

## **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

## Wólta'ii 11

### T'óósh Hoł Naaki Nilíj Doo?

Hazhó'ógo Diyin Bizaad bóhojii'l'aahgo, yee ánínígíí biyi'dóó ła' nizhónigo bik'izhdi'yiiłjih łeh. Diyin God ayóó'ánihó'nínígíí Bizaad biyi'dóó t'áá ałtsojí' bee bééhózingo át'é. T'áá hó bąąhági ájít'éhígíí, áadóó iiná dóó t'áá ákwii át'éii binahjí' Diyin bídin jílinígíí – díí ałdó' t'áá ałtsojí' iíshjáá áyoolííł. Áko nidi Diyin Bizaad éí Diyin binitsékees bee bééhózin. Bíla'ashdla'ii daniidlínígíí éí Diyin God binitsékeesígíí doo t'áá át'é hoł bééhózingo bízhneel'áą da. Isaiah ání: "Háálá bee nitséskeesii éí doo bił aheełt'éego bee nitsídaohkees da, índa ádanoht'éii éí ánísht'éii doo bił aheełt'ée da, ní Bóhólníhii. Háálá yádiłhił éí nahasdzaán biláahdi hólónígi át'éego ánísht'éii éí ádanoht'éii biláahgo át'é, índa bee nitséskeesii éí bee nitsídaohkeesii biláahgo át'é" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Diyin nihiláahdi át'éego biniinaa yee nihil halne'ígíí dóó ááníłígíí ła' doo t'áá ałtsojí' bik'izhdi'dootíjíł da. Diyin binitsékees éí nihinitsáhákeesígíí biláahdi át'éé lá. Díí béénílniihgo Diyin God Bizaad bóhół'aah. Binahjí' iizhdoodląąłígíí t'óó ahayóí hóló. Aláąjí' góne'é t'áá aaníinii nihá iíshjáá iíł'í, áadóó índa dashizhdoodląął nihilní. 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 binahjí' iizhdoodląqálgíí éí doo oodlą bee a'ódlí nahjí' kwíidoolíił da, nidi hwe'oodlą' t'óó bee ééhózingo úíł'í.

"Diyin God éí shiinídlá nihiłní, nidi biniyéii bidziilii hóló yinahjí' kóní. Bí éí hinánígíí, t'áá ákogi át'é nilínígíí, Bizaad éí t'áá aaníinii nilínígíí – díí t'áá ałtso hazhó'ó baa nitsíníkees dooleeł. Nidi háiida t'ahdii doo ahoodląq da daats'í ɬeh. Azhá binahjí' iizhdoodląqálgíí hólóq nidi, ahoodląago dóó ajoo'íigo naaki ał'ąą át'é. Doo iinishdląq da dooleeł jinízingo, áko t'ahdii doo ahoodląq da doo. Nidi t'áá aaníinii shił úíshjáq ádoolníił jinízingo, biniyéii t'óó ahayóí bik'ízhdoogáál. Áko Diyin God Bizaad yee na'nitinígíí niłdzilgo joodląq doo" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 105-6).

Diyin Bizaad bii' ak'e'ashchínígíí ɬa' doo bik'i'diishtijih da jiníigo, ha'át'íí lá ááhyiłní? Diyin éí shilááh át'éego bił ééhózin, t'áá éí t'éiyá. Díísh doo bééhózin da? Íídáq' lá t'áá ákót'éego nihił úíshjáq ni! T'áadoo bahat'aadí Diyin halááh át'éego bił ééhózin, áko yee haadzí'ígíí ɬa' éí doo tsíilgo bik'izh'diitijih da. Azhá ákót'ée nidi t'áá aaníinii t'óó ahayóí Diyin Bizaad bits'áqadóó bíhwiizhdooł'áałgo át'é. Bik'ehgo jiináa dooleełii áadóó yá'ádaat'éehii Diyin haidoolélgíí t'ah nidi nizhónígo bik'izhdi'dootqíł.

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

Bąąhági át'éii bił nizhóníígíí biniinaago diné t'óó ahayóí doo da'oodląą da. "Diyin Bizaad biyi'dóó na'nitinígíí dóó yee nahas'áanii éí diné ádaa dadzódlíii dóó bąąhági át'éii bił danizhóníígíí doo bił yá'ádaat'éeh da lá. Diyin yee nahas'áanii doo bik'eh honish'ii da danízinígíí, doo dayoodląą da ɬeh" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 112). Diyin Bizaad éí t'áá aaníi nidi diné ákódaat'éhígíí doo ɬahgo át'éego hinishnáa da daaníi ɬeh. Áko Diyin God biyooch'íí daaníigo ádaaní. Doo ákót'éego Diyin God baa nitsízdoookos da.

"Bíla' ashdla'ii daniliinii, doo nízaadgóó bił ééda-hózinii, Diyin át'éhígi át'éii dóó yee áánílígíí doo t'áá ałtsojí' bik'izhdi'dootíiłgo át'ee da. Diyin éí doo bóhonee'áágóó bił ééhózin. Azhá diné ɬa' aláahgo hóyáanii dóó wódahgo nihoní'iijii jílji nidi, Diyin át'éhígíí doo ts'ídá t'áá ałtsojí' bik'izhdi'dootíił da doo" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 106).

"Diyin bibee adziilii dóó bił ééhózinii dóó t'áá hó doo bízhneel'ánígíí baa ákoniizíjhgo, áko ádaa hojijoolba'ígo ádaa nitsídzíkees doo. Diyin Bizaad aą ájiił'iihgo Diyin God t'áá bí bich'í' dzizíigí át'é nahalingo, áko ayóo bich'í' hozdísingo baa nitsídzíkees doo. Diyin Bizaad baa nitsídzíkeesgo hání' nilínígíí éí t'áadoo le'é halááh át'éego hólónígíí baa

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

ákozdínóozijíł. Hajéí bee, dóó háni' bee, ÁSHT'ÍNÍGÍÍ Ayóó Át'éii wolyéhígíí bich'í' yaa ádzaa nahalingo baa nitsídzíkees dooleel" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 111).