

SERIES: Then Cometh The End
SUBJECT: Why We Must Be True To The Word of God
READING: Psa 119:9-16 BETH. *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. (10) With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. (11) Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (12) Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes. (13) With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. (14) I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. (15) I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. (16) I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.*

Introduction:

In introducing this series of on the coming end of the world I pointed out to you the that we must **make a choice** upon which we will base our understanding of this world and our life in it. **Science or Scripture. God's revelation or Man's fabrication!**

As I shared with you last week; science concerning the origin of the universe and its ultimate destruction are based on theories and speculation. No one in the evolutionary camp who speaks with such authority was there at the birth of the universe; Carl Sagan nor Bill Nye the science guy do not have a single demonstrable piece of evidence to support the fantasy of the universe's beginning and development! *Their only explanation for our own existence is something they postulate transpired 13.8 billion years ago when something they call a small singularity. A condensed dime sized energy packet containing all the energy in the today's universe exploded and then inflating over the next 13.8 billion years into the cosmos that we know today. A universe that they with all their theories and technology is so immense they cannot be measured!*

When pressed on where the singularity came from they have no coherent answer. Newest guess says and I quote; “The Big Bang singularity is the most serious problem of general relativity because the laws of physics appear to break down there,” Ali and coauthor Saurya Das at the University of Lethbridge in Alberta, Canada, have shown in a paper published in Physics Letters B that the Big Bang singularity can be resolved by their *new model in which the universe has no beginning and no end.*” REALLY THEY WANT US TO BELIEVE THAT THE VERY REAL UNIVERSE has no beginning and no end! OH I GET IT THEY MEAN GOD! ONLY GOD IS ETERNAL! I DON’T EVEN HAVE A phd AND I KNOW THAT!

The other answer is of course is Scripture and God’s revelation! Unlike the scientists we have as our authority on the beginning of the universe God and God authored a detailed book about it! THE BIBLE!

Let’s set things straight on where we get our information from;

Pick up your bible right now and repeat these words *if you believe them to be true*; as you will note I have revised this from last week;

“I hold in my hand The Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant, Preserved Word of God!

- *It is what it says it is,*
- *Everything addressed in its pages are what it says they are!*
- *What it says about me is true;*
- *Everything it asks me to do is in my very best interest and for God’s glory!*
- *It is God’s gift to me, for my salvation, for my good, for my instruction, and for my protection!*
- *And it reveals where our universe came from and where it is headed!”*

Men have mocked the idea of God’s prophecies from a position of ignorance! *Ignorance is not stupidity or inability to comprehend, ignorance is a state of being unaware and is often used to describe individuals who deliberately ignore or disregard important information or facts. Peter nailed the type of people who are ignorant in 2Pe 3:3-5* *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, (4) And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. (5) For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:* referring to the flood in Genesis 6!

Today I will continue these sermons by pointing out using Peter’s argument concerning the Printed Word of God which Peter calls **“A MORE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY”** and from historic prophecy that has been fulfilled!

It is upon this **“MORE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY”** that Bible Believing Christians base their daily lives and the destination of their eternal souls! We begin today by answering this question;

I. What is the Word of God?

- a. The word of God which is called by Christians the Bible is a collection of writings that records everything we know about God!
 - i. The Bible is a collection of 66 books written by about 40 authors, in three different languages, on three different continents, over approximately 1,600 years.
 - ii. In spite of all this diversity the Bible is amazingly UNIFIED

- a. One man wrote in Syria, another in Arabia, another in Italy and Greece.
- b. Others wrote in the desert of Sinai, the wilderness of Judea, the cave of Adullam, a prison in Rome, the barren island of Patmos, the palace in Shushan, the rivers of Babylon, and many other places.
- c. They wrote in three languages, from different life-styles, different occupations, and of different events.
- d. They wrote in such styles as poetry, history, theology, proverbs, parables, and allegories.
- e. **But all their writings constitute one harmonious whole-**
- f. **There are no contradictions-**
- g. **No scientific inaccuracies;**
- h. **The only suitable explanation is that one Person controlled their work. GOD!**

That is what the Bible is; now let's consider;

II. What The Bible Tells Us About God?

- a. God as we call him is the self-existing being from which everything thing else material, immaterial, and spiritual has its being.

- i. It is an over simplification when we say; “If it exists God brought it into being.”
 1. The Bible reveals Him as a triune Being consisting of...
 - a. God the Father “Luk_11:2
“And he said unto them,
When ye pray, say, Our
Father which art in
heaven...”
 - b. God The Son; We Know Him
as Jesus; Mat_3:17 *And lo a
voice from heaven, saying,
This is my beloved Son, in
whom I am well pleased.*
 - c. The other is God the Holy
Ghost! Mat_28:19 *Go ye
therefore, and teach all
nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy
Ghost:*
- ii. In Genesis 1 God introduces Himself into
time which He created! Gen 1:1 *In the
beginning **God** created the heaven and the
earth.*
 1. Between Gen 1:1 and Gen 1:31 God
chronicles the creation of everything!
 2. Nothing has been created since!
 3. But if we look at it further that which
God the Father is behind God The

Spirit moves or works on His behalf;
Gen 1:2 *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters.*

4. Then in Gen 1:26 *And God said, Let us make man in **our** image, after our likeness:*

5. It isn't until we are introduced to Jesus the Son of God that we discover that all of creation is attributed to Jesus. Joh 1:1-3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (3) **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.***

6. It is made absolute clear who the Word is in Joh 1:14 *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

iii. The bible records the historical account of God revealing Himself through the natural material world and in the heart of man before His revelation was recorded in written form!

Rom 1:19-20 *Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. (20) For the*

invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

- b. Once God revealed His Presence and His Power through the material world and in the heart of man **He began to reveal His Person and His Plan for Creation.**
 - i. This was done by using man and the abilities God created him with to chronicle who He is, What He has done, and What He has planned for Creation.

1Co 15:24 *Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.*

- ii. What He inspired Paul to write in this verse is what men have come to call prophecy!
 - iii. God sees it as finished since He lives apart from time!
 - iv. But to us some is history, some is present reality, and the rest is “Prophecy.”
- c. The word translated **“prophet”** occurs over three hundred times in the Old Testament and over one hundred times in the New Testament.
 - i. It is made of two Greek words—pro meaning “before,” or “in place of” and fayme meaning “to speak.”
 - 1. Bible prophets often give warnings, rebukes, promises and exhortations that God has already made known

through them or their predecessors.
This is known as “forth-telling.”
THAT IS WHAT I AM DOING
NOW!

2. When they tell about future **UNKNOWN** events, they are “fore-telling.”
3. They are revealing previously unknown truth! **That type of prophecy has been completed and we have its record through the end of the world and into eternity.**
4. **It is all there in this book!** Waiting to be discovered in your heart and mine as the spirit

Joh 16:6-16 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. (7) Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. (8) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: (9) Of sin, because they believe not on me; (10) Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; (11) Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. (12) I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. (13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (14) He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (15) All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (16) A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

- ii. Prognostications “fore-telling” are subdivided into Predictions and Apocalyptics.
 - 1. Predictions involve events which will happen in the near future.
 - 2. Apocalyptics involve events which relate to the end times.

III. The Bible Reveals God’s Salvation Of His Creatures; *It is the Bible’s central theme*

- i. Lost through sin and separated from God.
Isa 59:1-2 *Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: (2) But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*
- ii. Salvation is prepared in the Old Testament,
Isa 53:4-7 *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. (5) But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (6) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. (7) He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.*

- iii. Actuated in the gospels,
- iv. Preached in Acts,
- v. Explained in the epistles, and
- vi. Fulfilled in Revelation.

b. Without the Word of God there can be no salvation!

i. The prophets spoke in three time frames.

- a. Their own time, the near future and the far future, which would include the 1st coming and the 2nd coming of Christ.
- b. The test of a prophet was his near prophesies which would be fulfilled in his own lifetime.
- c. Prophecy was very specific in detail!

ii. What they spoke about in their own time is to us history!

- a. Creation; innocence!
- b. Judgement and failure which God illustrated in the Garden of Eden; which He Judged in the flood; which He used to showed in the various Historic captivities in Egypt, in Babylon, and in Rome!
- c. Recovery with coats of skin in the garden; in the Ark of Noah; in the

repeated deliverance by God from captivity!

iii. To the prophets their near history which brought the Law; that revealed Christ;

- a. Who lived a sinless life;
- b. Who died a sacrificial death on an old rugged Cross;
- c. Who was raised from the dead providing Salvation.
- d. Salvation we read about like Paul's deliverance from persecuting the cause of Christ to promoting it openly.

iv. **Salvation is the message of Gospel; 1Co 15:1-6** Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; (2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. (3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: (5) And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: (6) After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

- a. We dear brothers and sisters are a part of God's plan in two ways; **first the one that saved us and gave us eternal life!**
- b. Secondly we now become the forth-telling prophets as we speak for the

Gospel of Christ to a lost and dying world!

2Co 5:17-21 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (18) And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (20) **Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. (21) For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

- c. **That is our prophecy revealed in the Bible, experienced in our own lives; and now shared by us to a lost, dying and Christ denying world.**

Conclusion:

This is where we will conclude today and each succeeding message as we go from where we are today to The End of the world as we know it! **"We are living in the end times?"**

This is what we know today; **The Bible is what it claims to be; The Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant Word of God!**

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- *And it reveals where our universe came from and where it is headed!”*

This is what the bible tells us about God; He is the creator, sustainer of the physical universe; He is the revealer of truth as we find it in the Bible.

God is the God of salvation in Christ; we have experienced it and are commanded share our experience with Christ to a lost world that needs Christ!

Invitation:

That’s where we are today; as saved people we are now the forth tellers of God’s revelation as creator, driver and sustainer of the universe, and we are the messengers of God’s plan of Salvation for the lost.

For you who are lost people without Christ my message as a preacher, our message as Ambassadors for Christ is Receive Christ today; confess you are a sinner in need of a savior; asks God to help you live each day for Him better than the day before!