

The Truth of God IV

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As we saw in our last article, truth is not in what someone believes to be true, even though they might believe it with all of their heart. Spiritual truth is not based on man's opinion, or in man's religion or religious traditions that have been fabricated by man at one point or another. It is based on what God says in His Word, regardless whether man believes in God or not.

Because of that we must "always" go to the source of all spiritual truth, which is the Bible. If anyone wants to know any truth about God, they are not to go to man's books, or opinions. They need to go directly to the Word of God, the Bible.

As we saw in our last article, Jesus Himself believed that the Scriptures in His time, which was the Old Testament was indeed the Word of God. The Apostles also believed the Scriptures to be the Word of God also, as 2 Timothy 3:15-17 says; "And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 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."

Since the Apostles believed the Bible to be the Word of God, they used it and reasoned out of it (see Act 1:15-16, 2:15-16, 3:18, 21, 24, 10:42-43, 13:29, 17:2-3, 24:14, 26:22). Since the Apostles themselves used the Scriptures to reason out of them, why can't we? Why can't man be allowed to question what their preacher, teacher, pastor, or priest says on Sunday mornings?

The author of Hebrews wrote in Hebrews 1:1-2a "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son..." The Father who spoke to the fathers by the prophets has now spoken unto us through His Son Jesus Christ. The Father confirmed this over and over again (see Matthew 3:17, 17:5).

It took about 2000 years for God to give His revelation to man. But now in His Son Jesus Christ we have His full revelation. Once again, if we want to know anything about God, we must now look to Jesus. If we want to know what God says in any matter, we must now look to Jesus. Anything that God has wanted man to know has now been revealed to man through His Son Jesus Christ.

This means that there are no new revelations for man. No one can ever discover something new about God apart from what is already revealed through Scripture and through His Son Jesus Christ. It doesn't matter if the pastor from the pulpit says that God has just revealed something to him, or even if the priest says that their traditions are equal in authority to God's Word. What matters is what the Bible says and not what man says or even in what he believes in.

Unfortunately throughout the last 1600 to 1700 hundreds years the Catholic Church kept people from learning the Word of God. That is why they would burn thousands of Bibles, and at times burn those who possessed them as well. On the same level, many Christian denominations of today are guilty of the same thing. Instead of teaching the Word of God chapter by chapter, book by book, and verse by verse, they give 'feel good' messages by using one or two verses throughout the sermon. I believe that the reason that some pastors do not teach the Word is because of their lack of study. They would rather wait to see what the Holy Spirit apparently has to say. And that is why they run up and down and sweat up a storm while screaming their sermons.

Let us not be people that quickly believe what we hear. Or else we would be buying ocean front properties in Arizona without ever looking at the property. Let us be people who have a great amount of passion for the truth of God which is found in the Word of God alone. The Old and New Testament believers had such passion. Why shouldn't we? The truth of God is in the Bible.

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