

The Centrality of the Word of God

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The Bible is the only source of truth and wisdom, and it is the foundation of our faith.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker criticizes a woman who distorts and adds to God's word, using emotional experiences and pantheistic ideas that are not supported by the Bible. The speaker also mentions the desire for entertainment in the conservative church, particularly among young people. They briefly discuss the history of the Bible, including its canonization and translation into multiple languages. The speaker emphasizes the importance of the Word of God and warns against relying on external experiences or music to determine one's salvation.

Transcript

I'd like to read Luke chapter 10 verse 22 before we pray. Luke chapter 10 verse 22. You know, the Bible says in John, I am the way, the truth, and the life.

No man cometh unto the Father but by me. And then I think it's in Corinthians it says, There's no name given unto heaven whereby men might be saved in the name of Jesus Christ. That's very important.

In Luke chapter 10 verse 22 we read, All things are delivered to me of my Father, and no man knoweth who the Son is but the Father, and who the Father is but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him. Now in the Bible you'll find that there's very definite ways in which we can experience God. We pray and come to God through Jesus Christ.

We come to God through Jesus Christ. We do not come to Jesus through the Father. We do not come to God through the Holy Spirit.

We come to God through Jesus Christ. And we might reason as men and say we should have other ways of coming to God. And we might have other ways in our quiet time of experiencing God.

But the way that the Bible is set forth is the only way in which we can meet and experience God. That's very important because nowadays you'll find many, many, many books going around in conservative circles, in evangelical circles, in which you experience God in other ways outside of which God has meant

us to experience God. And that's why it's important for us to come back to this, the Word of God, as the foundation in context.

Many of these books have lots of verses, but in context of what it is to be a Christian and what we may and what we may not experience as Christians. Now I'm going to go over to prayer. I'd just like to get my verses up.

Let us pray. Father, I just thank Thee for this blessed old book which I hold in my hand, which is true from beginning to end. It's a light on our pathway in a world of darkness and lies.

And Father, I just ask Thee that through this sermon You would speak to me and to others on the importance of not taking Thy Word lightly, or as a thing like a doll or a toy that a child plays with, as if we can do what we want with it, but that it is of no private interpretation, and that we have to really be careful with the Word of God. Come in this meeting, dear Father. We beg for Thee.

I can do nothing without Thee, as John chapter 15 says. What nation is so great as our nation is? As God is so near as our God is in all things which we call upon Him for. I call upon You in Thy mercy upon Thy weak servant.

And Your strength is made perfect in weakness that You would come in this meeting and speak to our hearts and destroy lies. In Jesus Christ's name, Amen. In John chapter 5 verse 39 it reads, Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think that ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me.

Jesus Christ was speaking. He was saying, this Bible, this Word, in those days the Old Testament, cannot save you. It cannot give you eternal life.

This Book in and of itself, outside of Jesus, cannot give you eternal life, though you read it a hundred thousand times. But then we read in 2 Timothy 3 verse 15, when Paul speaks to Timothy, he 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. The Bible teaches very clearly that the Scriptures themselves are not the way to God, but the Jesus of the Scriptures, that which the Scriptures teach.

This wonderful Book, though it cannot save us, can teach us of Jesus Christ, introduce us to Jesus Christ, and we can be saved through faith in Him. And when we are saved, we experience what John chapter 3 verse 3 says, is the new birth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Unless you know Jesus, you don't have life. Now, one of the most amazing things that happens when we are saved, at that moment, when you become a Christian, is something that the Bible talks of in 2 Corinthians chapter 3 verse 14 to 16. It talks of the Jews which were unsaved, but their minds were blinded.

For until this day remained the same veil, untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament, which veil is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless, listen carefully, when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

Let me repeat, this scripture cannot save you. But it talks and can make you wise unto salvation. It can show you where you stand before God, and what you've done, and what you have to do to be saved, and what you have to receive to be saved, in Jesus Christ.

But when you're born again, this book changes. Before you were saved like the Jews, there was a veil on your heart, and reading the scriptures, literally it was a dry book to you. Yes, you got excited about David killing Goliath, and all those wonderful stories.

But it wasn't that God shone His light upon the scriptures, and you had illumination, understanding, concerning the simple truths of scriptures. But the day you're saved, the day that you're saved, according to the scriptures, when you shall turn to the Lord, that's salvation, the veil is taken off your heart. D.L. Moody said, there came a day, when I was reading the scripture, and he said, it was the driest book on earth to me.

He said, but the next day it was alive. And I know what had happened. I had been born of God.

But first, I had to surrender. Charles Spurgeon said, that if the Bible is dry to you, then you will be dry one day in hell. Because the veil is still in your heart.

It's a very clear teaching of scripture. But then after salvation, we read in 1 Peter 2, verse 2, as newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word of God, that He may grow thereby. And we're commanded that we're not just to, after salvation, to know that the Bible is a new book to us, but we're to desire it, we're to spend time with it, and it's to be the sincere milk of the word of God.

The word sincere means unadulterated, uncorrupted. You know, many churches, in fact, every church I've ever been to, that is liberal, or that has strange experiences, they use the scriptures. The scriptures is everywhere.

Even our president, just before he voted into law, or signed into law, that gays were allowed to marry, at the same time, just before all the Christians were excited, because he started quoting scripture. The devil is not afraid of scripture out of context. In fact, he loves it.

He uses it himself. But, as you'll see in the Bible, in 2 Timothy 4, verse 2-3, we read, Timothy is told, "...preach the word, be instant, in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering." In other words, don't bash people on the head, for the sake of bashing them on the head. "...and doctrine, forbearance, fortitude, patience, for the time will come when they will not endure a sound doctrine more often than their own lusts, shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, tickled, scratched ears." There's coming a time in the church, when everywhere, there will be people heaping unto themselves teachers, preachers, ministers of churches, and on the television and so on, which tickle their ears.

In other words, these preachers tell them what they want to hear, with Bible verses, but not the word of God, unadulterated, in context, as it stands, and what it means. You know, I remember reading a story years back, and it's a true story of the 1800s, of a man who went to India as a missionary, and he was on this ship, and he had many, many books, hundreds of books, I think he had 300 books, and he had his Bible, and he thought he needed all this to be a missionary, and he was on the ship they were going, and eventually they came into a big storm, and there were rocks, and the ship was smashed, and he somehow got to shore after swimming, and when he got to shore, he sat there, and I think all the other people died, but he was so grieved, but one of the things that really grieved him as he looked there on the shore was, he'd lost his books. How on earth can I be a missionary without all my books? You know, God has a sense of humor.

Air in the waves came some debris, and of all his books, of all his hundreds of books, not one book came to shore, except floating his Bible. And then he took his Bible, and he started a church, after learning the language of the tribe right there, and he started a church, and I think in a few years, there was over a thousand people in that church, just with the Bible. Now, I'm not preaching against books.

I love reading books, but isn't that a wonderful lesson? The centrality of what people need to know is the Bible. You know, in India, last year, I went for three weeks to India on a little mission trip, and I found the people there just as ignorant as in Africa, as far as the Gospel goes, and even more in some places. We went up into the Himalayas, me and my wife and a few other people, and I remember going up there in the hills, and we used to, every day, take different hills, and walk up the hills, and find these little tribes, and you'd be amazed how many dialects there are in every single hill.

You walk 200 yards, and you'll find a tribe or group of people that don't know how to speak with the people that live 200 yards away. And sometimes we'd stand there, and as we preached to a little family sitting in front of us, we'd have five different interpreters, because we'd gather a few people from the village, and we'd have our interpreter, who knew about seven languages, and we'd speak, and that person would interpret to another language, which the next person knew, and that person would interpret to the next person, because he happened to know two of their languages, and eventually it got to the people in front of us as best as it could. Amazingly, I remember one man.

Most people up there don't know the name of Jesus Christ. They don't know about Adam and Eve. They don't know about Noah and the Ark.

They don't know the things that we are taught from childhood, and don't realize how privileged we are to know. I remember one man standing up there, and his face was so excited. He wasn't a Christian, but his face was so excited, because he said, you know, I've heard this thing before.

He said, there's that person you mentioned, Jesus. I was once listening on the radio up there. Somehow they get the radio up in the mountains, and I heard the name Jesus, so I know about this.

And that's all that they know. And I thought to myself, as we brought a few Bible stories to them, perhaps this five minutes that we bring to these people is the only five minutes of the Bible that they will ever experience in their entire life. Still, some people don't realize how precious it is to have this book in their hands.

In England, I remember when I went to England a few times, I used to go on the streets and try to do street witnessing and so on, and go where Gilmany used to preach and so on there, and I remember going in the streets, and I found a few young people, and I said, can we play soccer? And so I played soccer with them. And afterwards, I tried to speak to them about Jesus Christ, and I was amazed. Apart from the fact that, like normal Americans, they use Jesus Christ as a swear word, that seemed to be the only thing they knew.

They knew nothing. In the land of John Wesley, Charles Spurgeon, Tyndall, Whitcliffe, they knew nothing. And only about three to four percent of England goes to church.

I remember walking on Sunday down the street, looking for a church, and this one area was in England, and I start asking people, and they say, well, there's a Catholic church down there, so I don't want that. And is there any church that preach the Bible? No, we don't know what you mean, but there's an Anglican

church down there. So I thought, well, I'm going to try out the Church of England, the Anglican church.

I don't like that, but I'll go down there. And I walked, and I came to this Anglican church. It was the best I could do.

I walked up the steps, and I was late. And there was a lady and a few little people sitting in the church. And I remember looking at this lady, and I say, well, I'm late.

I'm sorry, but did you have another meeting this week? You know, a prayer meeting, anything meeting? Do you read out of the Bible? She looked at me as if I was mad. She was amazed. Old lady with wrinkled face.

She said, well, tonight we light candles, and tomorrow morning we light candles, and tomorrow evening we light candles, and right through the week, we light candles, if you want to come to that. They only do read a little bit out of the scriptures on Sunday morning. And then tears came to her eyes.

I'll never forget it. And I just asked a simple question. Don't they ever preach the word yet? She couldn't understand that there was a young man in England of 20-something years of age that actually wanted to hear the word.

And of course, there are some lovely house churches in England and a few good churches there still, but you really have to look for them. In South Africa, I remember going around. We used to preach to, sometimes you preach to something like 20,000 people in a week at different schools.

And I remember getting all those children together, and children from houses where the parents call themselves Christians, and they've got a Bible in their home. And I asked these children basic questions, like who was Adam and Eve's children? What are their names? And they don't know. They know Adam and Eve was there, but they don't know who their children's name was.

And then I asked them, but who was with Noah on the ark? One bright spark said Peter, and he wasn't joking. Peter was on the ark. And then I come to America, and I go to churches where people have lovely dresses.

Because of their modesty and because of many other things that look so pure, I think they all know their Bibles. And after preaching to them a few times, I'm in a car, ask a few of them basic questions from the Bible. Not as simple as Adam and Eve had children, and things like that.

But so many know almost nothing. Ask them, what did God create in the first six days of creation? Most people don't know that, actually. Most preachers don't know.

Because they so focus on their doctrines in scripture that they don't study the basic content of scripture. It's not important to them. You know, when I get young people together, it's so lovely when you get young people together and they want to study the Word of God.

Most young people, all they want to do is watch Fireproof, and things like that. They don't want to study God's Word. They want to be entertained.

Even in the conservative church. In the conservative church of America, earlier this year I came for a six-week tour. You cannot believe how the young people in the conservative church of America want to be entertained, but they don't want God's Word.

I'd like to give us a little history of the Bible quickly. You know, in 315 AD, we had the canonization of scripture. Most of you will know this information, but I'd just like to highlight a few little points.

In 382 AD, we had Jerome having a bright idea that he should make the Latin Vulgate, which was later corrupted. In 500 AD, wonderful, scripture had been translated into over 500 languages. Isn't that wonderful? It was spreading.

And then, of course, I failed to mention that before the Latin Vulgate in 380 AD, Emperor Theodosius declared Christianity to be the state religion. It wasn't Constantine. Constantine still allowed heathen gods and Christianity.

But in 600 AD, suddenly, through this organization called the Roman Church, we are only allowed Latin scripture. 1,000 years later, we're the first time where there was printing of scripture. There was people like in 995 AD who had the first Anglo-Saxon translations.

1384, you had Whitcliffe. It's about 800 years later. Here in England, there's a guy called Whitcliffe.

And what's he doing? He's translating the scripture. You know what's amazing about that time? They only translated dozens of them, not hundreds of them, dozens of them. Not wrote down.

They hand-wrote. He and his scribes wrote all these scriptures. Out of the million or so, I don't know how many people in England at that time, there were only a few dozen copies of scripture in their own language.

Let me put that into perspective. There are more Bibles in North Korea right now than was in England at the time of Whitcliffe, in the language of the people. There are more Bibles in North Korea right now, in any communist land, in any Muslim land, right today, there are more Bibles than at the time of Whitcliffe in England, in the language of the people.

Oh, what a privilege to have this book in your hand. John Hust, of course, after he died, the Pope dug up his bones, Whitcliffe, and burnt them and threw them in the river. John Hust pushed his ideas.

In 1914-15, John Hust was killed, burnt with the very Bibles that Whitcliffe had written. And as he died, he said these words, in 100 years, God will raise up a man whose calls for reform cannot be ignored. That was his death words.

And exactly 100 years later, a man with the name of Martin Luther, who was not perfect, who still believed much of the Roman Catholic Church in his doctrine and theology, but at least he came in, and he put against the wall that 95 thesis of contention in the wall of the door of Wittenberg. And then he published the Bible. Now remember, this is now in the 1400s.

For hundreds and hundreds of years, yeah, you've had Christians, little churches telling each other the true stories of the Bible, but to the masses of people throughout Europe, you did not have a Bible in anybody's common language for about 900 years. Most people did not have a Bible. I'd just like to mention John Collett in 1496.

He was an Oxford professor. I'm missing out many people because we don't have time, and I want to get on, but in 1496, there was a man with the name of John Collett. He was an Oxford professor, and he took portions of the New Testament, using the Greek of Erasmus and so on, or that was before Erasmus, he

started to translate it into English, and he gave it to his Oxford students.

But then he did something amazing. He went to St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and he started to read to people who wanted to come and listen portions of the Scriptures. You know, there was such darkness in that time that they estimate 20,000 people within six months who had never heard anything properly from the Scriptures.

They didn't know about Adam and Eve or anything like that. They came, except what the priest told them, which was a lot of rubbish most of the time. They came, and they flocked to that place, and they crammed that cathedral, 20,000 people inside.

There were about 20,000 people outside the cathedral, hoping that if someone came out, one of us can go in, and we can hear a little of what the Bible says. How many people died? Even when Luther was translating the Bible, there was in Europe, seven people were killed by the Pope for teaching their children to quote portions of Scripture, the Lord's Prayer, in English. So they were killed.

And, of course, then you've got the great Tyndale, and you've got so many different versions that were brought in. You've got Henry VIII, who killed him, and then three years later used part of his Bible with Kavadal's version, which came from Tyndale's version, mostly. And then you had the King James.

Before that, you had the Geneva Bible. A hundred years, the Geneva Bible was the chosen Bible of the Protestants. It was the first Bible to come to America.

Not the King James. The King James was the first to be printed in America. The King James came along.

God uses evil men. King Henry, who published and funded the Kavadal, the second version of the great Bible, he did it because he wanted to spite the Pope. General church history.

God used a man who wanted to spite the Pope, wanted to marry and divorce. Married and divorced, the Pope said, you're not allowed to do that. Cut off from Rome.

Printed Bibles to spite the Pope. Not because he was a very godly man. King James came along.

King James was not a godly man. Although he was much better than King Henry VIII. He used to write pious books.

But yeah, God used a man who, the writers of the Bible, the writers of the King James version, I've got many of their sermons written out. They said, he is not saved. He does not show the fruit of the gospel.

He loves to hear us preach to him on repentance, but he never repents. So God used King James to bring into the world the King James version. For about 50 years after the King James came out, most of the Protestants didn't want it.

Because it was from the high church of England, and because King James wanted it and so on. It took laws by King James to force it on people, literally. And then it became the wonderful version that is used across the world.

Our beloved King James. And then we've got these modern translations, with their wrong text that they take it from, and the wrong translation methods. History of the Bible, in a nutshell.

But I'd like you to notice something. So many people do not have what you have. You can go to a shop, and you can buy the Bible.

You can download MP3s from the internet, and you can listen to the Bible. You can have five Bibles on your shelf of the King James version. You can have all that.

And you know what the Bible says so clearly? Unto whom much is given, much shall be required. You've been given this Bible, and you don't use it. And you don't study it, and find out what God's will is for your life.

You are under the judgment of God. And it's no joke. Choice Books, I think they distribute 70,000 Bibles in America in nine months, every year.

70,000. But there's so little desire. There's so little desire to know the content of the Bible, even in the conservative churches.

You know, I sat in one camp, and I sat with all the Bible conservative camp, and I asked the missionaries, and I asked the people walking past. I used to do Bible surveys. I sit in my chair.

I'm very lazy. And as they're walking past, I ask them things like, what does the Bible say about false prophets? It's mentioned about 20, 30, 40 times in the New Testament. What are the different things that the Bible says about them? I don't know.

Missionaries. Bible college students. Little children, older children, walking around in a Bible camp, and they don't know that the New Testament is full of something, and they don't know anything about it.

One old lady said, doesn't it say something about you should know them by their fruit? They read Bible, but they don't know. Some of those people I asked honestly have read through their Bible probably 20 times. But there's something missing.

They're reading the Bible, but they're not knowing their Bible. It's as if all they see is the doctrines that they've been taught, and not what God teaches in between. Americans come to Africa.

They go on mission trips. There's nothing wrong with that. I'd encourage you to go on a mission trip to Africa.

It's a very nice place, very beautiful. The people are sinners. They don't want to be saved.

They will pray with you if you tell them to. Would you like to accept Jesus Christ? You can get 20 converts a day, and they'll go straight back to what they were doing before if you did it that way. But in South Africa, we've got the Zionist church.

Three million people in one church. Three million people in one church who call themselves Christians who are Satan worshipers. They worship their forefathers, spirits.

They curse people, and they die. They heal sicknesses. They do amazing things.

They make a lot of money. Banks close down when they sell holy water. How did this come about? How is there a church in South Africa with three million people that call themselves Christians and Satan worshipers? How is it that there are thousands of churches, individual churches, like Independent Baptist,

you have Independent Satanist churches.

You've got all these thousands of churches, and they're called Zionist churches popping up everywhere, in which they are so-called Christians, but they're worshipping spirits. How did that come about? Why is it when I go to India, I find so many churches, and they talk about revival, and they talk about the Bible, the leaders, and look at all the revival that's happening in our churches, and we go out to these churches, and we're so excited to see this revival, and the people have Mary, and a Buddha-type God, an elephant, and the Bible. And they come up to you and say, please, please bless our water.

I'll tell you why. People came to Africa, and they taught people, you're a sinner, watch the Jesus film, and accept Jesus Christ. But they're too lazy to teach them the rest, because the Bible's not important.

I'll tell you what's important to them. Not the Bible, that people accept Jesus Christ, and we've got all these ticks on our name. Now we've got thousands of people being saved, but they don't know the Bible.

Luke 5, verse 36, And he spake also parable unto them, No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old, if otherwise then both the new maketh a rent. And it goes on and on. Verse 38, But new wine must be put into new bottles, and both are preserved.

You know what Jesus was saying to these Jews? In his wisdom, he was saying, You cannot add me to your religion that you've built up with the Pharisees over so many years. You cannot add me to Judaism. You cannot do that.

You have to put new wine in a new creature. And when you come to Africans, you have to teach them very clearly. Not that they must just accept Jesus Christ.

You have to give up the old wineskin. In Mozambique, I know an organization, they still exist, and this is many organizations across the world. They send pictures to America.

They've got an organization in America. They've got beautiful pictures. They go down the road.

They get loads of money every month to build one church every single month. So they take the money, they take half for themselves, and the other half, they build a very beautiful church building. And then they take a picture.

And they don't teach the people anything about the Bible. They just gather together a crowd outside. That's very easy to do in Mozambique.

Gather together a crowd outside the church building, and they look at the guy with the nicest clothes, and they say, that's the pastor. And he must smile. And they send these pictures over to America, and people say, wow, amazing.

I can sit back, relax, enjoy myself. I give money to these guys, and they'll do the job for me. And that's exactly what happens.

And I want to tell you, that's what's happening in India. That's what's happening in Africa. That's what's happening all over the world.

One school, when you come there, they say, if anybody comes here and they've got cameras, and they want to come for three days, we say, no cameras. Because you're going to go back, and you're going to

get money, while we do the hard work. Do you want to know where the true church is in Africa? It's not the places where they get a new church every month.

It's the place where you hear they've worked for months, and then they had one convict. The boring stories. And then they taught them the Bible, and then here and there, people's lives started to change, until they had a church on fire for God.

But it took time. It took a long time. It took this.

What's that? I'm not a very good drawer. I'm not going to go into all the stories of things I've drawn. I once won an art competition by getting my teacher at school to draw everything for me.

I said, could you help me with that part? Eventually, I won the competition. Actually, I came second. And that teacher was very embarrassed.

And that smile doesn't work. In those days, there was a smile and it worked. Now, it doesn't work anymore.

But what is this? Now, if I asked you what this was, and I asked another person what this was, you'd have different answers. If you were to draw the rest of the house, if you were to draw the rest of the house, or if it's a beak of an animal or whatever, you would come up with different things. One person would say it's a house.

One person would say it's the nose of a very ugly man or woman. One person would say it's a beak of a duck. One person would say a fish.

A friend of a car. You know, I had a pastors' conference in India. That's very informal.

You can have about 30 pastors sitting there just on the hills. And I showed them this little picture. And I said, that's what's happening with you guys.

If you just tell people a little part of the gospel, a little part of the Bible, you come there and you say, Jesus Christ died for you, and you can be saved if you want, and all that stuff, and you don't give them the rest, you don't teach them the rest of scripture, then they're going to draw the rest of the house of Christianity for themselves. They're going to say, okay, let's speak in tongues, or fall over, or have holy water, or add a little bit of Buddhism here, or, as Africans do, add their spirit worship, and there you've got the nice little bit of Christianity that you've taught them. Draw the whole house for your children, for people that you minister to.

I don't know if any of you study history. Most of you probably know much more history than me. I just like it because it's very interesting, not because I'm clever.

But one thing that's very interesting from history is that more people died from disease by far in Europe than died from the greatest war. The Black Death, I think it was the 6th and 7th century, killed out half of Europe, 300 million people almost. No, less than that at that stage.

In the 13th century, right about the Black Death, bubonic plague, killed out over 100 million people. In 1928, I think it was, there was influenza, which killed more people in Europe in one year than the entire of World War I killed people. What am I getting at? Europeans used to fear the diseases that came much more than they feared the sword.

Because armies that came with swords, they could take out a sword and fight against them. But there's nothing to do with non-resistance and stuff like that. But at least the people who were non-resistant could fight against them.

And here you have a disease and it comes and it kills out hundreds of millions of people eventually through the ages. But at one time, over 100 million people get killed. It just comes and kills you within a week.

Within a week, people are dying all around you and you can't do anything. It does far more damage than the sword. Let me tell you something about the church.

Far more damage than the swords of Muslims and Arabs and Jews and even the Roman Catholic Inquisition. Far more dangerous than the swords that try to destroy the church. Far more damage has been done by far, even today, by the disease of false ideas that is spreading through the church.

Let's have a look at this. God's Word. Let's go to Genesis 2, verse 16 to 17.

Oh, we have to be careful with God's Word. We have to be careful. John, we have the words of God, we have the words of Satan, and we have the words of Eve.

Let's read. God said, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. You are definitely utterly going to die.

Here comes Satan. We all know that he questions God's Word. Yea, Genesis 3, verse 1. Hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? Satan adds to God's Word.

And then we have Eve. Now many people, if you ask them, they know that Satan added to God's Word, but they don't realize that Eve not only added to God's Word, Eve took away from God's Word. Genesis 3, verse 2 to 3. Eve says, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Neither shall ye touch it. She's adding to God's Word. And then she says the words, Lest ye die.

Did God say that? Do you know what the Hebrew of Lest is? It basically means peradventure. Maybe I'll die. Maybe.

God says, Surely ye shall die. Eve says, Maybe we will die. Do you know how dangerous it is to take away or add to God's Word? And yet people do it all the time.

And having a choice. You see, temptation is when you have a choice between the lust of your flesh, the desires of your flesh, and God's Word, when there's a conflict between them. There's nothing wrong with desire in your wife.

There's nothing wrong with desire in an apple. But when God's Word says you can't do it, and your flesh desires it, then you have a choice. And that is called temptation.

But Eve didn't have this choice. She wasn't faced between God's Word and the lust of her flesh. She was faced, she had a choice between an incomplete understanding of God's Word and the lust of her flesh.

She had a bad start. And that led to her falling. If there's one thing we can learn from Genesis, it's this.

Do not play with God's Word. Do not play with God's Word. Isaiah 66 verse 2, But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Titus 1 verse 9, Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, this is the bishops, the leaders of the church, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. That's uncorrupt instruction. The word as it stands, not as Eve took away from it and added to it.

1 Timothy 5 verse 17, Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who speak in tongues, fall over, have amazing experiences, go to heaven and back. No, they who labor, work. Literally take up their hands and work to have a knowledge of the word of God and doctrine.

Double honor. We've got very few of those today. Jesus in the New Testament was tempted like Eve was.

He was faced between the desires of his flesh, the lust of the flesh, the pride of life, the lust of the eyes and so on, and he was faced with Satan taking the word of God out of context. But there was a huge difference between him and Eve. You see, Eve didn't know the Scriptures properly, but God, Jesus Christ, knew the Scriptures perfectly.

And when Satan came with the word out of context, he could recognize it is out of context, and he also recognized which Scriptures he would be breaking and how he would be sinning to listen to Satan. What kept Jesus apart from the fact that he's the Son of God and he doesn't want to sin and go against his Father? He knew the Scriptures. Eve didn't.

She only had a few verses to memorize. I'd like to ask a question. Does the fact that you're saved and are used of God keep you from error? Very simple question.

If you are used of God, souls come to God, and you are saved, does it keep you from error? The Bible says in Peter, in Galatians, that Paul withstood Peter to his face for his error. Peter was saved. Peter was used of God.

But he had error. Apollos in Acts, we read that he was mighty in the Scriptures. We read in verse 25, "...of whom when Aquila and Presquilla had heard, they took him unto them and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." He has a person who's mighty in the Scriptures.

He knew the doctrine of John the Baptist, which is that you must follow Jesus. But he needed to be expounded the way of God more perfectly. Let me tell you something.

Many young people who are on fire for God and used of God, the reason why they never get used of God as they could have been used of God, is because they weren't willing to listen to the Aquila and Presquilla. For one reason, Aquila and Presquilla are not having revival. What do they know of the Scriptures? I'm Apollos.

I know the Scriptures. I'm mighty in the Scriptures. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and so on and so forth.

And I know the Scriptures. And as I preach the Scriptures, people come under conviction. And look at you.

You're sitting at home, you old lady and old man. And I'm not saying that because that would be uncharitable, but in my heart that's what I feel because I'm not willing to listen to you. And you know how many people I know that have destroyed their ministry? One guy in South Africa, hundreds of people used to come together in meetings as he preached the Word of God.

He used to know Scripture right through the Bible. As he preached, people used to cry. Little children cried.

People came under conviction. All my friends were saved on his ministry. But he had false doctrine.

At the height of what could be called revival, he had false doctrine. And when little Aquilas and Presquillas who weren't used as much as him came to try and teach him, listen, you're going too far there, you're going too far there. He said, I'm not going to compromise.

I'm not going to go against God. Because how would you know? I mean, you're not even being used like I am. How could I be an error if I'm being used so much of God? And he was destroyed.

Titus says, teach as you have been taught. That's a very interesting little word. But let me tell you something.

It's the little concept. If you're going to try and find something in Scripture that can be life-changing to someone that you're witnessing to, to someone that you're counseling, don't look for the big amazing things that don't exist in Scripture. Oh, wow, there's an amazing thing there.

That's absolutely amazing. It's totally out of context. It's the little things in context which change people's lives.

You know, I recently went to Newcastle with the Texas church over there. They've got a friend called Vincent. One of my best friends in life is Vincent.

I love him. Because he's like me. He makes big mistakes.

I am the one who said that Moses was the thinnest person on earth. I am the one, you cannot believe the stuff I've done. My mom sat in church and said, I wish that women were allowed to speak in church because it would help my son.

That's very literally what she told me afterwards. And yet he's like me. And I love him because he's on fire for God.

Last year when we preached together, he stood up and said, Most of you are going to die by the time you're out of school. I said, No, are you sure of that? He said, No, but it would be good anyway for them to know that. He said, None of you are going to be saved.

Not one of you. I said, Do you know that? Anyway, some of them I think did get saved wonderfully. Their lives are changed.

And none of them are dead. But he's a wonderful person. In fact, I invited him back.

Now you might say that's terrifying, but I mean he's a wonderful person. Most of his preaching is great. He just says some radical statements sometimes.

This year we were at Newcastle together for a few weeks. Well, actually one week and two weeks together at different places. And one of them was one week in Newcastle.

And there we met a lady. I'm preaching at orphanages and at schools. It was absolutely wonderful.

Even at puppet shows together. Don't tell anybody because that's worldly. But we had such a wonderful time at the junior schools, at the high schools.

We met this old lady of 70 years old. And while Vincent was preaching to this group of young people, and he was preaching a powerful message. By the way, he can preach much better than me.

I was sitting there with this old 70-year-old lady, and she was struggling. She'd been struggling for years. She was heavily involved with God TV and Joyce Meyer and Joel Alston and all these people.

That was her crush. She didn't go to church. It was the only thing that she had.

And she said she gave them \$100 every month, one-tenth of her salary. She said, They're wonderful. I said, Well, they're not that wonderful.

She started to cry. A 70-year-old lady. She said, Don't take them away from me.

They're all I've got. She said, Another thing she's been struggling with for years now is the Seventh-day Adventist. She feels so condemned if she doesn't keep the Sabbath on Saturday.

And it was so wonderful sitting there for 40 minutes with this lady. And at the end of 40 minutes, she was so free from all those lies. She chucked away the God channel, chucked away Joyce Meyer, chucked away all these different things and not worried at all about Saturday being the Sabbath.

And what set her free? A five-hour prayer meeting? No. The simple, basic truths of Scripture. Very basic.

Doctrines. I would sit with her, and I was giving you an example. And I'm not a very good theologian.

There's so much I've got to learn. But I remember you sit there, and you start with this basic concept. By the way, the Seventh-day Adventists have written to me emails in Africa, and they call me the son of Satan.

But they're very nice people. Genesis 2, verse 3, And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it, because therein it he had rested from all his work, which God created and made. The reason why I'm going to go through this is because so many people in the conservative church are starting not only to keep Saturday as a Sabbath.

There's nothing wrong with that. The problem is when you look at everybody else as sinners if you don't do what I do. First question I asked her.

Is this something that God did for the rest of his life? Did God, since the first Sabbath, rest every single Sabbath since? This is very important if you study what the Seventh-day Adventists say. And you read the answer in John 5, verse 17, But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work on the Sabbath. And that word worketh is ergo zomeo, which is toil, to labor for, to trade, and work.

God rested the first Sabbath, and ever since he's never rested again, according to Scripture. Now, a Seventh-day Adventist, when they speak to you, will tell you this. They will tell you very simply that Adam,

Eve, everybody until Abraham, Terah, Abraham, everybody kept the Sabbath.

They were told to by God. I don't read that in my Bible. But they will get verses.

In Jeremiah 17, verse 22, this is one of their favorite verses, along with where Abraham was commended for keeping God's commandments and so on. We read in Jeremiah 17, 22, Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day, neither do you any work, but hallow you the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. See, the Seventh-day Adventist says, and this is the verse they use, They'll say, look, God commanded the fathers.

That's Adam until Abraham, Terah, all those people. They kept the Sabbath. They were told to keep the Sabbath because he commanded the fathers.

Look, it says fathers. But if you do a basic words study in the Scripture, you'll find that when it talks of your fathers, hundreds of times throughout the Old Testament, or at least over a hundred times, it always talks of the Israelites or Zion in a specific part of history. Your fathers in the wilderness.

Your fathers at that time. Your fathers at that time. It doesn't talk of all the fathers back to Adam.

One of the basic things that people don't understand concerning the law and concerning covenants is that every single covenant in the Bible has a sign. Every covenant that God has. For instance, God made a covenant with the earth.

I'd like you to answer me now. What was the sign of the covenant that God made with the earth? Rainbow. Great.

We've got our first example of a sign. What was the sign of the covenant God had with Abraham before the law? Circumcision. What was the sign of the covenant that God made with Israel the day they left Egypt? The Sabbath.

That was when he gave it to them. It was a specific covenant. In the Scripture it says it.

You can look it up. Ezekiel 20, verse 12, and so on. In Deuteronomy, the second part, we get the law.

Thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt. Therefore, not because of the fact that I rested on the seventh day, but therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day. It talks of the day that they went out of Egypt.

I made a covenant with you, and that day the sign was the Sabbath. Now, the seventh day of Venice would tell you that everybody had to keep the Sabbath. Abraham, Isaac, Terah.

It was only Israel. If we have to keep the Sabbath, if we have to keep the fourth commandment, then we have to keep it on Saturday. But we don't.

Because in the New Testament, very clearly, we are told to keep the commands of Christ. And in Acts, we are told that we don't have to keep the law. We are dead to the law by the body of Christ, that we might live unto Jesus.

But now they come up, and oh, the seventh day of vengeance are so clever. They say, we know what your arguments are. And I've read their books, and they say this so often.

Romans, chapter 14, when it says, One man esteemeth one day above another, and another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be persuaded in his own mind, and so on. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord.

If you take a Seventh-day Adventist book, you will read. We know what this means. It means that you are only allowed to keep, only if you want to, the feast that God mentioned in the Old Testament.

So any other day that you keep, if it's a Sunday or anything like that, you are utterly and totally wrong. Now, if someone ever says that to you, just ask them to open up their Bibles, and to read of where Jesus kept national holidays. Jesus kept national holidays that are not mentioned in the Old Testament.

Jesus, let me repeat it, I'm going to say it the fourth time, it's so important for you to get this, Jesus kept days that were not mentioned in the Old Testament. Wow. So don't be deceived by the Seventh-day Adventists.

Of course, I can go into a lot of other things with them, but let's go on, before we run out of time. My friend Vincent was there, I love him. He had this movie.

And this is just another example of deception. And this movie was against hip-hop, it was against rock music and stuff like that. And I said, wonderful, let's show it to the youth.

I don't mind music against rock music, because rock music is wrong. And then he said, Roy, you know what it says? It's got these Nethemans. Nethemans, angels that slept with women, and they had children, they were giants.

And that's where rock music and hip-hop comes from. And about that time I started to think, Nethemans? Okay, I'm against hip-hop and all this stuff, but... I said, wait, wait, wait. First, can I just look at the movie first? Because I told him why doctrinally, I can't go to now, I don't have time, but that's utter rubbish.

If you just know the basic context of Scripture, and what terms mean, and so on, that's rubbish. I said, I'll watch this movie. And so we put the movie on, and this preacher started to preach, and he was against hip-hop, and against all these things, and against amazing things that we should be against.

And then he suddenly said in the middle of his sermon, and I said, and Satan was a scapegoat! And my mind turned on, bang! Isn't this guy a Seventh-day Adventist? Because they believe that. So I looked up on the internet, and I found out he's a Seventh-day Adventist. So I turned to my friend Vincent, and he is humble, he is lovely, I love this brother.

He went into depression for a few hours. He went to his knees and prayed. And he said, I just don't know why I didn't know, I couldn't see that it was a Seventh-day Adventist.

I said to him, brother, can I tell you something? The reason I could recognize it within five minutes was not because I'm more spiritual than you, not because I pray for more hours than you, not because I read my Bible more than you, it's because I've studied them. He said, oh. And I told him what a wonderful preacher he was, and he felt better.

And I meant it. That brother is precious. This lady, in that town, she didn't only struggle with him, she struggled with the Seventh-day Adventists, she struggled with Joyce Meyer and these people.

Actually, she wasn't struggling, and they were her crutch. You know one of the hardest things in life? In my town where I live, there's a lady whose husband died. And when her husband died, after 50 years of marriage, she listened to Joyce Meyer.

And as she listened to Joyce Meyer, Joyce Meyer was the only reason why she could survive emotionally. She was so broken, so in depression when her husband died. Her husband was a man that many times lost.

My dad had preached at a church through the years. That the only thing that could keep her going was a false prophet, but she didn't know it. And you know one of the hardest things on earth to do to a compassionate person who loves people? Is to go to someone and tell them the only thing that has kept you going, the only thing that has made it that you could survive emotionally, is utter rubbish.

Do you know how hard that is, to tell the truth? She believes Jesus Christ is born again in hell. I've heard her say that. The prosperity movement.

The word of faith movement. She believes the utter rubbish. Joel Osteen, I mentioned earlier, is very easy to go against.

He said openly on national television in America that Jesus Christ is not the only way to heaven. I mean, that's pretty easy to stand against. But still people say you're judging when you stand against him.

But I'd like to bring up a book today. And please don't say judge not. The reason I'm bringing this up is because a few weeks back when I heard that some people from different churches that I love in America were involved in this book, I literally sat there with my wife and I was grieved.

My heart fell into the ground. That people who will stand up against sin could get involved with this lady. A day to live fully, right where you are.

One thousand gifts. And first of all, let me just tell you a few things before you call me a judge. I'm warning.

I'm warning. The church, the conservative church. This lady is a mother of six.

She's a home-screwing mother of six. How wonderful. Nothing she writes could be wrong.

The first red light should have been turned on when you read Mother Teresa, she quotes. Hmm? Mother Teresa wasn't even saved. She admitted to the Catholic Church in letters that when she... Tolkien! Tolkien, who wrote a book based on the Bible and used a wizard to be a picture of Jesus dying and coming back to life.

Augustine? Okay, well, some great guys have got Augustine and a few others. The Eucharist is the state of... I read, I first read a Bible, but I've read to make sure that I'm not making a mistake. And the more I read, first of all, I thought, I'd better be careful.

And then I thought later, this book is so bad and so clever, but so bad, I don't even feel slightly my conscience but talking against it. You have to thank God. The state of being perfect is thanking God.

It's the Eucharist. It's the Lord's table. The same word that the Catholics use for the Lord's table she takes from the Greeks.

She misuses. She adds a derivative that doesn't exist in the Greek. She doesn't know Scripture.

She misuses. She builds a huge house upon nothing except one little thought, that we must thank God. Praise God, then we must thank God.

She tells the truth. You know how many truths the devil tells that false... Joyce Meyer, by the way, has a lot of truth in between a very bad era. Amazing truth.

But do you understand what panentheism is? Pantheism is God is nature. Panentheism is God is revealed through nature. What's the verse I said at the very beginning? Who can reveal God to you? Jesus.

What's the way to God? Jesus. Can nature reveal God to us? No. Does Romans 1 say that nature reveals God to us? No.

It shows us the glory of God. It shows that God is a great creator. God is not in that tree.

Some people say that's not what she says. I've read this book, and I'm reading through it. First of all, you thank God.

Then God is in what you thank. Whether it's a tree, time, whatever. You experience God as he goes... This book is very, very dangerous.

I'm not going to go into the details. Do your own research. Women fall for it.

You know why it's so easy to fall for such a book? Because when you're going through hard times, when you've got a family member that's sick, when you've got a child that died, you can relate to this person, and she'll keep you on an emotional false high. I remember Eve in the garden. She took away from God's word.

She added to God's word. And what happened? This lady doesn't just take away from God's word and add to God's word. Every single page is an emotional experience of what the Bible doesn't even say about it.

With a lot of scriptures in between. She adds. She takes away at will.

As an authority. And she leads you into pantheistic experiences that do not exist in the Bible. Experiencing God through nature when you thank God for something God is in it.

Let me give you a basic little principle. Body, soul, and spirit. By the way, what is the time? I need to know because I might have to carry on tomorrow.

Say again? When am I supposed to finish? Exactly. Say again? That's fine with me, but when is the basic time I'm supposed to finish? Okay. Okay.

That's fine. I'll carry on with how to study scripture tomorrow, but I'll finish off this in the ten minutes if I can. There's a principle.

In 1 Thessalonians we read of the body, soul, and spirit. And in Hebrews 4 verse 12 we read, for the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit. Now let me tell you something.

There are many people that I've met in schools that drink, sleep around, do evil things, and come up to me and say, Roy, but I must be a Christian. Because when I was listening to Christian rock music, I felt the presence of God. And I just felt like I was worshipping God when I was listening to rock music.

And it was so wonderful to experience God. And it's just absolutely wonderful. And I have this peace in God's presence.

And now you're telling me I'm not saved? When you have a soul, flesh-dominated Christianity. By the way, when you listen to rock music, it reduces your adrenaline glands release, what should only be in flight or fight. When you're in a shock, then the adrenaline gland allows adrenaline to come out, and then you have quick decision-making abilities.

But your adrenaline gland was never made by God to be like a drug high that rock music does, to make you feel in that peace when you're worshipping God and he's not even there. And you have a body- and soul-centered Christianity, whether you're born again or you're unsaved. And the problem is when your emotions, those type of emotions, almost like a drug emotion, controls your Christianity, and you're continually on these highs, then it's very hard to discern spiritually when you're doing wrong, when you're breaking God's Word, when you're taken out of context.

Because you feel so good, how could I be not walking right with God? How could there be something wrong? And that's why we need the Word of God like a two-edged sword coming. The real truth in context. Rending asunder your life of a fleshly Christianity where you're feeling high all the time and it's amazing with all this rock music and all the entertainment of all these movies that you watch, and just standing before God naked before his Holy Word and exactly what it says you are, if you're doing that, you're wrong.

If you're breaking that principle, you're wrong. We need the Word of God to be preached and less entertainment that lifts up the flesh and you have soul-dominated Christianity. You see, Joyce Meyer meets your emotional need and that's why it's so hard to believe she could be wrong because I feel my Christianity is going in the right direction.

I'd like to mention, as I end off, Hinduism versus the Muslim world. Hinduism versus the Muslim world. Now, we've got one million Hindus living around where we live.

I get opportunities to speak to them for hours and hours and hours. You know what's very interesting? We've also got hundreds of thousands of Muslims. A Muslim will be very impressed when you experience God or he'll think you're absolutely mad because you can't experience God.

But your testimony of the fact that you actually experience God when you read the Bible, when you do different things, that impresses him in his heart because he never experiences God. God to him is a dead... not dead, but certainly not living in his heart. You can't know God.

God is sovereign up there. He doesn't talk to us. He's just... all we know is God's will.

We can't know Him. We can't experience God. And so we come with these testimonies and say, you know, there was a day in my life where Jesus came into my heart and I was utterly and wonderfully saved.

And He changed my life. He set me free. He made me a new creature.

I had peace. Now, if you go to a Hindu and tell them that, they'll smile, depending on which Hindu you're speaking to, and they'll say, well, do you want to hear about my experiences? Hindus have experiences all the time. In their meditation, in their religion, their whole religion is experiencing, experiencing, experiencing, experiencing.

You know, the church has caught a bit of God. When the charismatic movement first came into the church over a hundred and something years back, or the Pentecostal movement, the tongues movement, whatever, Sam and Logan Bringle knew how to deal with the Catholic church. He said their doctrines are wrong year, year, and year.

But you know what happened? When the tongues movement came along, if you study church history, he said perhaps they're right. Perhaps what they're doing is not wrong. The false tongues movement.

He was ready for one error, but he wasn't ready for experiential errors. And this book, and many other false prophets, whether in the homeschooling movement, or that are coming to the homeschooling movement, or coming to other movements, you will, I can guarantee you, experience great emotional blessing doing what they say. You will be on a high.

You will have hope. And that will be proof to you that this is not error. That will be the proof to many people that it's not error.

I've met so many people who say, but Roy, I've been blessed. But Roy, I feel encouraged. But Roy, God spoke to me through a false prophet.

It's not about whether it's truth. It's not about this book. It's about the experience.

Even among the conservators across America, it's becoming more and more that. It's not about what this book says. We don't die on this book.

We die on how we feel and what entertains us. Not what's right and what's wrong. Tomorrow, I'll give a practical discussion on how to study Scripture and the mistakes that people make in studying Scripture.

But right now, let us pray. Father, I thank you for your word. I thank you that Satan tried to destroy it through the Roman church and through so many modern versions that much of it is just rubbish.

That you through the ages kept our word pure. And that you brought to us a time in which we live, in which we can go to the shop and we can buy a Bible. And Lord, in this time when we've got so much light, when we've got so much access to the Bible, to study, to look at its context, to understand what it means and what it doesn't mean, help us not in this time when we've got so much light to go off after so many other winds of doctrine, but to be excited about this one thing, the word of God.

Lord, I ask for the young people here, please raise up among them, even if they're 10 years old or 9 years old or 6 years old, people who will take their Bible, let's go with their daddies and mommies, and just spend time with the word of God. To learn, have a desire for the word and not entertainment. And I ask this all in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

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