

God's Words Revealed # 1

Text : **Romans 10: 8-17**

INTRODUCTION :

A. How did you happen to become a Christian ?

1. Were you born believing that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God ?
2. Did Jesus appear to you on the road to Wal-Mart ?

B. Chances are you were taught by some other person.

1. This is how God intended people to be brought back to Him.
2. **Read ... Rom. 10: 8-17**

C. Obedience to the gospel is essential to salvation.

1. Jesus will only save those who obey Him.
Heb. 5: 9- And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,
2. Those who do not obey the gospel are separated from God eternally.
II Thes. 1:7b-9 ... when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Note : *This is why the Christians we read about in the New Testament could not be stopped from telling other people about the gospel. Acts 8:4*
*** How sad that though we set in ease and safety, we keep silence.*

D. This being true, it becomes important for us all to confirm the verity of obedience.

1. There are many different people teaching a variety of errant messages. **I John 4:1**
2. How can we verify our that we were taught properly and responded appropriately ?
Acts 17: 11- Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.
3. How can we know that the scriptures we have really tell us what God wants us to do?
 - a. The bible is not the only book that men claim came from God.
 - 1) Koran
 - 2) Book Of Mormon , Pearl Of Great Price , Doctrines and Covenants
 - b. The Roman denomination claims their oral tradition is from God. (**& ex-cathedral**)

That brings us to the essence of our discussion. The Christian religion cannot exist separate and apart from the bible, from the Holy Scriptures

which Christians believe to be the revealed words of God.

If we cannot believe the bible is what it claims itself to be, we cannot have confidence in anything it teaches.

I. The Old Testament claims to be the revelation of God.

A. We read this claim more than 2000 times in the Old Testament.

1. "says the Lord" 496 times
2. "the Lord said" 267 times
3. "God said" 53 times ... etc.

B. The prophets claim to speak for God.

1. For example :

a. **II Sam. 23: 1-2** Now these are the last words of David. David the son of Jesse declares, The man who was raised on high declares, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of Israel, **2** "The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue. ..."

b. **II Kings 21: 10-** Now the Lord spoke through His servants the prophets, saying, ...

2. 20 times - *Isaiah* claimed to be speaking the words of God.
3. More than 100 times - *Jeremiah* claimed to be speaking the words of God.
4. 47 times - *Ezekiel* used the phrase "the word of the Lord came to me".
5. 23 times - *Malachi* (only 4 chaps) uses "says the Lord" (**9 times in 1st chap**)
6. 7 of the short prophets start with the phrase "the word of the Lord came to ___"
(Hosea , Joel , Jonah , Micah , Zephaniah , Haggai , Zachariah)

II. The New Testament also claims to be a message from God.

A. The credibility of the New Testament is established by the Son of God Himself.

1. **John 1: 1-** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
14- And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
2. **Heb. 1: 1-2** God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, **2** in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things,

B. Jesus proved that He was the Only Begotten Son of the Living God.

1. The miracles that Jesus worked proved Him to be from God.
John 3: 2- this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we

know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

2. The ultimate proof was the fact that he raised Himself from the dead.
Rom. 1: 4- who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

C. Jesus promised to give His teachings to His Apostles.

1. **John 14: 26-** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
2. **John 16:13-** But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; ...

** Thus, the Apostles were promised a message from God to direct their teaching.*

D. The Apostles claimed that their message came to them from God.

1. **Gal. 1: 11-12** For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. (cf. **I Cor. 15: 3**)
2. **I Cor. 14:37-** If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment.
3. The Apostles received revelation that had never before been made known.
Eph. 3: 1-5 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you; ³ that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. ⁴ By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy Apostles and prophets in the Spirit;

E. The writings of the Apostles are held on a par with the O.T. Prophets.

- II Pet. 3: 14-16** Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, ¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, ¹⁶ as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

III. Because the scriptures come from God we know they are true.

A. In His very essence, God is truth.

1. **Deut. 32: 3-4** For I proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God!

4 The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; the God of truth and without injustice, righteous and upright is He.

2. God cannot act in a manner inconsistent with His nature. (*As cows don't fly*)
Titus 1: 1-2 Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, **2** in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,

B. In His very essence, Jesus is truth.

1. **John 14: 6**- Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.
2. Being God, Jesus cannot act contrary to His essence.
3. The essence of Jesus will never change. (*Alchemists learned can't change elements*)
Heb. 13:8- Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

C. Because the scriptures come from pure truth, they are of necessity pure truth.

1. **John 17: 17**- Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.
2. Knowing the truth (Jesus) leads to sanctification and freedom from sin.
John 8: 32- You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. (*produces fruit*)

D. Notice how the prophet describes the scriptures in Psalm 119.

(*Longest Psalm .. not longest chapter .. no chapters .. Psalms are numbered*)

1. **Psa. 119: 142**- Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.
2. **Psa. 119: 151**- You are near, O Lord, And all Your commandments are truth.
3. **Psa. 119: 160**- The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

IV. God's truth does not change.

- A. We have seen that the source of truth does not change. **Heb. 13:8**
- B. Every one of God's "ordinances is everlasting." **Psa. 119: 160**
- C. The "word" of Jesus will never pass away. (*bible attacked - not destroyed*)
 1. **Matt. 24:35**- Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.
 2. His word is an imperishable seed. (cf. - **Luke 8: 11**)
I Peter 1: 22-23 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, **23** for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and

enduring word of God.

3. The plan of salvation has been the same since before the foundation of the world.
 - a. **I Pet. 1: 20-** For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you
 - b. **Matt. 25:34-** Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

(The Law of Moses was to govern the Jews until the Messiah came.)

D. Though the world changes, God's truth never changes.

1. Social values change : *"That may have been true back in the day, but now ..."*
2. Cultures must be brought in line with the truth, not God's standard lowered.
Titus 1: 12-13 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." ¹³ This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,

Note : They were to be instructed to conform their culture to God's standard.

E. The O. T. texts were proven to be unaltered through 1100 years.

1. The oldest copy of the Old Testament were from 900 A.D.
2. The Dead Sea scrolls were discovered dating back to 200 B.C.
3. When translated, they were the same. **It had been unaltered in 1,100 years.**

CONCLUSION :

- A. The O.T. & N.T scriptures were given to us by God.
- B. Because they came to us from God we know they are true.
 1. Don't let Satan take the "sword of the spirit" from you, i.e., disarm you.
 2. Do not be shy to defend anything in the scriptures. It will never be wrong.
- C. The revelation of God can never be changed or made "*culturally relevant.*"

INVITATION :

Lesson Text :

Romans 10: 5-17

5 For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness. **6** But the righteousness based on faith speaks

as follows: “Do not say in your heart, ‘who will ascend into Heaven?’”, (that is, to bring Christ down), ⁷ or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).” ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³ for “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “how beautiful are the feet of Those who bring good news of good things !”

¹⁶ However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord who has believed our report ?” ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.