS," Greek, 3510, NEPHROS, a KIDNEY."

The KJV translators decided to translate the Hebrew word "KILYAH" into "KIDNEYS" when referring to an animal and to translate the same word "KILYAH" into "REINS" when referring to a human. We don't know why.

Scientists tell us the astonishing fact that the average set of human kidneys produce over 200 quarts of laboratory pure water every day, returning it to the blood system. Your kidneys not only produce a relatively small amount of urine waste, they also recycle a vast amount of pure water. Perhaps JESUS had that in mind when He said, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly (kidneys?) shall flow rivers of living water." (John 7:38)

OUR KIDNEYS INSTRUCT US

Psalm 16:7, King David said, "I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my KIDNEYS also INSTRUCT me in the night seasons."

That's a very new thought for most Bible students. Late at night (while we are asleep) our KIDNEYS give instruction to us. We receive knowledge about our SCRIPTS late at night, and we hear from our GOD very early in the morning. "He wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned." (Isaiah 50:4, Jeremiah 7:13, 25, 11:7, 21:12, 25:34, 26:5, 29:19, 32:33, 35:14-15, 44:4, Job 7:18, Ps. 30:5)

The word "INSTRUCT" means to teach by correcting. When you go to bed, ask our GOD to bring peace to your SOUL and to instruct you for your task tomorrow.

DILIGENTLY TAUGHT

Continuing the thought that we are instructed by our KIDNEYS, Psalm 73:21 says, "I was PRICKED in my KIDNEYS."

The word "PRICKED" is a problem. PRICKED is Hebrew 8150, SHANAN, which is translated "TEACH DILIGENTLY" in Deut. 6:7; but it was also translated "PRICKED" in Psalm 73:21. In our present language there is a big difference between being TAUGHT and being PRICKED.

There is no violence to the scripture if we translate Psalm 73:21, "I was TAUGHT DILIGENTLY in my KIDNEYS." And that makes a lot more sense. It uses words exactly as they are translated in other sections of the Bible. (See Deut. 6:6-7)

OUR KIDNEYS REJOICE

Proverbs 23:16, "Yea, my KIDNEYS shall REJOICE, when thy lips speak right things." The interesting context of this scripture describes when a father hears his own son rightly speak the truth. A smart boy can make his Dad's kidneys jump.

GOD INSPECTS AND TRIES THE KIDNEYS

Psalm 7:9, "The righteous God trieth the HEARTS and KIDNEYS." Also see, Psalm 26:2, Proverbs 11:20, and Jeremiah 17:10, 20:12.

When our GOD inspects and tries us, it is NOT to see if we are going to fail. The trial is more like the instance of a mechanic who inspects (tries) your car oil with a dip stick to see if you are completely prepared to succeed. The trial inspection is to help you win.

JESUS could have said, "I am he which SEARCHETH your KIDNEYS and heart, in order to help you win; but if you don't get your act together I may have to change my plan."

HOW DID YOU GET SO SMART?

How did your KIDNEYS receive all of that knowledge in order for them to instruct you at night?

II Timothy 1:9, "Who hath saved us, and called [us] with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own PURPOSE and GRACE, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

Our GOD gave His grace and purpose (His will, your SCRIPT, the volume of the book) to you; now they are yours. You were there when our GOD created the world and everything in it. But, you can't remember it because your SOUL memory wasn't there. You were there in SPIRIT, so in SPIRIT you know everything.

YOU KNOW

That is the explanation of how you have a knowing, at times, that you could never have known in this life. You may have walked down a street in a city in which you have never been before. You knew what was around the corner of a building, even though you had never been there. Or perhaps you knew what someone was about to say, and they said what you thought they would say. But, there was no reason for you to know that. There was no way for you to figure it out. You just knew.

IT WAS IN YOUR SCRIPT

It was knowledge of truth from the SCRIPT that GOD placed in your KIDNEYS. Actually, you know everything. The problem is that you can't remember hardly anything. That's because the facts that are in your SCRIPT are not in your SOUL; they are in your KIDNEYS. Your memory is a part of your SOUL, not your KIDNEYS. So, you can't remember your SCRIPT because it isn't in your memory. But some people have a special gift.

When ministers work in the gift of knowledge they bring truth up from their own KIDNEYS, up through their HEART-SPIRIT, then through their MIND-SOUL and out of their mouth. It is also possible for our GOD to short circuit that path by bringing the Holy Spirit led truth directly to the MIND-SOUL of the Christian.

WHEN DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR SCRIPT?

II Timothy 1:9, "Who hath saved us, and called [us] with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

That makes you quite old (in SPIRIT) you know! You didn't receive your SOUL until you took your first breath. "And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and BREATHED into his NOSTRILS the BREATH of life; and man became a living SOUL." (Gen. 2:7)

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

The dating system by USHER, based on numbers and dates used in the Bible, place the creation at over 6000 years ago. So, you have to be over 6000 years old! But, take note that we are talking about your SPIRIT, not your SOUL or BODY.

YOU ARE A SON OF GOD

Job said, "Now there was a day when the SONS OF GOD came to present themselves before the LORD." (Job 1:6, 2:1)

Job 38:7, "When the morning stars sang together, and all the SONS OF GOD shouted for joy?"

1 John 3:1, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the SONS OF GOD: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the SONS OF GOD."

Romans 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the SONS OF GOD."

Romans 8:19, "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the SONS OF GOD."

Romans 8:21, "Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children (SONS) OF GOD."

STAND UP FOR BIBLE TRUTH!

An erroneous new movement has recently formed a conspiracy to deny the plain Bible truth about the manifestation of the SONS OF GOD. Do not believe people who say that you are not a SON OF GOD. You are (in SPIRIT)! All creation waits for your manifestation, ie., growing up into maturity and eventual presentation of your BODY to the world.

THE DESIRE OF YOUR HEART

But, one of your present problems may be that you sometimes set your HEART-SPIRIT on things that are not good for you; ie., they will hurt you in the long run. Another problem could be that, even though the things may not hurt you, and in fact other Christians do have those things, it may be possible that if you had them it would defeat the eternal plan of our GOD.

In either case, JESUS said that, "I am he that searcheth the KIDNEYS and HEARTS." (Rev. 2:23) JESUS is making a comparison, a test, a trial, is inspecting, what our GOD wants for you in your KIDNEYS versus the desire of your HEART.

If the thing that you are hung up on is addressed by the Bible, then it is probably a problem in your SOUL. At this point we are NOT addressing the need for changes in your SOUL, mind, will, emotion, attitude. You have the power to work on those changes by observing this scripture, "Receive with meekness, the engrafted word which is able to save your SOUL (change your mind)." (James 1:21)

But suppose that the thing that you want is OK in the Bible and is OK for other Christians, but it hasn't been OK for you. Then that test would say that the problem is a desire of your HEART, not SOUL-MIND.

JESUS prayed, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou [wilt] ... He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done ... and (he) prayed the THIRD time, saying the same words." (Matt. 26:39-44)

Note: JESUS asked THREE different times for a change in His SCRIPT.

Paul also prayed a somewhat similar prayer, "There was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord THRICE, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." (II Cor. 12:7)

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Both JESUS and Paul knew that there are some problems in our lives (SOULS) that do not affect the great eternal plans of God. Our GOD will change them to benefit you whenever you ask Him.

But there are some things in our lives (KIDNEYS) that cannot change, because they are a part of the great eternal plan. Changing those things would wreck the big plan.

JESUS and Paul gave us a pattern so that we can find which is which. When what you are praying for is legal, moral, ethical, loving and creative but the answer still does NOT come, how about using that TRIPLE prayer pattern?

Give up on the desires of your HEART if the answer still does not come after THREE intense, sweat into blood filled, Gethsemane type prayers. Pray, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. THY WILL be done, I give up on having the desires of my HEART." (from Matt. 6:10) "I'll drink the cup." (Matt. 26:39) "I'll glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I now take pleasure in the things that I never wanted, but You do." (II Cor. 12:10)

What if the desire of your HEART is so very desperate that you simply can't give up? Then try prayer and add FASTING for 7 days, like David did. (II Sam. 12:18)

What if that doesn't bring the answer that your HEART wants? Then try prayer and fasting for 21 days, like Daniel did. (Dan. 10:2, 12)

Oh, but have mercy! What if your HEART's desire is so very very super desperate that you still can't say, "Thy will be done?" Then try fasting and prayer for 40 days like JESUS did. (Matt.4:2)

If you try all these patterns and you still demand that God change His WILL to the desires of your HEART, then I give up. I can't find any more Bible patterns for you. You might consider that our GOD knows the end from the beginning; you don't. So, most people would agree that His WILL is better for you than is the desire of your own HEART.

However, if you become bitter and give up on asking for a change in God's will or a change in the desire of your HEART, then it looks like JESUS will say to you, "I am he which searcheth the KIDNEYS and HEARTS." (Rev. 2:23) JESUS will start comparing GOD's will in your KIDNEYS against the desires of your HEART. If He finds them to be in harmony, then He will help you along the way. If JESUS finds acts of discord, He'll work on that discord, too. And, I suspect that the way of harmony will have a lot more pleasure for you than the acts of discord will have.

DESIRE OF THE HEART

Someone argued, "BUT GOD said that He wanted to give me the desires of my HEART. That surely must mean that the desires of my HEART are OK." Not really! JESUS and Paul had to change the desires of their HEARTS. You may also.

Psalm 37:4 really says, "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine HEART." Receiving the desires of your HEART is conditional on your delight in Him. And what form does this delight take?

Psalm 40:7, "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book [it is] written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God." This connects your delight with the volume of the book, your SCRIPT.

Delight in the will of GOD means that you take delight in walking out your SCRIPT that was written in the VOLUME OF THE BOOK. When that is true, our GOD will give you the desires of your HEART. You don't get the desires of your HEART when you do not delight in your SCRIPT. But you can successfully ask our GOD to change situations in your life to the desire of your HEART or SOUL, if it won't mess up the big plan.

You may agree with Bible scholars who have recently called attention to the fact that our Bible lessons are progressive, one connecting to another. Some say that we offer uncommon teaching that sticks to the Bible. To this I agree. This is especially true about this new lesson on KIDNEYS. It connects very closely with the tape on the VOLUME OF THE BOOK. I hope that all of our students can take advantage of this cassette tape Bible lesson.

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