

Chapter 11

Doubt?

As you study God's Word you will understand some things easily. The fact that God loves you should be clear on every page. The fact that you are a sinner and need God for life and for holiness should also be clear. But God's Word reflects God's thoughts and not all of God's thoughts will be easy to understand. He says this in Isaiah: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

If God is so much greater than we are, we couldn't expect to understand immediately everything He says, or does. His thoughts are greater than ours. Remember this as you study His Word. God gives us good reasons for believing in Him first and asks us to believe only after

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T'óósh Hoł Naaki Nilji Doo?

Hazhó'ógo Diyin Bizaad bóhojii'aahgo, yee áníngíí biyi'dóó ła' nizhónigo bik'izhdi'yiitjijh ɬeh. Diyin God ayóó'ánihó'nínigíí Bizaad biyi'dóó t'áá ałtsoji' bee bééhózingo át'é. T'áá hó ɓaahági ájít'éhígíí, áádóó iiná dóó t'áá ákwii át'éii binahji' Diyin bídin jílínigíí – díí ałdó' t'áá ałtsoji' íshjáá áyoolíí. Áko nidi Diyin Bizaad éí Diyin binitsékees bee bééhózin. Bíla'ashdla'ii daniidlínigíí éí Diyin God binitsékeesígíí doo t'áá át'é hoł bééhózingo bízhneel'ąa da. Isaiah ání: "Háálá bee nitséskeesii éí doo bił aheelt'éego bee nitsídaohkees da, índa ádanoh't'éii éí ánisht'éii doo bił aheelt'ée da, ní Bóhólníihii. Háálá yádilhił éí nahasdzáán biláahdi hólónigi át'éego ánisht'éii éí ádanoh't'éii biláahgo át'é, índa bee nitséskeesii éí bee nitsídaohkeesii biláahgo át'é" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Diyin nihiláahdi át'éego biniinaa yee nihił halne'ígíí dóó ááníngíí ła' doo t'áá ałtsoji' bik'izhdi'dootjijh da. Diyin binitsékees éí nihinitsáhákeesígíí biláahdi át'éé lá. Díí béenílniihgo Diyin God Bizaad bóhól'aah. Binahji' iizhdoodlaągígíí t'óó ahayóí hóló. Aląaji' góne'é t'áá aaníinii nihá íshjáá íí'í, áádóó índa dashizhdoodlaął nihiłní. Nidi oodla'

making the truth clear to our minds. But religious belief must still be based on faith. Good evidence doesn't remove the need for faith. Instead it makes faith intelligent and well informed.

"God always gives us facts and reasons before He asks us to believe. We know He lives because He is the Creator. He shows us His character by what He does for us. We know His Word is true because things have happened the way He said they would. Yet God does not make it impossible for us to doubt. Our faith must rest on good reasons, not on absolute proof. Those who wish to doubt may do so. But people who really desire to know the truth will find good reasons to believe. They can rest their faith on the Word of God" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 105-6).

When we say that we don't understand something in God's Word, what are we saying? Only that God knows more than we do. Is this surprising? That's exactly what we would expect! Of course He knows more than we do, and so we will have to study carefully what He says. But we can get real help from His Word even without understanding everything perfectly. We can still learn what He wants us to do and receive the blessings He wants us to have.

nilínígíí t'ah nidi bídin jílí. Biniyéii binahji' iizhdoodlaaǵígíí éí doo oodlā bee a'ódlí nahji' kwíidoolííł da, nidi hwe'oodlā' t'óó bee ééhózingo ííł'í.

"Diyin God éí shiinídlā nihiłní, nidi biniyéii bidziilii hóló yinahji' kóní. Bí éí hinánígíí, t'áá ákogi át'é nilínígíí, Bizaad éí t'áá aaníinii nilínígíí – díí t'áá ałtso hazh'óó baa nitsíníkees dooleeł. Nidi háiida t'ahdii doo ajoodlāa da daats'í łeh. Azhā binahji' iizhdoodlaaǵígíí hólóq nidi, ajoodlāaǵo dóó ajoo'íigo naaki ał'aa át'é. Doo iinishdlāa da dooleeł jinízingo, áko t'ahdii doo ajoodlāa da doo. Nidi t'áá aaníinii shił íishjāá ádoolníł jinízingo, biniyéii t'óó ahayóí bik'ízhdoogááł. Áko Diyin God Bizaad yee na'nitinígíí niłdzilgo joodlāa doo" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 105-6).

Diyin Bizaad bií' ak'e'ashchínígíí łā' doo bik'i'diishtíih da jiníigo, ha'át'íí lá ááhyiłní? Diyin éí shilááh át'éego bił ééhózin, t'áá éí t'éiyá. Díish doo bééhózin da? Íídāá' lá t'áá ákót'éego nihił íishjāá ni! T'áadoo bahat'aadí Diyin halááh át'éego bił ééhózin, áko yee haadzí'ígíí łā' éí doo tsíıłgo bik'izh'diitíih da. Azhā ákót'éé nidi t'áá aaníinii t'óó ahayóí Diyin Bizaad bits'áádóó bihwiiizhdooł'áałgo át'é. Bik'ehgo jiināa dooleełii áádóó yá'adaat'éehii Diyin haidooléłígíí t'ah nidi nizhónigo bik'izhdi'dootíıł.

Many doubt God because sin remains in their lives. "When we are proud and sin-loving, we do not welcome the teachings of God's Word. If we are not willing to obey God's Word, we are ready to doubt" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 112). There are times when people need to change the way they live, and not everyone is willing to do that. So instead they deny God. This is not right.

"It is impossible for our minds to understand fully the character or the works of God. Even the brightest, best educated people cannot fully understand such a Holy Being. He will always be a mystery" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 106).

"We are made humble when we realize how wise God is. His greatness and power are beyond our understanding. We should open His Word as though we were coming before God Himself. In Bible study, reason must see a power greater than itself. Heart and mind must bow before the God

Baahági át'èii bił nizhóníígíí biniinaago diné t'óó ahayóí doo da'oodlâa da. "Diyin Bizaad biyi'dóó na'nitinígíí dóó yee nahas'aanii éi diné ádaa dadzódlíii dóó baahági át'èii bił danizhóníígíí doo bił yá'adaat'éeh da lá. Diyin yee nahas'aanii doo bik'eh honish'íí da danízinígíí, doo dayoodlâa da leh" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 112). Diyin Bizaad éi t'áá aaníi nidi diné ákódaat'éhígíí doo lahgo át'éego hinishnáa da daaníi leh. Áko Diyin God biyooch'íid daanígo ádaaní. Doo ákót'éego Diyin God baa nitsízdoookos da.

"Bíla' ashdlá'ii danilíinii, doo nízaadgóó bił ééda-hózinii, Diyin át'éhígi át'èii dóó yee ááníígíí doo t'áá altsojì' bik'izhdi'dootííłgo át'éé da. Diyin éi doo bóhonee'áágóó bił ééhózin. Azhâ diné ła' aláahgo hóyáanii dóó wódaahgo nihoní'íidii jílíi nidi, Diyin át'éhígíí doo ts'ídá t'áá altsojì' bik'izhdi'dootííł da doo" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 106).

"Diyin bibee adziilii dóó bił ééhózinii dóó t'áá hó doo bízhneel'ánígíí baa ákoniizjìhgo, áko ádaa hojjoolba'ígo ádaa nitsídzíkees doo. Diyin Bizaad ąą ájiił'ííhgo Diyin God t'áá bí bich'í' dzizíigi át'é nahalingo, áko ayóo bich'í' hozdísingo baa nitsídzíkees doo. Diyin Bizaad baa nitsídzíkeesgo háni' nilínígíí éi t'áadoo le'é halááh át'éego hólónígíí baa

who spoke of Himself as the great I AM" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 111).

ákozdínóozijí. Hajéi bee, dóo háni' bee, ÁSHT'ÍNÍGÍÍ Ayóó
Át'éii wolyéhígíí bich'ì' yaa ádzaa nahalingo baa nitsídzikees
dooleeł" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 111).