

## God Was Not Talking To You Or I In These Verses...

### I. Introduction:

A. Some Scriptures are very obviously not directed toward you or I (i.e. **II Timothy 4:13; II Timothy 4:19-22**).

1. Even when they are not written directly to us there are sometimes applications to be made for us (**Colossians 4:15-16**).
2. Even Scriptures that do not directly apply should still be taught (**Romans 15:4**), **but handled correctly (II Timothy 2:15 and II Peter 3:15-17)**.

B. Making sure not to draw unnecessary inferences (**John 20:14-23**).

1. For example, can you really read **Romans 8:28** and think that everything will always be good if you are godly (**Matthew 20:17-19** and **John 15:18-21**)?
2. What you have to do with **Romans 8:28** is see how the context refers to spiritual things (**Romans 8:29-39**).

### II. Body: We Must Handle The Scriptures Properly (**II Corinthians 4:2**).

A. The “everything will be okay” verses such as **Isaiah 43:2** and **Jeremiah 29:11**...

1. Who is addressed in **Isaiah 43:1-3**?
2. Who is addressed in **Jeremiah 29:10-13**?
3. Under the Law of Moses, obedience to God provided ISRAEL (**Leviticus 25:1-2**) with safety (**Leviticus 25:18-19**).
4. Is the life of a Christian, carnally speaking, promised to be “good” (**John 16:33**, **Acts 14:22**, and **II Timothy 3:10-12**)?

B. The idea that our country can repent and the land healed from verses such as **II Chronicles 7:14**...

1. “My people” was then in reference to Israel (**I Kings 8:16** and **Ezekiel 34:30**).
2. God was talking to Solomon (**II Chronicles 7:12-14**).
3. While there may be lessons to learn from these Scriptures (**Romans 15:4**), there is not a direct application to our country (**Romans 7:1-6**).
4. God’s city and nation is not a physical place anymore (**Hebrews 12:22-23** and **I Peter 2:5-9**).

C. The idea that God will give you anything you ask for from reading **Matthew 21:22**.

1. Isn’t the context about miracles (**Matthew 21:17-22**)?
2. Doesn’t God explicitly tell us we can ask for things and not receive them (**James 4:3**)?
3. Isn’t prayer based on God’s will rather than our own (**I John 5:14-15**)?
4. Understand the N.T. was written during a time when miracles occurred and thus many prayers will not be valid today because they surrounded miraculous times. These things have ceased (**I Corinthians 12:3-13:13**).

D. People who think the Spirit of God abides in them because they misapply Scriptures like **Ephesians 1:13**.

1. How did the Ephesians receive the Holy Spirit (**Acts 19:1-7**)?

2. Since Apostles gave the Spirit (**Acts 8:12-24**) you know this doesn't apply now because...
- a. To be an Apostle one had to be an eyewitness of the resurrected Christ (**Acts 1:22**).
  - b. Paul was the last to see Him (**I Corinthians 15:8**).
  - c. Therefore the Spirit is not given anymore, as there are no Apostles to do so.
  - d. Lest confusion arise, there is no H.S. baptism as we read of in **Acts 2:1-4** anymore either (**Ephesians 4:5**; cf. **I Peter 3:20-21**).

III. Conclusion: Not properly knowing the Scriptures will cause us to err (**Matthew 22:29**).