

God and the Bible

- I. God:

A. Acts 17:28 – Source and sustainer of life

B. Rom. 9:20-21 – Has supreme authority

C. Eccl. 12:13 – Worthy of all worship and service

D. Matt. 10:28 – Power to determine destiny

E. Heb. 6:18 – Is man’s only source of hope
- II. God’s Revelation:

A. Religious World’s View of God’s Revelation:

1. 1 Cor. 14:33 – Confusion

2. Rom. 16:17-20 – Division

3. Numb. 32:7 – Discouragement

4. Jam. 4:1 - Fightings

B. God’s View of His Revelation:

1. 2 Tim. 3:15-17 – God’s answer

2. Heb. 3:12-14 – “If we hold fast...”

C. God’s Communication:

1. Scriptures affirm that God communicated with the creation:

a. Gen. 1:28-31 – Instructional

b. Amos 3:7 – Through prophets

c. Numb. 12:6 – Visions/Dreams

d. Heb. 1:1 – Spoke to the fathers

e. Heb. 1:2 – “these last days spoken unto us by his Son”

2. Jn. 1:1, 14, 17 – “grace and truth came through Jesus Christ”

a. Jn. 12:46 – “I am come a light into the world”

b. Jn. 20:30-31 – “that believing ye may have life in his name”

c. Rom. 1:16-17 – The gospel is the power of God unto salvation.
- Speaking where the Bible Speaks
- What caused the division that existed between the Sadducees and Pharisees? Doctrine, Practice or Both

“When Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees: touching the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees; and the assembly was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit; but the Pharisees confess both. And there arose a great clamor: and some of the scribes of the Pharisees part stood up, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: and what if a spirit hath spoken to him, or an angel? And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should be torn in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the castle.” (Acts 23:6-10). ret



Conflict

We live in a society where conflict seems to be growing. Whether online, in the local paper, or on the daily news stations: thefts, assaults, and homicides are a common topic of interest.

As a result of these Conflicts, there exists a need to find a Resolution, i.e., “the act of finding an answer or solution to a conflict, problem...an answer or solution to something” (Webster’s), in order to establish peace among those involved.

Jesus said, “Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison” (Matt. 5:25). ret
- Speaking where the Bible Speaks
- I heard of a young lady that said, “That’s the truth! I’m almost sure of it.”

That seems to be the way that many approach their spiritual welfare. They, like many, believed the first story they were told. They were given assurance that the speaker had been called by God: as has been affirmed, * “Ultimately, the call to preaching is a spiritual and emotional journey that requires a commitment to the work of ministry. It is a call that involves a sober and informed commitment to the work of ministry and the affirmation of one's gifts and character by a local church.” Therefore, whatever they speak is under the control of the Holy Spirit.

What do the scriptures say about being called? The apostle Paul affirms, “But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, for that God chose you from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: whereunto he called you through our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thess. 2:13-14).

If a man is “called by God to preach,” why must that same man be approved by the congregation before his calling is ratified? Ret

(* The source quote is without a specific reference, but those who practice it know of its truth)



Rejecting Human Wisdom

Following human wisdom is a blight upon the man of God’s character. If we are truly seeking God’s will, then man’s “think so’s,” “it seems to me,” or, “I don’t see anything wrong with it” will have no bearing on the word. The Psalmist affirmed his confidence in God, saying, “Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Thy commandments make me wiser than mine enemies; For they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers; For thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, Because I have kept thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, That I might observe thy word. I have not turned aside from thine ordinances; For thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: Therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And light unto my path. I have sworn, and have confirmed it, That I will observe thy righteous ordinances” (119:97-106). ret



Importance of Wisdom

When the counselors of Hanun, king of Ammon, told him “David sent his servants unto thee to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it” (2 Sam. 10:1-19), thus, a war ensued, which resulted in the defeat of Ammon. As you journey through life, and your counselors counsel you concerning the actions of others, it may do you well to think twice before responding in an aggressive manner, and to make wise decisions concerning where you seek counsel. Solomon said, “Walk with wise men, and thou shalt be wise; But the companion of fools shall smart for it” (Proverbs 13:20).

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BELIEF	KNOWLEDGE	CONVICTION
FAITH	BROTHER	HEARING
SOURCE	LIFE	SUPREME
AUTHORITY	WORTHY	WORSHIP
SERVICE	POWER	HOPE
DEITY	RELIGION	HOLY
METHOD	HUMAN	AFFIRM
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SPOKE	FATHERS	LIGHT
GRACE	TRUTH	SPIRIT
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With Him is

Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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Weekly Reading

Psalm 29:1-11; 30:1-12

Psalm 32:1-11; 33:1-22



Luke 16:19-31

Your Choice
Choose Wisely



Revelation 4:4

Among the Pharisees, in rabbinic tradition, “There is joy before God when those who provoke Him perish from the world” (Edersheim 256). Jesus said, “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and his neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine righteous persons, who need no repentance” (Lk. 15:4-7). ret