

THE BIBLE – THE BOOK OF BOOKS

Pluralism is a plague on our society. The notion that there are no absolutes morally speaking and that one idea is as good as another is widely held. The same is true in religion. Most people truly believe that there is more than one way to get to heaven. The Bible clearly affirms the exact opposite (Matt. 7:13,14). Jesus taught, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh to the Father but by me.” Jesus didn’t allow for any alternate plan or way of thinking to receive the eternal reward of heaven.

The Bible is our guiding light (Psa. 119:16, 59, 97, 104, 105). While affirming the exclusivity of truth may not be popular, it is still correct and necessary. This issue of *Seek Ye First...* is dedicated to affirming that the Bible is the Book of books, not just “one holy book” among many. This article will lay out some basic points some of which will be expanded in the subsequent articles.

We Can Know The Bible Is From God

The Bible is filled with proofs of its Divine origins. We need to give ourselves to careful and critical thinking in the area of apologetics (Christian evidences). Paul said to “prove all things” (2 The. 5:21) Not to guess or trust our feelings. We need to be more serious about Bible study and application of what we learn to our lives. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The Bible was given to mankind by God, and it is to be used by man to live acceptably before God. There are scientific facts, and

prophesies that prove (not suggest, but prove) the Bible is from God. Note Tom Moore’s article.

We Can Know The Bible Is Infallible

This point logically flows from the first. If God is infallible and He is, then any book He wrote would likewise be without mistake. The Bible is the perfect revealed will of God. Some people act as if the Bible is a collection of the writings of some pretty good men, who were somewhat misguided or antiquated in their thinking. Anytime there is a conflict between men’s desires and the Bible the attempt is made to discredit the Bible. But Jesus spoke concerning the nature of inspiration. He taught that the Holy Spirit would lead the inspired writers in all truth (John 16:7-16). He led them in what to say and how to say it. No other book is infallible though many claim to be.

We Can Understand The Bible

Some admit the Bible is from God, but then also affirm that true knowledge of its message is just out of our grasp. This idea is extremely problematic. What good does it do mankind for God to give us a book we cannot understand? We are going to be held accountable by this Word (John 12:48). Jesus also connected our salvation to His word - truth. Notice John 8:32, “And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” Jesus did not say we would have to guess about the truth, or have doubt about the “rightness” or “wrongness” of our actions. We not only can know the truth; we must for there is no salvation in any other way (Acts 4:12). We are also to understand this message the same. “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the

same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10). The idea of God not expecting us all to believe the same thing does not come from the Bible, but from Satan (2 Cor. 11:13-15).

We Can Live According To The Bible

One of the joys of being a Christian is the stability of knowing we can live pleasing to the Father. In 1 John 2:2 we read, “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not, And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” While many in the world live in fear of the unknown a Christian has no such doubts. The Bible tells us: 1) Where we came from (Gen. 1:26,27), and 2) Why we are here (John 8:32; Luke 19:10; Gal. 6:10; Heb. 10:25f). A life spent without God is a wasted life. Worse yet the ones who ignore the truth God’s word offers will lose their souls and spend eternity in torment (Matt. 25:30ff). Solomon sums it up, “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man” (Eccl. 12:13). If we fail to gain the true knowledge of God from His word, we will lose our soul. May we give serious thought to the Bible and its importance in our lives.

Michael Light *from Seek Ye First*

FALL GOSPEL MEETING

“Jesus The Way....”

October 26-30, 2008

Darrick Shepherd

Newton, Kansas

BIRTHDAY

Ralph Franklin, 10-01.

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Sunday: Kathleen Camp; Melissa Cole; Millie Robertson (PM).

Allen Scott was released from the hospital and is at home. Dee Adams continues to recover at home from her surgery. Barbara James' Aunt is in the Hoeger house.

Those battling cancer: David Cole, Ledgia Campbell, Betty James and Cleo Stone. Remember these in your prayers along with: Millie Robertson and Allen Scott.

HOME BOUND

Bob Adams resides at Room D-4 of the Johnson County Nursing Center in Olathe. Marion Stone is at home. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

OUT OF TOWN

Chris Edwards was out of town on business last week. The Nemechek's were in Branson last weekend. The James' were at Clinton last weekend. Francis Thrasher visited with friends in Kansas City, KS last weekend. Steve Brown is in Texas to work in the recovery efforts from the storm damage. Debra Gragg is in Illinois on vacation this weekend. Leah Hempelmann is in Owensville, MO visiting relatives and friends.

LADIES CLASS

The Wednesday Ladies Bible class will resume on October 1 at 10 AM. All ladies are encouraged to attend. The lessons will be from the same book as last Spring.

POT LUCK DINNER

Our monthly Pot Luck Dinner will be held next Sunday, October 5 following our AM worship. All are encouraged to come and enjoy the good food and company!

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 40; Sunday PM, 32; Wednesday PM, 28.

Those To Serve

September 28, 2008

BUILDING AND COMMUNION.....Cole

MORNING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS..... George Thomas
SONG LEADER..... Trent Thrasher
OPENING PRAYER Chris Edwards
PRESIDE.....Steve Brown
ASSIST.....Jared Nelson
ASSIST.....John James
CLOSING PRAYER..... Jeff Nemechek

EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER John Cody Carter
CLOSING PRAYER..... Joel Nelson
LORD'S SUPPER.....Steve Brown

WEDNESDAY Oct. 1st

SONG LEADER..... George Thomas
INVITATION Jeff Nemechek

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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