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NEWSLETTER

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ALMOST HOMONYMS



THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE HAS SOME INTERESTING QUIRKS. ONE OF THEM IS THE SIMILARITY IN THE SOUND OF WORDS THAT HAVE DIFFERENT MEANINGS. WE CALL THEM HOMONYMS. I'M CURRENTLY READING A BOOK BY PAUL DAVID TRIPP ENTITLED "AWE." IT REFLECTS ON THE AWESOMENESS OF GOD. SO I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE WORD "AWE" AND WHILE DOING SO A COUPLE OF OTHER NEAR HOMONYMS CAME TO MIND.

CONSIDER THE WORD "AHH." IT'S USED AS AN EXPRESSION OF SURPRISE, AMAZEMENT, OR DELIGHT. I'M REMINDED OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST IN LUKE 1. WHEN ELIZABETH GAVE BIRTH ALL OF THE NEIGHBORS AND RELATIVES WERE REJOICING (v. 58). THOUGH NOT IN THE SCRIPTURES THEY WERE PROBABLY SAYING "AHH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL BABY BOY." THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO SUGGESTED NAMING HIM AFTER HIS FATHER, ZACHARIAS (59), BUT BOTH HIS MOTHER AND FATHER SAID, "NO, HE WILL BE CALLED JOHN" (SEE VS. 59, 63). AT THIS, ALL WERE ASTONISHED! (v. 63). AHH

ANOTHER WORD IS "AHA." IT INDICATES ENLIGHTENMENT. LUKE 24 INCLUDES TWO AHA MOMENTS. THE EMMANUS DISCIPLES WERE RETURNING HOME WHEN THEY WERE JOINED BY ANOTHER TRAVELER. THAT MAN "EXPLAINED TO THEM THE THINGS CONCERNING HIMSELF IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES." (v. 27). A LITTLE LATER AS THEY WERE SHARING A MEAL IT WAS THEN THAT "THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM."

THE SAME THING HAPPENED WHEN CHRIST APPEARED TO THE UPPER ROOM DISCIPLES A FEW HOURS LATER.

(SEE VS. 44-45). "AHA, NOW WE GET IT!"

FINALLY THEN LET'S REFLECT ON THE WORD "AWE." HERE IS A WORD INDICATING REVERENTIAL RESPECT AND WONDER. PSALM 8:9 SAYS, "O LORD, OUR LORD, HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE EARTH!" WHEN THE PSALMIST REFLECTS UPON THE NAME AND NATURE OF GOD HE IS MOVED BY HIS MIGHT AND MAJESTY. LATER IN THE PSALTER IS ANOTHER OF DAVID'S WORSHIP PSALMS. CONSIDER PSALM 145:1-3. "I WILL EXTOL YOU, MY GOD, O KING, AND I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER. EVERY DAY I WILL BLESS YOU, AND I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER. GREAT IS THE LORD, AND HIGHLY TO BE PRAISED, AND HIS GREATNESS IS UNSEARCHABLE." OH THAT I MIGHT GET LOST IN THE WONDER AND WORSHIP OF GOD. OH THAT YOU MIGHT TOO. IT'S AWESOME WHEN WE ARE IN AWE OF OUR LORD.

LOOKING UP!

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