**Elders** Schooley 318-396-7296 ~ ~18-547-4026 WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED Hear the Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17). 3:3; 24:47; 1:16; Acts 18:8; (Matt. 10:32, 33).

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# By the Numbers:

Week of 2/10/19

Contribution - \$2318

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Classes — 36 Sunday Worship\* — 63 Wednesday Night — 42

\*Total for the day

### Bible Trivia Question



Last Week's Answer: Childish things (1 Cor. 13:11).

Q: What did Paul say was the purpose of the various spiritual (miraculous) gifts?

Answer to be given next week!

### Sermon Spotlight:

AM - Teach Us to Number Our Days

- 1) What is a life well lived?
- 2) How can we live in order to minimize regrets at the end of our lives?

PM - The Abundant Life

1) Many "prosperity preachers" promise an abundant life, but how can we truly have an abundant life?

## THE BEACON OF TRUTH

February 17, 2019

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17

# Satan's Four Lies About the Bible

Editorial — House to House, Heart to Heart

Note: The following is the second in a series of three excerpts from the House to House, Heart to Heart article. The full article can be found at https://housetohouse.com/satans-4-lies-about-the-bible/.

### THE BIBLE IS TOO OLD TO MATTER

Some pass judgment on the Bible as an outdated document with superstitious bias. Atheist John Loftus wrote, "Let's just face it. The Bible and the people who produced it were barbaric and superstitious. The only redeeming qualities about the Bible or the Christian tradition are those things that civilized people agree with them about, and hence they are irrelevant to modern scientifically literate people." Ian McKellen said, "I have often thought the Bible should have a disclaimer in the front saying that it is fiction."

Others see the Bible as an old map. If you were driving your grandfather's old pickup truck and found a map under the seat, you would not use it on a vacation to Florida. If it was printed before 1960, then it would not even have most interstate highways. Some see the Bible like that. The Old Testament is about 3,000 years old; the New Testament about 2,000. The world has changed since Moses parted the Red Sea, David took down Goliath, and Jesus died on the cross. How could a book written before computers, moon-landings, terrorism, automobiles, evolutionary theory, airplanes, nuclear bombs, and cloning still be relevant?

The French philosopher Voltaire (1694–1778) boasted that the Bible would soon disappear from public life. Abraham Lincoln said, "In regard to this Great Book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book." In the 1960s liberal theologians said God was dead. Voltaire thought it irrelevant in the eighteenth century. Lincoln thought it relevant in the nineteenth. Loftus, McKellen, and the theologians thought it obsolete in the twentieth.

In the twenty-first century, the Bible is still around, the God-is-dead movement died, and the influence of Voltaire, Loftus, and McClellan is small in comparison to Lincoln and the Bible. Why is the Bible still relevant? Because God wrote it (2 Peter 1:20–21). (cntd. on pg. 2)

# <u>NEWS AND NOTES</u> TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYER**

Margie Tippen — Regina Simmons — Wanda Hendrix — Marcia Green — Jerry Tippen — Ruby Weaver — Wendy Traweek — Tim Green — Harold Myers — Joy Skipper — John & Ruth Coston — Stetson Ortega — Lindy Brown — Kaitlyn Wilson — Kathy Lawrence — Debbie Grice — John Motherspaugh — Virginia Wainwright

### OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Monthly Fellowship Meal Please note that last night's Valentines Banquet took the place of this month's fellowship meal.
- Youth & Young Adults Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers (If you would like to help with or host a get-together, please let Chase know)

### (Continued from page 1)

It was written in ancient times, but the ever-present I AM designed it for all generations (Matthew 24:35; Exodus 3:14). It is "once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3). It gives man all he needs in every generation till the end of time (2 Timothy 3:16–17; Revelation 22:18–19).

Its continual freshness is evidence of its inspiration. Truth does not change. It reads the same today as it did yesterday, and as it will tomorrow. Without God behind it, the Bible surely would have become hopelessly obsolete long ago. Yet it has not. If the earth is still here two thousand years from now, current science books will be antiquated, but the Bible will still be in use. "The word of the Lord endures forever" (1 Peter 1:25).

All of God's works are timeless. The food God created thousands of years ago still satisfies today. Air still goes in and out of our lungs twenty times a minute. Sexual intercourse still makes babies (Genesis 4:1). Fire still keeps man warm and water still quenches thirst. Likewise, the Bible is the soul's food (Matthew 4:4); what air is to lungs Scripture is to souls (Psalm 119:97); its message keeps us warm and satisfied (Jeremiah 23:29). It is the only weapon Satan fears (Matthew 4:1–11), the only remedy for sin's disease (Psalm 103:3), and the only map to heaven's treasure (John 14:6).

The Bible is relevant because it works. Its message fills the void in every heart, regardless of status (2 Timothy 3:17). Its power changes lives and translates people from the power of darkness (Romans 1:16; 12:1–2; Colossians 1:13). In a world full of anger, anxiety, discord, and disillusionment, the Bible's message of hope, peace, respect, and forgiveness resonates.

### Be Careful Chase Green

"Be careful little eyes what you see... Be careful little ears what you hear... Be careful little mouths what you say... Be careful little hands what you do... Be careful little feet where you go... For the Father up above is looking down with love, so be careful little what you ."

These are the lyrics to a song we teach our toddlers in order to show them the important concept that God is always watching. "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3).

We as adults need to take note of what this song is teaching, too. God sees everything we do. He is making notes, if you will, and one day the things that we have done in this body will be the things by which we are judged (John 5:28-29). We must live our lives in such a way that our names are not blotted out of the Lamb's book of life (Psa. 69:28; Rev. 3:5; Rev. 20:15).

A spiritually wise Christian takes thought before viewing anything with his eyes. There is much available by way of the media, print, and the internet that Christians have no business viewing. Would the things I'm viewing cause the Lord to blot my name out of the book of life?

A spiritually wise Christian takes thought before hearing anything with his ears. There is much available on the radio today to which a Christian has no business listening. Would the things I'm listening to cause the Lord to blot my name out of the book of life?

A spiritually wise Christian takes thought before speaking. There is much in the collective vernacular that a Christian has no business saying. Would the things I'm saying cause the Lord to blot my name out of the book of life?

A spiritually wise Christian takes thought before doing anything. There is much that the world does in the name of entertainment, pleasure, business, friendship, etc. that the Christian has no business doing. Would the things I'm doing cause the Lord to blot my name out of the book of life?

A spiritually wise Christian takes thought before going anywhere. There are many places in which the world spends time to which a Christian has no business going. Would the places I'm visiting cause the Lord to blot my name out of the book of life?

These are all things we as Christians need to consider carefully on a daily basis. We need to heed Psalm 1:1-6, which says: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

1 Cor. 1:21

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