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# Chapter 1: Ministry of E Bible Fellowship, Family Radio and Harold Camping

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## Question

Hi Chris, for the benefit of ... others, can you explain what is the purpose of asking a question from the Bible on E Bible Fellowship's Sunday Q&A? And what is your intention as you strive to answer each question accordingly? Thank you.

## Answer

I'm glad you're bringing this up. It's actually an excellent question to ask: why should we be interested in asking questions and seeking out answers in the Bible? The reason why we ask questions in relationship to the Bible is that God's elect people are given a great curiosity and interest in the things of God. We're also given a tremendous interest in truth and the understanding that the Word of God alone is truth and that Jesus Christ Himself is the very essence of truth:

**John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

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

We carefully study the Bible in order to arrive at truth, because when we've found truth, we have found that which identifies with Jesus Christ. Or, to say it another way, each truth we learn helps us know Christ (who is Truth) that much better or more intimately. Therefore, learning Bible truth is actually coming to know Jesus Christ in an intimate and very personal way. This means that as we increase our Bible knowledge, our relationship with Christ as Lord and God and Saviour deepens to the degree that we do so.

E Bible Fellowship, and myself, strive to arrive at truth in all of our conclusions. One big way we are assisted in this endeavor is by opening up ourselves to public scrutiny and testing of the things we teach concerning the Bible. We welcome all questions and comments regarding anything that we teach from the Scriptures. This is a very real check on our teaching to make sure that we can back up and support the doctrines we put forth from the Bible. A group like this helps us to maintain accountability for our teachings.

## Question

Hi Chris, I am wondering if you've heard Chris Arnzen's interview with Tom Evans? Tom Evans had a lot of unfavorable things to say about Mr. Camping and I guess he's very pleased about it because the audio link is at the top of Family Radio's website. I feel like he tarnished Mr. Camping's good name, or at least tried to do so. It seems to be especially evil and treacherous to speak evil of Mr. Camping after he has passed away. If I could be shocked any more, I would be. Just wondering about how you view Family Radio practically slandering Mr. Camping's good name?

## Answer

After I received your message, I listened to most of it. I felt almost sick as I listened. I think the process of the Lord taking away that which they seemingly once had has greatly sped up in regards to the ministry of Family Radio (FR).

**Matthew 25:26 His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:***

**27 *Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.***

**28 *Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.***

**29 *For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.***

FR has now hitched its wagon to the churches. Even before the end of the Church Age, Mr. Camping wisely understood there needed to be separation between the ministry of FR and the churches. That separation no longer exists. And given that the churches of the world are all apostate, what does that say about a ministry that cleaves to those very same churches?

I think it's time for God's elect people to wash our hands completely of FR. Forget them. Why should a child of God go to them for any reason?

The music? You can find faithful music on E Bible Fellowship's internet radio station.

Many of Mr. Camping's studies can also be found on the internet apart from FR.

I haven't spent too much time talking about E Bible Fellowship. But I earnestly believe that E Bible Fellowship is the most faithful ministry in the world today. I think God's elect people would be well served to completely turn away from FR and turn to listen to E Bible Fellowship via our 24-hour webstream on ebiblefellowship.org, or through TuneIn's app for your phone. We already have many hundreds and hundreds of hours of teaching; we have Bible reading and music. The time has come to forget that which is behind (FR) and begin using and supporting the ministry of E Bible Fellowship.

### **Question**

Do you believe we are commanded to believe that May 21st was the Spiritual end of the world/salvation? To tell the world of the judgment that happened on that day? Do you believe those who don't believe even though they have been showed all the "proofs," are tares ready to be bundled for the fire? A test for the believers to see if they really believe in the Bible, similar to the test at the end of the Church Age?

### **Answer**

If someone is showed all of the "proofs" of any doctrine of the Bible and refuses to hearken to it – it certainly is an indicator that that person is not an elect child of God. This is so because the character of an elect child of God is to be humbled (broken) in heart to the point where they now desire to do the will of God. So, whether it's refusing the doctrine of May 21, 2011 being Judgment Day, or refusing the Bible's teaching that wine or strong drink is not for God's people (kings) – or refusing to humble one's self and observe Sunday as God's holy day – or refusing numerous other Bible teachings that have been proven – it is strong evidence that that person is not an elect child of God. Is it conclusive? I would leave that with the Lord. That's between that individual and God.

### **Questioner Continues**

Well at least I have good company. The very guy who came up with most of (the) doctrines you have today believed what I do about May 21st until the day of his death. He even actively preached against it. I guess there is "strong evidence" he wasn't saved either. You could say it was a test for the believers but this is an assumption found nowhere in the Bible. You could say his weakened mind affected his judgment. Then is his weakened mind stronger than

God? I guess Mr. Camping wasn't following the same commandments you do.

**Answer**

You asked a question and I responded by telling you what the Bible says about those that refuse to hearken to the clear teachings of the Bible. Why bring up Mr. Camping? I've pointed out numerous times that I believe the Lord allowed Mr. Camping (and yes, in a very weakened condition, as any man in his 90's who had suffered a severe stroke would be) to say things such as, "I guess no man can know," etc. The Lord allowed this to intensify the testing program for His people in the Day of Judgment. I certainly wouldn't take any comfort from it.

**Questioner Continues**

I bring up Mr. Camping because the very person who came up with doctrines you hold to be true thought they were false gospel. So the Lord used someone who shows strong evidence that they weren't saved to reveal His final judgment plan. Where in the Bible does it say God used it to strengthen His testing period? By that logic Mr. Camping would have failed the "test."

**Answer**

Look, for many, many years, Mr. Camping's life had to do with proclaiming Scriptural teachings related to the time of Christ's second coming. After his stroke, he was asked about this and said, "I guess we cannot know the day or hour." And you, as well as some others, want to give more weight to the statement of a man in his 90's who had recently suffered a severe stroke, and as we now know, was near death – over and above the almost 50 years of answering people's questions on that very thing (no man knows the day or hour), and over and above the many thousands and thousands of hours he taught regarding the coming of Christ at the time of the end of the world.

That is a very wrong and deceptive thing to do. Obviously, the healthier Mr. Camping (as evidence by the two weeks after May 21, 2011, before he suffered his stroke) would have continued along the same lines as the prior 50 years displayed.

So no, I don't think bringing up Mr. Camping's statements at the end of his life is pertinent nor a fair and decent thing to do.

### **Questioner Continues**

We bring up Moses' death and discuss it. That is no excuse. Mr. Camping said repeatedly he was wrong to pick a date. He would have failed your test. Or are you saying his weakened mind is weaker than God? So then age and health affect our ability to be obedient? Where in the Bible does it say God would use this as a test?

### **Answer**

Alright, you can't comfort yourself in your rebellious position from the Scriptures so you must go outside the Scriptures and find something that gives you comfort. God set up this particular test in this way just so a person could do that very thing.

### **Question**

Comment made on E Bible Fellowship's (EBF) YouTube channel by a former FR listener critical of those who set dates: Mr. Camping said it was sin to predict the Lord's return after declaring worldwide "The Bible Guarantees It," and we all woke up to an ordinary May 22, 2011. This is being done again? Not to mention another failed date several years later by Chris McCann. I hope people put their faith and hope in Jesus Christ and not on a date with a guarantee from humans. It seems there's no shame with date setters afterwards. Doesn't the Bible in the Old Testament attach a severe penalty to people who say, "Thus says the Lord," when He has not? Has this Biblical truth been headed to before setting forth yet another day? Lord have mercy.

### **Answer**

First, you use Mr. Camping to try and prove your point, then you bring up an Old Testament Scripture, which if applied today, would bring the death penalty—not only to me—but also to Mr. Camping and anyone else who has been a dreaded "date-setter." I can't help but smirk a little bit over those who try to make date setting out to be the unpardonable sin. Is it? Is that what you're trying to say? Is setting a date the unpardonable sin? It must be, according to certain critics who get so upset by it. They do not seem to get as upset with those who flagrantly teach other gospels by adding to or subtracting from the Word of God. Nor do they seem to be too bothered by those who have opened themselves up to Satan by speaking in tongues, or falling over backwards, or believing that God communicates with them through tongues and dreams and visions. They also do not seem all that bothered by the multitude of errors that are taught in churches, and out of churches, by masses (literally masses) of pastors, elders, deacons, theologians, and professed Christians of all sorts—

who pervert the Bible's gospel of grace by adding works of free will to it, or of some other sort.

Should I go on? Where is the outrage regarding the errors of the churches on doctrines such as marriage and divorce (which they wrongfully allow)? The qualification for elders and deacons (which they do not follow)? Women teaching in church after church (flatly against the things the Bible says regarding women teaching)? The desecration of Sunday as God's holy day (churches can't wait to get to the football game)? And on and on the transgressions of God's laws continues. Where is your concern about these things? Or, do you think these are all light matters in comparison to the dreaded sin of – date setting! Only that sin is to be punished, apparently. Only those who engaged in that sin are to be hounded and constantly reminded of it – in case they might ever dare to do it again. If a teacher with feet of clay (which I think applies to all men), were to make an error of some kind while teaching the Word of God, do you know what the Bible says that man should do? The answer is, he should return to the Scriptures and study further and, by the grace of God, find correction. After all, isn't that what the Scriptures are for?

**2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

All Scripture is profitable for – correction. However, my guess is that by bringing up a past error of “date setting” — (and by the way, May 21, 2011 was Judgment Day! – as proclaimed. Only it took place in the form of a spiritual judgment. But October 21, 2011, as the date for the end of the world, was wrong and therefore an error) — your intent was really not to offer correction of any kind; if it were, you would have included particular points of error and shared Scripture to serve as correction. But anyway, the truth is that I, and others at E Bible Fellowship, went back to the Bible in order to find out where we were incorrect regarding the end of the world date in 2011 and in October 2015. And as we searched, we discovered our answers by God's grace. The answer is that judgment did happen on May 21, 2011 – but it was a spiritual judgment on the world (which helps to explain the chaotic situation among the nations of the world since that time), and the Biblical evidence is pointing to a second tribulation period which will continue until the year 2033 A.D. This is the correction the Bible has provided to us. Correction made.

### **Question**

Comment made on one of EBF's YouTube videos: This program sounds like

a copy-cat radio call in Bible program from Harold Camping's Open Forum. Harold was a lunatic old man who predicted the end of the world on May 21, 2011, as well as the end of Church Age. Both didn't happen, but as a result this is another cult following.

### **Answer**

E Bible Fellowship's Q & A program is indeed patterned after Mr. Camping's Open Forum program. Mr. Camping was a faithful and good man often slandered by those in the churches who could not even begin to compare with the understanding of the Bible the Lord had blessed him with. Those in the churches despised Mr. Camping because he taught the truth that the churches today are apostate and without the Spirit of God and suffered the judgment of God upon them.

Regarding May 21, 2011, and the end of the Church Age, the Bible teaches that both did happen. God judged the churches with a spiritual judgment, and then afterwards the Lord began to judge the world with a spiritual judgment on the date of May 21, 2011. Of course, those who lack spiritual eyes to see will not be able to perceive spiritual judgments since they are accomplished in the spiritual realm, and those left as tares in the world's churches are of a natural mind without ability to perceive spiritual truths.

### **Question**

A person commented on one of EBF's YouTube videos: But wasn't Camping a heretic?

### **Answer**

That certainly was the judgment of the churches. But what of the churches themselves? Are they qualified to make a right judgment regarding whether or not someone is a heretic? Let's consider exactly who is among these churches who make such a charge. Among those who join hands together and condemn a good and faithful man like Mr. Camping we find:

- Churches who hold to tongues and visions and dreams in direct violation of Revelation 22:18. Revelation 22:18 pronounces a condemnation on all that would dare add to the Word of God as these churches do. In the corporate church today, the charismatic leaning population numbers around 500 million. This is about 25 percent of the overall corporate church.

- The Catholic church, which has also added to the words and taken away from the words of the Bible (Revelation 22:18-19), and as a result is subject to plagues written in the Bible. Not sure of the exact numbers, but again hundreds of millions of “Christians.”
- Free will gospel churches. These churches have developed another gospel than the true gospel of the Bible. Their gospel emphasizes doing the work of believing and accepting Christ which turns the grace of God into a gospel of works. Again, scores and scores of millions of people in evangelical churches hold to this erroneous doctrine and gospel.
- Seventh Day Adventists, who believe their founder saw a vision of a halo over the fourth commandment. Therefore, they too have added to the Word of God and are in violation of Revelation 22:18.
- Various liberal and apostate churches (Lutheran, Episcopalian, Methodist, etc., etc.) who have watered down Bible versions and watered down music which basically has allowed the world’s music to supplant the music of the kingdom of God. They also allow for women teachers and preachers (contrary to the Bible’s specific command) and are even allowing for homosexual ministers as well as gay marriage between congregants, etc., etc., etc. Numbers in the scores of millions.
- Finally, all we have left is the small Reformed community of churches. These churches would recognize, to some degree, the apostasy of all the others mentioned above. These are the ones, especially, who have labeled Mr. Camping a heretic for his “date setting.” But what of them?

These churches like to think of themselves as the guardians of the faith. The last hold outs of the truths handed down to them by the reformers – which is precisely why they despise Mr. Camping so much. For years, Mr. Camping spoke of the growing church apostasy, but these few “reformed” churches always felt they were above it. The apostasy was “them” over there. Not us. But once Mr. Camping released his book, *The End of the Church Age...and After* (2002), it included language indicating that all churches, without exception, were presently being judged by God. God was displeased with all of them across the board, no exceptions. The book pointed out the tendency of the corporate churches towards making idols and setting them up in the high places of their confessions and creeds, and then worshipping them above the Word of God, the Bible. The Reformed churches, even as they liked to point

their bony little finger at other churches and congregations, were especially guilty of this idol-making in the documents of the reformers.

When evaluating the churches' charge of heresy against Mr. Camping, we have to realize that the Bible teaches that the Church Age is finished:

**1 Peter 4:17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it first begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?**

And, that all the world's churches are apostate and spiritually corrupt. And Mr. Camping taught this very thing day after day, year after year, for several years. This is why the churches despised him and spoke evil of him. But keep in mind what the testimony of the Bible is regarding true men of God. Will they be loved by the masses? Not hardly:

**Luke 6:22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company*, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.**

**23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward *is great* in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.**

In fact, the charge made by apostate church after apostate church—none of which can even begin to stumble upon the truths of the Scripture, as they themselves make their accusations while residing in intense spiritual darkness—is nothing but a glorious testimony that Mr. Camping followed in the steps of the faithful people of God who came before him as he spoke the truth about the apostasy and desolation of the churches as God handed them over to Satan for their destruction.

### **Question**

A person on Facebook sent me a video of Mr. Camping's last interview and wrote: Hi Chris, can you comment on this? If you already addressed it please send a link. Thanks!

### **Answer**

Yes, I've listened to it. Here are the problems:

- Mr. Camping did not remember the date of May 21 – he said “April” – and then waited until a woman (probably his daughter) told him the date.

▪ He speaks of churches going down the road of apostasy and seemingly forgets the doctrine of the end of the Church Age. His explanation that he cannot be the judge of the church is very unlike Mr. Camping, because a healthy Mr. Camping would not have said that. All during the time he was teaching the end of the Church Age, he never viewed it as his judgment. Instead, he correctly viewed it as the judgment of God revealed in the Scriptures which he then declared to others. His response on this point is a major indicator that he was NOT himself.

▪ He said that there was no evidence we could know the time. This is an enormous overstatement that is in fact not true. It would be acceptable to say, “we find no conclusive evidence of His coming,” but to say there is “no evidence” contradicts about 50 years of his teaching wherein he laid out that evidence. Therefore, this also points to a Mr. Camping in a very weakened condition.

▪ He said Christ could come in a hundred years. This statement, too, is incorrect. Mr. Camping often pointed out that Israel becoming a nation again in 1948 signaled the near end of the world. Likewise, the apostasy of the churches and the increased iniquity in the world, are nothing short of red flags waving to all with eyes to see that we are at the end stage of earth’s history.

It’s sad to hear him say these things. Sadder still to see vultures gathered around him recording him in order to try to use these statements of a 90+ year old man who suffered a severe stroke and, as we now know, was near death. Individuals who cannot argue their points from the Scriptures instead try to set up a mouthpiece for themselves in order to prove their doctrines – the same doctrines that Mr. Camping in days past had shot down hundreds and hundreds of times. I think it is deceptive of people to try and use a recording like this to prove doctrine which stands in stark contrast to the faithful man of God’s own teachings for 50 years. Even after May 21, 2011, and before his stroke, a healthy Mr. Camping went right back to the drawing board and began to see what could have happened, and it was his understanding that God had saved everyone to be saved and had brought a spiritual judgment on the world. Then came the stroke and an inability to dig into the Scriptures any longer.

I agree with Mr. Camping’s assessment that God brought the stroke to him. And the reason why God brought the stroke was to set the stage for a severe testing program for all of FR’s listeners and Mr. Camping’s listeners. Would we do as he had always said, “Don’t trust me, trust the Bible”; or would we

simply accept the position of an aged and ill Mr. Camping near the point of death, and just because he said (in this condition) no man knows, well then, it must mean that no man knows. The testing ground is clear.

God's elect listened to Mr. Camping and followed his teachings insofar as he followed the Lord. Many accused us of following the man. Therefore, God set this perfect test up which will show who was following the man and who followed the man because he followed the Lord.

That's my comment.

## Chapter 2: The Book of Genesis

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### Question

If (and I say this with little confidence) Noah is a picture of Jesus Christ and he released the dove (Spirit) out of the ark, and it finally did not return because the water (wrath of God) was gone. Can that tie into the new earth because the spirit is now free to roam because there is no more wrath on earth?

### Answer

Yes. The dove was seeking rest for the soles of her feet:

Genesis 8:8 **Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;**  
9 **But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.**

The “sole” of the feet is very significant language. We find it used in:

Joshua 1:2 **Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel.**  
3 **Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.**

In the above verses, the promised land of Canaan is being referred to as God speaks of giving them the land every place the “sole of your foot shall tread upon.” And the land of Canaan is a picture of the new heaven and new earth. Therefore, the dove, itself a picture of the Holy Spirit, is seeking its resting place of a new heaven and a new earth. Some might wonder, does God seek an eternal resting place of a new heaven and a new earth as His people do? And the answer the Bible gives is yes, most definitely. Let’s go to the book of Ezekiel where the Lord Himself will reveal His desire for an eternal resting place:

Ezekiel 43:7 **And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, ...**

You're correct, that once the water disappeared from the face of the earth, it was as though the wrath (flood water) of God completed, and a new earth appeared wherein God would forever dwell with His people:

**Revelation 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.**

### **Question**

Genesis chapters five and eleven give life spans of individuals who are called "Calendar Patriarchs." Are we to understand that these are their exact ages with no additional months, weeks, or days? For example: Did Methuselah live to be nine hundred sixty-nine years to the very day? If so, does that mean he and all the others listed in these chapters died on their birthday? Given that this information is used to determine the timeline of the history of the world, it would have to be the precise duration of their lives, and not approximate.

### **Answer**

No. God's calendar of history only required that in the year the one calendar reference patriarch died, the next calendar reference patriarch would be born.

**Genesis 5:12 And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:**

**13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:**

**14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.**

**15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:**

Once Canaan reached the age of 910 years and died, then, in that year, Mahalaleel was born to become the next calendar reference point. Of course, not every patriarch died on the date of their birthday. And typically, if this was a calendar designed by men, we would expect overlap and time keeping that begins to go off a little bit with each generational change. However, the Biblical calendar of history is not a man-made calendar watched over by men. Instead it is a God-designed calendar watched over for accuracy by Almighty God Himself. The God who designed and watched over the Biblical calendar is the same God who knows all about time, because He's the One who designed the celestial time keepers (sun, moon, and stars) which govern the movement of time in the world since the beginning of the creation.

So we can trust that God carefully took the life of one patriarchal time keeper (like Canaan) while quickly setting up another (Mahalaleel) at a time which would not disturb the precision of the overall calendar. There is leeway here, because it was not necessary for the Biblical calendar to be accurate to the very second, only that it to be accurate to the very year. This means a patriarch could die within a certain year, and the next patriarch be born perhaps a couple of months later and the integrity of the overall calendar would remain intact insofar as the year was concerned. If the span of months began to go too far in one direction – nearing the point of making the calendar go off course by a year – God could simply cause the death/birth cycle of the next calendar reference patriarch to be very near one another (maybe even on the exact day). Again, since the whole thing belongs to God and was under His watchful eye, we can know assuredly that it all worked out with perfect precision.

### **Question**

Is God, a.k.a., “life-giving breath” (Genesis 2:7-9), self-revealing to human beings or not?

**Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

**8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.**

**9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.**

### **Answer**

Of course, God is a life-giving Spirit. And yes, He also has revealed Himself to mankind. But God, in His infinite wisdom, has determined to compile the revelation of Himself into a book called the Bible. In that book, and in that book only, God speaks, and as He does so, He reveals Himself to mankind.

Just as the spirit of a man is able to reveal things about himself, so is God’s Holy Spirit able to reveal information about Himself.

**1 Corinthians 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.**

You and I cannot know each other very well unless we tell one another about ourselves. And even then, we only know things to a certain degree, as people tend to hold back unflattering information concerning themselves. Likewise, mankind cannot know God unless God intentionally reveals things about Himself. Things that God desires for us to know. A person that looks into his own heart, and thinks by that kind of self-examination he can know God, is fooling himself.

And yet people do this very thing all the time and say, “Well, my God is a God of love and would never destroy people.” That’s their understanding of God based upon their own feelings or emotions or thoughts. And their understanding of God is far from reality. God is NOT altogether such a One as ourselves. He is a distinct Personality. He is a Person that reveals Himself exclusively on the pages of the Bible. And the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

As the verse I quoted above states: “the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” That is, the Spirit of God knows Himself, and therefore He alone can reveal Himself. This is exactly what the Bible does do as we read and study it:

**2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

### **Question**

Please examine Genesis 20:2-6 with Genesis 20:11-12 and compare with Genesis 26:6-11 and Zechariah 2:8. I have two related questions:

Please explain why both Abraham and Isaac felt the need to give the same story of their wives being their sisters instead of their being wives to the same king Abimelech and what this spiritually may represent?

Could Abraham represent Christ, His wife represents the body of the elect, and the pharaoh, and Abimelech typify Satan? (Also, Abraham tells Pharaoh of Egypt this as well in Genesis 12:12-13)?

### **Answer**

Yes, it is a historical parable. Abraham is a type of Christ and Sarah a picture of the elect. Sarah was an actual half-sister to Abraham as well as his wife.

And the Bible uses similar language concerning Christ and His bride. He is the Husband of the elect, but He is also the Brother of the elect.

The Song of Solomon mentions this dual relationship in that beautiful little book that draws the parabolic picture of Christ's love for His bride as well as for His sister:

**Song of Solomon 4:9 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, *my* spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.**

**10 How fair is thy love, my sister, *my* spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!**

### **Question**

How long did it take Noah to build the ark? I've heard that it took 120 years. How was 120 years arrived at? I'm not disputing 120 years, I'm just curious.

### **Answer**

In the context of declaring the sins of the world and of His intention to destroy man off the face of the earth, God makes this statement;

**Genesis 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.**

As we consider options for how the 120 years might be applied, we realize there aren't any explanations that fit except for the explanation that it is a timeline given until the flood will come.

For instance, men were living for hundreds of years prior to the flood. So it could not be any kind of limitation on life expectancy. And after the flood, the life spans of people did diminish, but God set their days at 70, or 80 years (Psalm 90:10).

The 120 years reference does not fit anything until we realize that in Noah's 480th year of life, God came to him and told him of His plan to destroy the world by a flood. Since it was God's plan to save a tiny remnant of the world and animals from the flood's destruction by building a huge ship, it would have been necessary to give Noah ample time to construct it. Even today, with

all of our modern technology and tools, shipbuilding is very time-consuming. It might take a few years to build a modern ship.

So, we can imagine how long a process it would take without any of the modern technology/equipment.

God also used the 120 years ( $10 \times 12 = 120$ , which points to complete fullness) as a time to give warning to people and to save the few that He intended to save.

### **Question**

Can Noah or the ark be a picture of Christ Jesus saving the elect in Hebrews 11:7?

**Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.**

### **Answer**

God speaks of resting in the Sabbath as a type and figure of resting in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Noah's name means "rest," which reveals that Noah was a picture of Christ.

The ark also was a type and figure of Jesus:

**Genesis 6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.**

The Hebrew words translated as "pitch" (#3722 and #3724 in Strong's Concordance) are also translated as "atonement," and as "ransom," and identify with the atoning work of Christ in making payment for the sins of His people. So yes, the ark itself represents the safety and deliverance from the wrath of God that Christ's atonement provided for His elect people.

### **Question**

In Genesis 2:21, God made Eve from Adam's rib. What is the spiritual significance of the rib coming out from Adam?

**Genesis 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;**

### **Answer**

The significance is not so much in the rib, but in the fact that the rib was one of Adam's bones:

**Genesis 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.**

**23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.**

The woman was made out of Adam's own bones. This helps us to understand God's emphasis upon protecting Jesus' bones from being broken while He was on the cross:

**Psalm 22:17 I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me.**

**John 19:36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.**

The reason Jesus' bones were not broken while on the cross is because they typified the body of elect believers. Bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. This is the language God uses in the epistle of the Ephesians to teach of the spiritual marriage between Christ and His church:

**Ephesians 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:**

**30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.**

**31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.**

**32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

### **Question**

In Genesis 4:17, Cain is married, so do you agree Cain's wife is already existing in another city? In those times there were only three people who existed:

Adam, Eve, and Cain. Abel was killed by Cain, so I am confused. Where was Cain's wife from?

**Answer**

Over the course of time, Adam and Eve had other children including daughters. Cain would have married one of his sisters:

**Genesis 5:4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:**

**Question**

I hear from many sources that Adam was created as androgynous. What do you think of it and what does the Bible say about it?

**Answer**

According to an online definition, "androgynous" means: "partly male and partly female in appearance; of indeterminate sex," or, "having the physical characteristics of both sexes; hermaphrodite." I'm sure we'll begin to hear more about this as time goes on because the world, in its darkened condition today, is seeking after a genderless society. I don't know who your sources are but there is no way that Adam was created as "androgynous." According to the Bible, Adam was created a man (male):

**Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.**

**27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**

Also,

**Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners,**

God also very carefully tells us the order of creation in:

**1 Timothy 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.**

How could Adam be formed first and then Eve if he was created as both sexes?

More than likely, the people you are hearing from who say he was created both male and female are saying this due to their misreading and misapplying the following Scripture:

**Genesis 1:27b ... male and female created he them.**

God speaks of creating the female along with Adam because she was in him in the sense that the Lord would take one of Adam's ribs and later make the woman Eve. This language is very intentional on God's part in order to paint an accurate spiritual picture of all the elect (the bride or woman of Christ) who were in Him as He died for their sins at the foundation of the world. God's elect are said to be in Christ in numerous Scriptures:

**Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

...

**28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**  
**29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

All those saved are in Christ. He is the seed (singular) and we are counted for the seed in Him. That's the beautiful picture in view as Adam (himself a type of Christ, see Romans 5:14) falls into a deep sleep (picturing death), and as he sleeps, God takes a rib and forms the woman (bride of Christ = all those who become saved).

## **Chapter 3: Critics of the Bible: Atheism, Secularism, and Modern Science**

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### **Question**

A young man wrote on my page: Should we trust the “science” of today?

### **Answer:**

No more than anything else of this world. We can trust man’s laws, or man’s inventions insofar as they agree with God’s Word, the Bible. And when it comes to science, this means that if science is able to develop and work out complicated designs and formulas which allow the use of phones, and computers, and many other things coming to light in the electronic realm, then that’s wonderful. We give glory to God for opening up some of the mysteries of this world to natural man’s understanding.

But, when these same scientists begin to speak of their ideas of beginnings and their theories of evolution – well, immediately we realize these statements are in direct opposition to what the Bible says. And either God’s Word is true or these scientists are true. The choice is not hard for an elect child of God to make. We agree with this statement:

**Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; ...**

It’s the same with man’s laws. Insofar as the law of an earthly government is in agreement with the law of God, the Bible, we submit ourselves to it and recognize it as a good law. However, once the law of the earthly government steps beyond the things God’s book, the Bible, says, then we do not obey nor believe it is a good law in any way. Laws related to abortion and same-sex marriage would fall into this type of category.

### **Question**

Do you even know where your Bible comes from? Don’t be naive. A good study: “The Evolution of God,” by Robert Wright. It even has a bibliography so you can double check it like I did. 4200 religions in the world with 2700 different gods or deities and you were born into the right one, kind of like being born in Dallas and being a Cowboys fan. No wonder that you are referred to as sheep, read! (Nonfiction)

## Answer

It's amazing how men who believe that something came from nothing (at the beginning), and that evolution took a path from chickens to dinosaurs and fish to men, lecture others about being naive. If I believed such absurdities, I think I would keep silence much more often.

I have no need to read the writings of tiny finite men to tell me where the Holy Bible came from. God Himself explains exactly where the Bible came from and from whom:

**2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

And,

**2 Peter 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.**

**21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

## Question

Further comment from man critiquing the Bible: No, you're wrong. I can critique the Bible till the cows come home, but it being an inanimate object, just sits there. So, I AM its judge, and yet all it does is gather dust and scorn. Amen.

## Answer

Yes, unregenerate men do tend to critique the Bible and are free to do so. But you're far from its judge. You're just a puny little fallen creature shaking your fist at the Great God and Creator among a world of puny little fallen creatures who likewise shake their fist at the Great God and Creator. The Word is the Judge of mankind. The Word has declared its laws. The Word has found out all those who violate its laws. And the Word has pronounced the judgment upon them. It is death. You have already suffered the consequence of this judgment in your soul existence, and you will soon suffer the consequence of its judgment in your physical body. You will die because God's Holy Word, the Bible, declares that you must:

**Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death;**

You will die. Cease to exist and go to nothingness. But that Word that judged you, and pronounced the penalty of your sins to be death, will continue on forevermore:

**1 Peter 1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:**

**25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.**

Since it will eternally outlast you, I would say that it qualifies as the Supreme law over you and is indeed your Judge.

### **Questioner Continues**

Oh, I am definitely its judge. And I most certainly rejected. It's easy to quote the guy who speaks in parables and says love thy neighbor as yourself while ignoring the psychopath that says, "I am the Lord they God and I'll slaughter you for breaking a rule you didn't know existed." Then again, I suppose it's the gentle Jesus meek and mild that threatens to torture for eternity for a finite crime. But you know. In a loving way?

### **Answer**

Your judgment against the Bible, and the God who wrote it, is meaningless. It's like the wrath of a gnat against the highest mountain. Down through the ages, God's Word has had many scores of millions of critics smarter, more powerful, and greater than you – but where are these worldly-wise men now? The answer is that those arrogant and proud men are lying in graveyards across the face of the earth. Their bodies have seen corruption and only their bones and ashes remain of them. Their once proud words against the Holy God and His Holy Word, the Bible, are long forgotten. Their thoughts, wherein they did lift up their puny hands to battle against the Most High and against His Word, have perished and long ceased to be. And yet, the Word of the Lord is still here.

**Psalm 146:4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.**

**1 Peter 1:23 ... by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.**

**24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:**

## 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.

### Question

So people who believe that this all came from nothing when you think that it all came from a god ... who came from nothing? It adds a level of complexity that is completely unnecessary. Especially when the evidence is even more against it.

There are several books out there that explain that we are on track to understand this. You know the same science that has doubled your life expectancy, given us flight, etc. While you are of the group who believed that a serpent swallows the sun during an eclipse, when you believe in a supernatural reason for something happening you stop thinking about what really happened and we continue to be in the dark ages. One person with a microscope does more than a thousand people praying, get off your knees and join reality.

I can prove everything that I have said, try it. Ignorance is a choice today.

### Answer

I don't mean to mock, but the things you wrote are absurd.

Someday secularists will admit that matter is eternal since that is the only possibly explanation for origins of all things given the severe limitations they place on themselves by refusing to consider a Supreme Being (God) as Creator.

And so, in reality, the only two options for the origin of things are either: (a) eternal matter, or (b) eternal God.

Even given the idea of eternal matter, it is still mindless and there is no ability to account for the tremendous precision and design built into the fabric of all things. Therefore, it's an absurd conclusion because matter is not eternal. And it still would not solve the multitude of problems regarding the design patterns in all creation pointing to the obvious conclusion that there was a Designer who built all things.

The eternal nature of God is the solution to all of these questions. We do not have to develop fanciful tales starting off with the language of, "Billions and billions of years ago ..." All is explained by the simple declaration found at the beginning of the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the

earth.” Yes, eternal God is the solution. But unfortunately, it is the solution that the rebel sinner will never acknowledge. Not because he has a better idea. Obviously he doesn’t, given the ridiculous nature of evolution and its claims. No, he will simply refuse the truth because that’s in his fallen nature to do. And he will also refuse the idea because he has too much at stake. Unregenerate man cannot accept the idea that God created all things because that would mean there is a God – and if there is a God, then that would mean he was obligated to obey Him and serve Him as Lord and God. This he will not do. This is why even the most brilliant of men will not consider the one true option regarding origins. They cannot.

Do you really believe that science has doubled our life expectancy? Then why did God write the following over 3,000 years ago:

**Psalm 90:9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told.***

**10 The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.**

I'll translate the old English language of threescore years and ten, and fourscore years – it means 70 or by reason of strength 80. So, God moved Moses to write Psalm 90 and Moses died in the year 1407 B.C. (over 3,400 years ago), and one of the things Moses wrote was that man’s life expectancy would be 70 or perhaps 80 years of age.

Do you know the life expectancy for men and women today? With all this modern medicine and advanced technology, and all these other wonderful things science has done for us, I’m sure we’re way beyond 70 or 80 years. Let me Google it, as of 2017:

- For men in the U.S. life expectancy is: 76.1 years.
- For women in the U.S. life expectancy is: 81.1 years

The life expectancy is still within the boundaries established by God over 3,400 years ago.

### **Question**

Don’t skip the part about cutting a concubine into pieces, or Jesus commanding unsubmitive/unbelievers be slain before him ... as well as the other

extensive atrocities and absurdities that require threats to compel and enforce belief.

**Answer**

We do not desire to skip any word of God for all Scripture is given by His inspiration and is profitable for various purposes (see 2 Timothy 3:16).

It's fascinating how the rebel sinner (as we all are) possessing a desperately wicked heart dares to come to the Bible applying his standard of righteousness as though he were the lawgiver and the judge over the Bible. Sorry, but that's not how it works. God is the One lawgiver and the One just judge, and He judges man by the standard of His holy law found in the whole of the Scripture.

You, and me, and all other people, are the lawbreakers. We're the criminals, and the way you were speaking is reminiscent of those that have been judged by the law and put away in prison – of course, the opinion of the condemned criminal against the law and judge who pronounced his own condemnation is not usually a flattering one. Criminals speak evil of the law and speak evil of the law officials who put them behind bars. You're speaking evil of the law (the Bible) that does indeed pronounce you guilty of being a lawbreaker and condemns you to die (Romans 6:23 says that the wages of sin is death). Therefore, your opinion is extremely prejudiced and of no consequence. The Just and Holy God of the Bible could not care less if one who rebelled against Him spoke evil of Him and His law. That's to be expected. And the law of God has already handled the matter of your rebellion by pronouncing the wrath of God upon you.

**Question**

It's not the word of God it is the work of man. No omnipotent being would write such contradictory claptrap. It would write clearly giving no ambiguity and possibility of misinterpretation. It would know what problems and contradictions would produce and not include them.

**Answer**

Who are we to believe? The Almighty and infinite God of the Bible? Or, the tiny little finite creature man? They both tell me different things. The One is most trustworthy, for He does not, and cannot lie:

**Hebrews 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was impossible for God to lie*, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:**

The other is a natural born liar possessing a desperately wicked and deceitful heart:

**Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?**

The One always speaks the truth while the other cannot but lie. The Bible's testimony regarding man's leanings and tendencies toward lying, are, of course, borne out by actual experience with men and their dealings in this world.

**Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; ...**

So again, who are we to trust for truth? This isn't exactly what is known as a "close call." One (God) is all wise. And the other (man) is a constant fool. One (God) knows the end from the beginning, and the other (man) doesn't even know what a day may bring forth.

No, actually, it's not close at all. By God's grace, I think I'll trust the Word of the One who inhabits the entire spectrum of eternity and not the word of the other (man) who cannot even fully inhabit his own house (when he's on the first floor, he's not on the second floor).

God's Holy Word, the Bible, tells us that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God. And anyone who is truly familiar with the Bible knows that the Bible gives the appearance of contradictions, but in actuality has none. God wrote the Bible so the casual surface reader of the Scripture can find what appears to be an error, and then run off saying it's a fallible book and not to be trusted. That's one way God uses to confound the proud and arrogant man, and to hide truth from those He has not selected before the foundation of the world to receive it.

In other words, you think you know what you have with the Bible. And you think you've analyzed it and found it wanting, and therefore (you) rejected it. But that's not the case at all. Actually, if there's any rejection taking place, it is God and His Word rejecting you. The Book itself is quick (alive) and

powerful and does not reveal its mysteries to those God wishes to keep in darkness.

**Matthew 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?**

**11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.**

I have mentioned before that atheists are only atheists according to the will of God. If God desired to reveal Himself to you, or to anyone else, He would simply compel you to come, and you would not be able to resist:

**John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

Man's will has nothing to do with salvation. God saves whom He will save. And when He performs this, He draws that person to Himself. The Greek word translated as "draw" in John 6:44 is a word that conveys the idea of brute force. There is no ability to resist the drawing power of God. Any who are not drawn may go a thousand different paths as they live out their lives in this world. Some go the path of other religions. Some go the path of Christianity, but they remain just as unsaved as anyone else not elected by God. And some go the route of atheism. Doesn't matter really, if an unsaved person says he's an atheist. Or, if an unsaved person says they believe Buddha, or Mohammed, or Jesus, they all equally remain unsaved people.

### **Question 1 of 2**

Another man commented on EBF's Facebook ad: I'm sorry to tell you that the Bible is not the truth. You make that statement without any evidence whatsoever. You're lucky that the human condition provides you with enough gullible people to keep this nonsense going. Do you believe the Noah's Ark story?

### **Answer 1 of 2**

Man says there's no evidence the Bible is the truth. And yet man who says this has no idea of what truth is. Pontius Pilate, at least, admitted it, when he asked: "What is truth?" But many will not be as honest as he was that day.

What is truth to an atheist? Since their "gospel" is simply being against (anti) that which proclaims to be the truth (the Word of God, the Bible), those

deluded into the atheistic position don't really spend much time dwelling on the things their religion of contrariness believes. That's just it: to be a good, upstanding atheist, one simply needs to "not believe." And unbelief comes naturally to the spiritually dead sinner. To the man dead to spiritual realities, there is nothing more natural than to say, "There is no God." Atheism is really the easiest and most lazy of all "belief" systems because it is a position which takes absolutely no effort for a spiritually dead individual to arrive at.

In Psalm 14, God tells us of the statement that every unsaved (spiritually dead) person makes in their heart:

**Psalm 14:1 The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.***

The declaration of, "There is no God," has been made in the hearts of men since Adam's fall in the Garden of Eden. This statement is also a lie. It is not the truth that there is no God. The truth is that God exists and His communication to mankind can be found in the Bible.

But man is, once again, dead to spiritual things (and spiritual things are truthful things). He can only believe the lie. Interestingly, Jesus said this nearly 2,000 years ago:

**John 8:45 And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.**

By the way, your statement regarding "enough gullible people to keep it going," reveals the pride and arrogance that a good number of atheists seem to have. To be gullible, of course, is to be like a fool. Anyone who truly trusts the Bible, and all that it says, may be a lot of things. He may be poor, he may be uneducated, and he may not be an intellectual at all, but one thing he is not – is a fool.

Read Psalm 14:1 again. I didn't write it. God wrote it as He moved holy men of old to write down the things He wanted written down. And it is God's assessment of the man who says that there is no God, that that man is a fool. On the other hand, God views His people as being wise—which is the complete opposite of your assessment. Obviously, God's assessment is the correct assessment of things.

## Question 2 of 2

Atheist does not mean a person is anti anything. It simply means they have no belief in your god, just as you are an atheist about Zeus, Odin, or Mithra. You have no evidence they do not exist, you cannot prove they never performed any miracles, and in fact if a god created the universe it could just as easily have been one of the other gods and not your particular deity. There is no evidence supporting the Bible being the word of a god or of the Bible being true. There is no evidence for any supernatural claim made in the Bible. None. There is just as much evidence for the existence of Zeus, Odin, and Mithra, as there is for your god. None.

## Answer 2 of 2

There is evidence. But the evidence lies in the realm of the supernatural. A realm the natural minded person is dead to. And because the natural minded individual is dead to spiritual things, he is unable to perceive the genuineness of the evidence presented.

**Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

To give an example, if you go to your local graveyard and approach any gravestone you wish. Pick the most whited sepulcher you can find, and present any teaching you want. Lay it all out in the finest detail. Include all the evidence that plainly supports your point. Then, after you are satisfied that you presented the strongest case possible, stop talking and wait for those you were addressing to respond and acknowledge the soundness of your argument.

“Don’t be silly,” you say, “you can’t convince the dead of any facts.”

Exactly. The amount of evidence, or the clarity of the evidence, is not the problem when discussing an issue with the dead. The problem with trying to prove something to the dead is the fact that they are indeed dead.

God warned Adam that in the day he ate of that tree, he would surely die (Genesis 3:3). But Adam did not fall over backwards and die physically that day. No, the Bible says he lived to be an old man of 930 years (Genesis 5:5). He lived many centuries after partaking of the forbidden fruit.

Why didn't he die as God had said?

The answer is: he did die. But the death he died was in his soul (spirit):

**Ezekiel 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.**

And since we all come from Adam, all men are born with dead souls. The salvation which the Bible speaks of begins with the regeneration of the soul. Being born again is really a resurrection of the dead soul of man. The one who experiences the resurrected soul (is born again) is given life into the spiritual realm of existence. He is now able to see things, hear things, and is able to perceive things that he was never previously able to perceive. God (a Spirit) and the things of God (spiritual things) suddenly become realities. The one who has experienced the resurrected soul now is able to live in two realms of existence. We live in the physical realm along with the rest of the world. But we also have life in the spiritual realm. From time to time, someone who resides only in the physical realm will say, "Prove God exists. Prove the things of the Bible." And again, it's not possible to prove anything to the dead. Nothing can be proven to the dead.

### **Question**

A man posted an image with his caption: "I bet you have no reply to this." The image said: "If God exists, why do we need books to explain it? Or preachers. The fact that He can't do it himself is good evidence He does not exist."

### **Answer**

God has testified to His own existence through the creation itself:

**Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.**

**2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.**

**3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.**

Literally, everything you see, hear, feel, and that your senses take in, is testimony of God's existence.

And what does the blind man who arrogantly demands God speak for Himself – and when He does speak for Himself on a daily basis (day unto day uttereth speech), the blind, deaf, and dumb man of the world says he does not see nor perceive any evidence of the kind.

When an individual is predisposed to a conclusion, evidence does not matter. Evidence is resisted and held back:

**Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

**19 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:**

You try to justify and excuse your blind rebellion against your Creator. But as God (the Bible) says, you are without excuse.

You see the evidence and yet fail to see it. Jesus referred to this particular trait of the ungodly as “seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not” (Matthew 13:13).

### **Question**

A man commented on EBF’s Facebook ad, which features an image of an open Bible along with our website address: Why can’t you religious folk stop trying to infect our space and go make your own website called faithbook. Take your fake news and delusions elsewhere. I thought Facebook was supposed to be dedicated to factual content.

### **Answer**

If the Bible truly were fake, you and others wouldn’t be upset by it. But it does seem to disturb a good number of atheists and secularists. I wonder why? No, actually I don’t wonder why. I know why. The reason the Bible disturbs you, even if you yourself are not aware of it, is because deep down you know it is the Word of God. Just like, deep down, you know there is a God. And no matter how you try to fight against Him and make Him go away, there is always another reminder of the fact you’re trying to escape.

**Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

**19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.**

The Greek word translated as “hold” in verse 18, is a word that means to suppress. Men suppress the truth of God that their own heart testifies of:

**Romans 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:**

**15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)**

The fact that men, often intuitively, know that stealing, and adultery, and murder, etc., is wrong, is itself a testimony of the law of God written upon their hearts.

### **Question**

A man commented on EBF’s advertisement showing an open Bible, by posting a picture of an open and blank Bible, with a caption: “Bible: non-fictional version.”

### **Answer**

Of course, you, and other natural minded men, try to belittle the Bible, but it is the book of God and God is a Spirit. Therefore, the Bible reveals spiritual truths. However, natural men are spiritually dead men. And so, they are incapable of understanding the Bible and its truths. When natural minded men, apparently such as yourself—men whose minds severely limit their ability to comprehend and perceive anything but physical things—come to the book of spiritual things, they sense the Bible’s communication is taking place on a level they cannot grasp, and this tends to trouble them, and perhaps even anger them, as they also sense that this ancient book is also condemning them and their beliefs and revealing things that indicate they don’t know anything as they think they know.

The contrast is strikingly clear. Man perishes while the Bible endures. And since you, like all other men, will certainly perish as well, and since the Word of God will continue on far after you’re gone—it can rightly be said that

God's Word is far superior than you and its judgment of you is far, far greater than your puny little judgment of it.

**John 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**

### **Question**

A man from East Sussex, United Kingdom, commented on EBF's Facebook page: So he stopped saving people on May 21, 2011, which just goes to show what an evil piece of work he really is always assuming he actually exists. I am surprised that there are still people who believe this. I have issued challenge after challenge, blasphemed and taken the so-called god's name in vain and as yet have had not so much as a sign that he has heard me. I have hurled insult after insult at him, no response. He does not exist, except in the minds of people who doubt their own ability to cope in this world without a crutch.

### **Answer**

You demand things of God, and when He does not answer you according to your demands, you make the erroneous judgment that He does not exist. There is a very basic Biblical principle that applies to all creatures (like you and me), it is stated in this verse:

**1 Peter 5:5 ... be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.**

Arrogance and pride are particular characteristics of the sinner (and all have sinned). Man has an ingrained feeling that he's really something. No doubt, this tendency of his to think highly of himself is a result of his high order of creation in the sense that he was created in the very image of God. Man's rebellious fall, though, has caused the creature, made in God's image, to think he actually is God. I can think of no other reason why a tiny, finite little being like the creature man would dare to think that he is the ultimate determiner of what is right and wrong. How else can we explain the sheer arrogance of the one possessing an insect-like mind – and then placing himself over and above the brilliant eternal mind of God as God lays out His perfect thoughts on the pages of the Bible? A very common mistake that fallen creatures make when approaching the holy Word of God (the Bible) is to think that they are its judge, when in fact, the reverse is true.

The Bible teaches that all have sinned. Every human being has sinned without exception. And the Bible says that the penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23). Therefore, all have transgressed the law of God, and all are lawbreakers, and all are subject to the law's demands which call for the death of the offender.

However, God, in His incredible mercy, developed a plan of salvation to save some (a few) out of the whole of mankind. This was done by His great love and mercy because He was under no obligation to save any one at all. He could rightly destroy the entire human race and be most just in doing so.

But He did not. He saved some. He exercised His sovereign right as Lord and King and God to pardon certain individuals while not pardoning others (just as earthly rulers are permitted to do). No one can accuse Him of injustice for doing this. At least, no one can accuse Him lawfully. Sure, some rebellious sinner, himself condemned by the law, can cast up accusations and curse Him as being unjust. But there's no validity to any of that. No more than a condemned criminal on death row who cries out and defames the judge and law that put him there. It's expected for the criminal to hurl accusations against the judge no matter how righteous his judgment was.

### **Question 1 of 2**

A visitor to EBF's Facebook page commented: Fundamental flaw with your flood story. There are no accounts in other cultures, and no geological evidence. The Bible is a work of fiction, and if its human authors were honest, they would have started it with "once upon a time." But they were dishonest. And by peddling this rubbish as fact, you're dishonest as well.

### **Answer 1 of 2**

You're incorrect. There are other exaggerated flood accounts (exaggeration is expected from men apart from God) such as the Babylonian account. But I don't care about those accounts nor wish to get into discussing them. And I find it hard to believe you say there is no geological evidence. Have you not heard of the Grand Canyon? Where do you think all the fossil fuel came from? Normally, when animals perish, they do not fossilize. It takes a major catastrophic event, such as a worldwide flood, to bring to pass the sufficient pressures that would lead to fossilization. But again, I have no intention of getting into a discussion of geology. This is the direction the natural minded individual desires for the discussion to go because they only understand natural processes and cannot comprehend the spiritual things of God found in the Bible. You may tell yourself you do not believe in God or His Word, the Bible, because there are no natural proofs for believing. But the simple truth is,

that you do not believe because you are dead in your soul existence. Dead to spiritual things (the Bible). Dead to true perception of the One who is a Spirit Himself (God). And it is a natural fact that the dead do not and cannot know anything. They cannot be instructed nor receive learning because they are dead. Of course, man's spiritual deadness is complicated due to his possessing physical life. He thinks because he lives physically, this also means he lives in the fullest sense of the word. But this is not the case. Man, though alive physically, is dead spiritually. He is so dead in the spirit that he doesn't even know that there is a spiritual realm. God passes him by and he perceives it not. I'm sorry to say that this appears to be your situation.

### **Question 2 of 2**

And there you have it – the Grand Canyon, 70 million years old, is proof of Noah and the great flood which is supposed to have happened within the last 6 thousand years. Of course you don't want to discuss geology. It proves you wrong. Wow. Arrogant much? I am dead? That is why I don't believe in your god? You who are part of a cult that worships the concept of death so that you can go onto a fantasy other plain of existence? So if man, by your twisted ideal, is dead, and as such unable to learn, then where does that put you? Oh yes. You are the most wonderful amazing person who is so much better than anyone else. Or you're an arrogant jumped up cultist, who lives in his own poisonous little world with his fantastical ideals and delusions which don't need evidence, just your little book. The bottom line is that however you try to make yourself feel superior. You are just a sad pathetic creature, desperate to feel that you are better than everyone else. Even better than other Christians. But you are nothing. Your god is just the echo of your voice in your head.

### **Answer 2 of 2**

The flood account explains the appearance of age in the Grand Canyon as the enormous pressures of water covering the highest mountain of that time by 15 cubits would have produced the various sedimentary rock layers found there. But once the scientists reject the Bible and go it alone, they make foolish assumptions and come to astronomically wrong conclusions concerning the age of the Grand Canyon and the earth itself.

What I said about you being dead in the spirit (a conclusion based on your hostility and ignorance of the things found in the Bible) is a basic Bible teaching.

**Ezekiel 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.**

In the Garden of Eden, man sinned and man died in his soul existence. This is a Biblical fact. The whole idea of being “born again” is really better understood to be the resurrection of a man’s dead soul. Psalm 23 refers to it as “He restoreth my soul.” Once God accomplished this in the life of certain individuals (His elect people), they soon began to see truths in the spiritual realm they never previously saw or even cared to see. You call the spiritual realm a fantasy a made-up plane of existence. But if it is true, as the Bible says, that you are dead to spiritual things, then obviously it will appear to be quite unreal to you. For the dead truly know not anything. When Jesus said let the dead bury their dead, who or what do you think He was referring to? He was referring to the spiritually dead burying their physically dead. That’s the only way it’s possible for the dead to bury the dead.

No. The true elect child of God realizes that we’re just as sinful and guilty and undeserving of God’s grace as anyone else. God makes it very clear in His Word that He chose (elected) a people to become saved based on absolutely nothing good they themselves have done (how could they have done any good when the Bible says that there is none good, no, not one):

**Romans 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)**

**12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.**

**13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.**

Before either had done good or bad, God made choice to love one and to hate the other.

We all struggle with pride but atheists seem to exude prideful arrogance, which is understandable since the Bible is the antidote to thinking too highly of one’s self (its assessment of all men is often not very flattering to us), and since atheists have rejected the Bible and the God of the Bible, this tends to allow their egos to run amok a bit. Frankly, through numerous discussions similar to this, I see very little that would support the atheist’s high opinion of himself/herself. Many atheists have commented on this particular note, for example, and there seems to be little originality or actual depth of thought in

the replies. Most responses have been crude and insulting, as though insults somehow proved their argument that God does not exist.

Thank you for visiting our Facebook page.

### **Question**

The global flood from your book of myths is inconsistent with the physical findings of geology and paleontology. E Bible Fellowship, you don't understand the history of the world, do you. Please, less of the made up stuff.

### **Answer**

God's people understand that men lie, and men are easily deceived by the lies other men tell. That about sums up the secular history of the world, doesn't it?

**Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?**

And,

**Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; ...**

We also understand that God always speaks the truth and His Word the Bible is absolute truth:

**Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;**

And,

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

Further, we know that the world and its leading minds tell us one thing (big bang and evolution); and God and His Word, the Bible, tells us the direct opposite thing (God spoke and created all things). Given the fact that men often do not get the weather correct for next week, and often times aren't all that sure about the history that happened last century, I think I tend towards doubting their ability to tell me accurately about events they say happened millions and millions of years ago – oh, sorry, correction, that's what they used to say; now they say, "billions and billions of years ago." Personally,

through a life time experience of knowing man, I wholeheartedly do not believe a single word of what man says about origins and evolution. On the other hand, it's the Bible that tells me of man's fallen nature (desperately wicked and deceitful) and that certainly checks out. And it's the Bible that even tells me some very unflattering things about my own self, and they too check out to be accurate. The fact is, the Bible is uncannily truthful and accurate in all that it says. As a result, and fully by God's grace, I wholeheartedly trust the Bible as being the truth on the subject of creation and on all other subjects it addresses.

### **Question**

I refuse to follow a book that is rife with immorality, incest, slavery, etc. All of your word salad will not help you soften the reality that your god is a moral thug. Besides that the burden of proof is on you to prove this thug actually exists.

### **Answer**

You have many reasons for refusing to follow God. But the truth is there is only one reason: God has not chosen you to follow Him:

**John 15:16 *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, ...***

He has not chosen you along with billions of others. Which direction the non-elect go in their path away from God is of little concern to Him. Some non-elect go the religious way, and others go the anti-God (atheist) way. And still more go all the ways in between. It's completely unimportant. All these variants are alike in the sense they all are part of the broad way that leads to destruction. Only the few, the elect (chosen) of God, are forcefully lead (by His irresistible will) in a direction away from that broad road and into the narrow way that leads to life:

**Matthew 7:13 *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in therat:***

**14 *Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.***

### **Question**

E Bible Fellowship, it does beg the question – how do you know that you are preaching the book of the one true god?

### **Answer**

You may not understand this, but this does answer your question regarding how one can distinguish the difference between the truth amidst a sea of religious lies:

**John 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.**

**2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.**

**3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.**

**4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.**

**5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.**

### **Question**

An EBF visitor from Alberta, Canada commented: Nope. Try getting your so-called intelligent design scientists who are pushing this Grand Canyon hypotheses to write a paper that passes peer review. Good luck with that.

### **Answer**

Bible truth is not dependent upon the world's acceptance of it. It would be rather foolish for God's elect people, who wholeheartedly believe the things the Bible says regarding man's total disposition to deceitfulness, to then look to the same world of men for acceptance and validation of the truth they are incapable of perceiving and are totally ignorant of. That certainly wouldn't be a wise thing for them to do.

## Chapter 4: Muslims and Other Religions

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### Question

How many wives (spouses) are permissible for a person in the Bible? Polygamy in the Bible:

- 2 wives: Genesis 4:23, 16:3, 32:22; Deuteronomy 21:15, 1 Samuel 1:2, 25:43, 27:3; 1 Chronicles 4:5; 2 Chronicles 24:3
- 3 wives: Genesis 36:2
- 4 wives: Genesis 30:1-13
- 14 wives: 2 Chronicles 13:21
- 18 wives + 60 concubines: 2 Chronicles 11:21
- 700 wives + 300 concubines: 1 Kings 11:3
- Many wives (without restriction): Judges 8:30; 1 Chronicles 14:3; Jeremiah 38:23; Daniel 5:23.

### Answer

The answer is one. God made man to have one wife:

**Matthew 19:3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?**

**4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female,  
5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?**

**6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.**

They twain (or two) shall be one flesh. It does not say they ten shall be one flesh. But the two shall be one flesh.

The Bible is clear that God made marriage at the beginning to be between one man and one woman. But doesn't the Bible talk about many wives in the verses you listed? When God gave us the record of the Bible, He did not attempt to hide the sins of those He speaks of on its pages. Man is a sinner, and one of man's sinful tendencies is to multiply wives. Even some of God's elect fell into this sin at times. It was primarily the kings that multiplied wives (often for political purposes).

But most of the people we read of in the Bible had one wife: Adam had Eve; Noah had only Mrs. Noah; Noah's three sons had only one wife each; Isaac had Rebekah. And in the New Testament, Zacharias had only Elisabeth, and Joseph had only Mary to wife. Etc., etc., etc. The law of God is that God made marriage to be between one man and one woman. That's it. There is not even to be divorce and remarriage because that would be the same as a man having two wives. That was Jesus' point in Matthew 19 that there was not to be divorce for any reason whatsoever.

### **Question**

You're mistaken, due to science also, because 13,031 (regarding the age of the earth) is insanity (due to science) and not the Pope agrees with that. And theologically, Paul was the first anti-Christ and false prophet that Jesus warned about. He directly contradicted Jesus on some pretty important things. He should be ignored. And given that only one gospel, the last one written, even mentioned Jesus being God, that's pretty safe to say is untrue.

### **Answer**

True science is that which is in agreement with the things the Bible says. The earth and universe may give the appearance of billions of years of age, but in actuality are just over 13,000 years old. Just as Adam, in the day he was created, gave the appearance of being a fully grown man – when in fact he was seconds, minutes, hours old. So, too, did God create the heavens and the light of the stars to shine all at once. Therefore, when scientists measure the number of light years the stars from far away galaxies had to travel in order to reach earth, they are already making an error in their calculation by their assumption that the star's light had to travel billions of years to reach us. If they would read the Bible, they would realize that God created these lights even before He created the light bearers (sun, moon, and stars):

**Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.  
4 And God saw the light, that *it was good*: and God divided the light from the darkness.**

Later on, on the fourth day, God created the light bearers and simply attached the light He had created earlier to them:

**Genesis 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:**

**15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.**

It's immaterial what popes and other professed Christians say. They weren't around when God created the heavens and the earth. Only God was there, and only God is to be trusted, and the way to trust God is to trust His Word, the Bible. Your comments on Paul, I'm sorry to say, reveal your complete ignorance regarding how the Bible was written and who wrote it. Holy men of old wrote down the things they wrote because they were moved by the Holy Spirit, which means that God is the sole Author of the Bible. Paul, or Peter, or whoever else was used, are only scribes—dictated to by God Himself. Just as the CEO of a company dictates to his admin and the admin sends off the letter to the entire organization. Do the employees dismiss the letter because it came from Sandy the admin? Absolutely not. The employees have enough sense to realize that the CEO used Sandy to record his words. Dismissing Sandy's note as coming from Sandy could cost them their job. That's exactly what God did with the men He used to write the Bible. He dictated to them. And we, the elect people of God, receive every word of every book (all 66) as the word of God as it comes right out of His mouth. It is His divine communication with mankind.

And no, Paul did not contradict the things Jesus said. Whenever there's an apparent contradiction in the Bible, the fault ALWAYS lies with the reader. Time after time, further study is able to solve the apparent contradiction, and show an answer that demonstrates the beautiful harmony of the whole Bible.

Finally, your comment regarding only one gospel highlighting Jesus as God in the flesh, continues to show your lack of understanding concerning God's Word. And I'm not saying that to criticize you, because in order for anyone to properly understand and know the truth of the Bible, it first requires God to open up their eyes to see it. And based on your comments, it is certain that God has not opened up your eyes to see the truth of His Word. If He had, you would see that the Bible teaches Jesus is eternal God in the flesh throughout – from Genesis 1 through the last chapter in the book of Revelation. All four gospel accounts record Jesus performing miracle after miracle. Healing the blind, giving ears to the deaf, cleansing the leper, raising the dead. In the gospels we read of Christ turning water to wine, walking on water, multiplying a few loaves to feed thousands, being transfigured so that He shined with the brilliance of the sun, and always speaking with authority as no man had ever spoken before. In these things, and many others, Jesus was showing Himself to be eternal God: God in the flesh. Emmanuel:

**Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**

**Matthew 1:22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,  
23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.**

What does “Emmanuel” mean? It is a compound word that literally translated reads, “God” “with” “us.” Just as I quoted to you before in this verse:

**1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, ...**

As we read the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming Messiah, which clearly indicate that the Messiah would indeed be God in the flesh coming to be with us, and as we read of all the incredible and mighty acts Jesus performed that no other man performed to such a degree and in such ways – and as we read of the numerous other statements in the Bible such as these:

**John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ...**

All we can do is fall down and worship our Lord and God, that is, if we have (spiritual) eyes in our head and acknowledge the obvious, as Thomas was finally forced to acknowledge the obvious concerning exactly who this Person Jesus Christ was:

**John 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.**

**28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.**

**29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.**

### **Question**

From EBF's Hindi language group: Hello, I want to accept Christian religion. How can I get it and will I get any document that will show that I am Christian now?

### **Answer**

To be a true Christian means that God has accepted you and not that you have accepted Him. Many say they have accepted God and it means nothing. No genuine salvation has occurred. Salvation is God's choice not man's, that is, God has determined which ones to save out of the whole of mankind. In the Bible, those chosen individuals are called the elect of God.

**John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, ...**

**Romans 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.**

**16 So then *it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.***

If God has saved you then you will be given a strong desire to read and obey the Bible. And God will continue to make Himself known to you as you read His Holy Word, the Bible. Desiring to read and follow and obey the Bible is the only indicator necessary to assist you in knowing if you're a true Christian or not:

**1 John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.**

No earthly document could ever truly prove you are a Christian. Only God knows that. He may, perhaps, give you assurance of it as you continue to read and obey His Word, the Bible.

### **Question**

Peace be unto you. A few days ago, I was watching a YouTube video and in the comments section, there was a Christian constantly arguing that the Bible clearly claims that the earth is flat and so the earth must be flat. I want to know if this is really the case.

## Answer

You can find people who claim to believe a lot of things. I'm sure it would not be too difficult to find some Muslims that make absurd claims as well. Would it be OK for us to take something some Muslim said somewhere and assign it to all Muslims? No, of course not. That would not be the right thing to do because one man does not speak for all.

Likewise, when it comes to Christianity, the only true source is the Bible itself. The Bible's statements define what true elect Christians believe. And the Bible says this about the earth:

Isaiah 40:21 **Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?**

22 ***It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:***

The God of the Bible is also the same God that spoke in the beginning and created the celestial objects we see above us in the heavens. The sun, moon, and stars, and all the planets we've been able to see through powerful telescopes – all testify to God's glory and also testify to us that all of these major works of celestial creation that fill our universe were all designed by the great Designer to be round. The witness of the heavens reveals to us that when God creates in this universe, He creates objects that are circular or round. Or, to say it another way, God does not create pyramid shaped worlds. Or square shaped worlds. Or flat worlds. The testimony of the created heavens is that when God creates a world, He makes it round. It might be very big and round (the sun), or very small and round (the moon), but the constant is that it is round in shape.

Psalm 19:2 **Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.**

3 ***There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.***

## Question

My ... question is linked with my previous question where I asked, "Do Christians have a custom/famous prayer in which they ask God to bless them as God blessed Prophet Abraham (peace be upon him) and/or his descendants." God said to Prophet Abraham (peace be upon him) in Genesis 22:18: All the nations will ask me to bless them as I have blessed your descendants—

because you have obeyed my voice. So my question is about the fulfilment of this prophecy. Where and how and by whom this prophecy is being fulfilled.

### **Answer**

You're asking an excellent question. Here is the verse translated in the King James Version of the Bible (which is by far the best English Bible translation):

**Genesis 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.**

If it were left to our own reasoning, we would scratch our heads wondering and speculating concerning who the "seed" is that all the nations of the earth will be blessed by. But thankfully, understanding the Holy Word of God is not left up to us. God Himself guides His elect people into all truth as we are instructed to compare "spiritual things with spiritual" (1 Corinthians 2:13). And as we do compare Scripture with Scripture, we find in the book of Galatians that God explains exactly who the seed is:

**Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

The Hebrew word is singular (not plural) and referring to one person in particular, and that one person is the Lord Jesus Christ. It is in Christ that all the nations of the earth are blessed. Of course, even with the word "nations," we have to allow the Bible to define exactly who is in view. God tells us of the nations that are saved in:

**Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.**  
**24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it:**

It is in Christ (the seed) that all named before the foundation of the world to be saved (the nations of them which are saved) have been saved.

These blessed elect people are said to be counted for the seed themselves in Jesus Christ:

**Galatians 3:29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

Any person who has not had their sins paid for by Jesus is not in Him, and therefore is not blessed by the seed, and will not inherit the promised land (new heaven and new earth). They will perish in their sins.

### **Question**

This question was posted in "The Bible Answers Muslims Questions" group: Can you please define what it means to call upon the name of the Lord?

**Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord SHALL BE saved.** (This seems to suggest that one must first call in order to be saved.)

**Isaiah 64:7 And *there is* none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.** (This seems to say God has to do the saving first before one calls.)

**Romans 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)** (Who is the him that calls?)

Typically, the unsaved would look at these verses and say the Bible is full of contradictions while others that identify with the Word of God might just pick and choose which verses they liked and establish their false doctrine. The saved, however, would know that God spoke in parables in order to conceal truth. Most likely they would understand "calling on the Lord" by obeying the Biblical rule comparing Scripture with Scripture to come to harmonious truth. Thus the saved would aim to determine, "if the whole Bible first agrees with any doctrine which they would then hold to be true."

Again, how are we to understand, "calling on the Lord," especially when many of God's chosen were babies when they were saved and didn't call upon Him.

**Joel 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.**

**32 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.**

### **Answer**

The way to clear up this apparent contradiction is to realize that there can be calling upon God with the mouth, and there can be calling upon God from the heart. Romans 10:13 is referring to those that call upon God from the heart. They will be saved. On the other hand, Isaiah 64:7 is referring to all people in their unsaved condition, who are possessors of a spiritually dead heart – none, therefore, are able to, nor do actually, call upon him from the heart.

All men, of themselves, have a spiritually dead heart unable to properly call upon God. It's not until God saved a person and gave them a new heart that they are then able to rightly call on the name of the Lord in an acceptable way to God. To put it another way, the only ones able to call on the Lord from the heart are those that He has already saved.

### **Question**

A Muslim man wrote: Why do Christians not know the color of their incarnate God, whether it is white or black?

### **Answer**

The people of the world are often divided and troubled by race. Though downplayed, it's apparent that what color you are is a very important thing to most people of the world. And there is much turmoil and animosity between the "races" because of this. However, the God of the Bible is the Creator of man, and, as such, He is therefore the Creator of all races of men. When selecting David to be the future king the Lord said that He does not look to outward appearances as men tend to do; instead He looks upon the heart:

**1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.**

If only the people of the world would look to the Bible for their answers concerning race relations, they would find that the Bible is the great equalizer of men. Rich men, poor men, it doesn't matter. White men, black men, it doesn't

matter. Intelligent men, or not so intelligent men, that too does not matter.

The Bible brings all men together by revealing that we are all one sinful, fallen race of human beings. And as a race of sinners, we all stand in the exact same position before God as a rebel sinner under His wrath. The Bible's message of salvation for the elect (chosen ones) is a message that went out into the world and brought forgiveness of sins to rich men, and poor men, and white men, and black men, and so on. And along with that salvation, those blessed individuals all became part of the family of God. As an elect child of God, I have brothers and sisters of all races who, like me, have been granted unmerited favor by the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. These men and women of all races are my brethren. Only the gospel of the Bible can accomplish the healing of true race relations (for certain ones) by making us all (all of the elect) of one blood (Jesus') once again.

### **Question**

Why is the Jesus story in the Qur'an while Muhammed is not in the Bible?

### **Answer**

The answer is because the Bible is the older text, by several hundred years, and the writers of the Koran heard about Jesus when they included Him in their writings. But on the other hand, the Bible says nothing about Mohammed because once the Bible was completed, God's divine communication to mankind was also completed. In the last book of the Bible, in the last chapter of the last book of the Bible, God wrote this:

**Revelation 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:**

This Scripture means that once the Bible was completed (by the end of the 1st century, A.D.) there is never to be any further writings added to it or considered to come from God in any way. This is why, for example, we know right away that the book of Mormon is not of God. The people who adhere to the book of Mormon have dared to add to the words of the Bible, and thus, they have violated Revelation 22:18 and are subject to the things it says.

Likewise, any religion, or any Christian gospel, that dares to say we have additional revelation from God, is in violation of Revelation 22:18 and subject to the things it says.

## Chapter 5: Marriage, Family, and Work

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### Question

Hello Chris, I have had this on my mind for some time now and wanted some input on the subject of marriage. As it appears, we may be here, on this earth, for some time yet. All the while those of us who have growing children who will soon be (or are already) entering the age at which they will be able to take a spouse for themselves. I understand that we must raise our children to be equally yoked with those of a like faith in the word of God, ESPECIALLY in our day, where we can see (as opposed to before May 21, 2011) all those who cannot see where we are in God's timeline. For a youngster who understands where we are in God's timeline, to look for a spouse who is of a like mind is perhaps not impossible but not far from it.

**Genesis 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.**

My question to you is this: does Genesis 6:2 relate in any way to our current day and the dilemma I mentioned above? That because a spouse of a like mind (faith) are so scarce, that these youngsters "in their erring" may make the mistake of being unequally yoked? The phrase, "the sons of God marrying the daughters of men," implies that very thing: believers marrying unbelievers. I'm just not sure if that is in relation to our day or not.

As a father of three girls, I know this will be by far my most difficult task in guiding my eldest to find a husband who shares her convictions. I suppose these are just fatherly concerns, but I am comforted to know that God has brought people together many times in the Scriptures and I will pray for it to be done in the life of those faced with such situations today.

**Genesis 24:14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.**

### Answer

Even in the best of circumstances, during the best of times (which these are not), the mathematical 'odds' for a true child of God to find a mate who is also a true child of God have always been very low. This is because the elect

people of God are only a remnant of the whole of mankind. We don't know the exact figures, but even if God saved a hundred and fifty million people during the Great Tribulation, that still leaves around 7 billion people that are not saved. That's a massive number of unsaved people. Also, we know that the majority of people that God saved are found in nations that did not have the gospel to the degree that western nations have had it. This further reduces the 'chances' of someone living in the west finding a faithful marriage partner.

We can even add to this that not every elect person is qualified for marriage. Some are already married. Others are divorced and therefore still married in God's sight. And still others are too old for marriage, etc., etc. Since we're already dealing with a limited pool of qualified people (i.e., the saved), this narrows things even more.

In fact, the prospects are so bad, that a person might easily conclude that there is no hope for them of ever finding a truly eligible person. And even if they found an eligible person, that doesn't mean that they would be attracted to that person or have a desire to marry at all. What a horrible dilemma this appears to be. What is a child of God to do?

Well, to start with, I think we can see the obvious implications present for this to be a severe testing ground for qualified single (elect) believers in a time when God is testing His people in numerous ways. This certainly will be one area of testing.

The second thing for a person to keep in mind is that God is able to help in this area. With God, statistics and probabilities are meaningless. The child of God simply understands that God is able to arrange a union between two truly saved (elect) individuals if that is according to His will. God's will is a powerful thing. In fact, it's never disappointed. And if it's His will to join an elect man with an elect woman together in marriage—it will certainly happen. The Scriptures you gave of a bride being found for Isaac is a good example. God is able to bring two people together, in any kind of circumstance, if it is indeed according to His will to do so. This is where trusting the Lord and waiting on His will in the area of marriage becomes a testing ground.

I think the focus on the verses you mentioned in Genesis 6 have to do with the time 'before' the judgment. Typically, intermarrying (professed believers with unsaved) is what brings about the wrath of God (flood). Our time is

different because we're already experiencing God's wrath. It's as though the flood is already upon the earth.

### **Question**

Hello, Chris. I would like to ask a two-point question:

1. Due to my profession, sometimes I have to face a situation when I am expected to be involved (not directly, thank God) in processing of a medical order that has to do with prevention of potential pregnancies (considered by others as being an emergency). So far, I was not at the point when I would not be able to excuse myself from acting upon this kind of situation, for there were always others who have been having no problem stepping in. That brings in the second point.

2. People around here, especially the younger generation, seemingly have no ability for understanding of what so-called "parental control" is all about. The "pro-choice" ideas obviously dominate amongst (I don't want to say "of everybody," but it certainly seems to be the case) the people around here. When I happened to express my views on that matter even before older people, I have noticed how intolerant and angry they would become towards what the Bible has to say about this. I would dare to suggest that they deep inside realize that this is all evil, what they stand for, yet they unable to admit it. So, perhaps I should let it go, seeing as God's will in allowing them to do such things?

### **Answer**

By God's grace, you haven't yet encountered a situation where your conscience would not allow you to perform your work duties. So far, God has preserved you from this. But as you realize, there may soon come a day wherein that's not the case. I don't understand all the details of your work and the reasons they are saying a pregnancy must be prevented. I can guess, and given the current mindset of the world, it's more than likely that many of these "emergency cases" are not as absolutely needful as they are saying. If I were in your place, I would spend some time seriously praying and asking God what I should do if and when this type of situation arises. You have the benefit of foresight into a likely future event right now. It would be good to use it for seeking wisdom in the matter. And once you've prayed it through, and you feel that you've determined what the will of God will be for this type of situation, then come to peace with what you believe would be a response in accord with God's will—even if it means some jeopardy for your job.

The world's new morality is no real morality at all. It's a man-made moral code that lifts up things like abortion, or gay marriage, above and beyond the laws of God found in the Bible. Their new morality is not to be questioned. It's sort of fascinating watching how the people of the world are conducting themselves regarding the enforcing of the laws having to do with their new morality; they are strict adherents to their new moral code and have little to no mercy for anyone that violates it. Basically, they are doing what they have always charged Christians with concerning the law of God, which is to be intolerant and judgmental of any that do not agree with or keep their laws. Typically, the world put forth the idea that Christians look down their long noses at people who weren't living according to the laws of the Bible. Well, now, somehow, in an extremely perverse way, the unsaved people of the world have developed these new rules for life (laws) wherein they have become unbelievably judgmental towards others who speak ill of them. In fact, if someone happens to violate one of these new rules, they are immediately ostracized and cut off (judged) by a large part of society.

As to your second question: we're not called upon to reveal everything we believe in. If we sense that the Word of God will not be accepted, but rather turned upon and despised, we do not have to discuss the things we believe or why we believe them in that kind of situation. It's probably best just to do the best job we can possibly do in our work. And to show forth Christ by our conduct in the job.

### **Question**

Thank you for all the teachings. I would like to ask you or anyone faithful to the Lord to please give me some Bible verses that would be relevant for readings at my wedding. I would also love to hear faithful music recommendations. May the Lord be merciful to us on this Judgment Day. God bless E Bible.

### **Answer**

Ephesians chapter 5, verses 22-33 would be ideal to read at a wedding. Also, I think this verse is important:

**Ecclesiastes 4:12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.**

In marriage, two become one flesh. But three is in view when God Himself is with the two who are marrying. A marriage between a man and a woman

(two) is tremendously strengthened when God is present (three). That marriage certainly will not quickly be broken.

As far as music, I always enjoy hearing, “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring.”

### **Question**

If a couple get married in a ceremony but not legalized by the state with a marriage license yet, is it recognized by God through the ceremony? Thank you. May God be merciful to E Bible.

### **Answer**

No, I don’t believe that’s a legal marriage. I think that would be putting the cart before the horse. The proper way of doing it would be to get the necessary paperwork done (the license) and then proceed with the ceremony. The key is the official legal paperwork. Whether it’s a pastor, or a justice of the peace, or anyone else legally permitted by the state to perform weddings, doesn’t matter; only that a legal representative does perform the ceremony and thus marrying the couple in the eyes of the state and in the eyes of God.

### **Question**

We want to raise our children or grandkids in the ways of God even if they aren’t saved. What movies, books, or toys would be right for them? When they are young, they can’t understand things of the Bible or read. So, things need to be more kid friendly.

### **Answer**

That’s the right way to approach things. God’s people have always desired to be obedient to the Lord’s command to “bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). And, in the past, as God’s people raised up their children, many, many times those children were not saved and never became saved. But the spiritual condition of their child never caused them to stop raising them according to the Word of God:

**Hebrews 11:20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.**

The verse above tells us that Isaac blessed both his sons by sharing with them “things to come.” We can gather that these things had to do with the promises of God towards Abraham, and then to Isaac. And we also know that these promises had to do with God’s salvation program and His judgment program.

Isaac told both his sons equally of these things which were yet to come. And both sons were blessed by the hearing of those things.

Were both sons saved? No. The Bible is clear that Jacob (loved of God) was saved and Esau (hated by God) was not saved. Yet both received blessing through the hearing of God's Word.

It's the same today; nothing has changed in the way we raise our children. God's elect, who are blessed with children (of course, it's still a blessing to have children), are called upon to raise them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. So, as a parent, we read them the Bible and diligently pray for them (may the cup, O Father, pass from my child). We concentrate on teaching them the way to live according to God's commandments. And we leave their spiritual condition to God Himself, as each and every child's spiritual condition, ultimately, has always been in the hands of the Lord.

I can only recommend the Bible as a book. Perhaps there are a handful of books that might be helpful, but it would take a lot of wading through to find them. I don't think there's anything better than sitting down with a young child and reading them the true Biblical stories of the Bible. From the creation account, to the flood, to Joseph being sold as a slave and then going to prison, to the exodus from Egypt. These are amazing stories that have the added benefit of being absolutely true.

I would not recommend any movies. One of the major teachings of the Bible is faith – belief in things invisible. I think the attempt to make everything visual for children caters to the natural instincts of fallen man. Past generations of Christians managed to raise their children without any videos and I think we're capable of doing the same.

**John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.**

**29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.**

In general, I would encourage you to pray for wisdom in the gifts you give. When they get older, watch out for phones and for the internet in particular. These things give the young person access to the whole world, which would be fine if the world was good. But the world's not good, it's very evil. Therefore, if we give our children a tool that can be used to find and consume all

manner of evil things, we can expect there will soon be some very bad trouble in the life of that young person.

## **Chapter 6: Election, Free Will, Faith of Christ, Assurance of Salvation, and Sovereign Grace**

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### **Question**

A man commented on E Bible Fellowship's YouTube video titled, "Does the Bible Speak of Election?" and said: For God so loved the world, (everybody) that He sent His only begotten Son, (Jesus) that whosoever, (anybody) believeth in Him, (Trust that Jesus paid our sin debt in full) will not perish, but HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE [John 3:16].

God made the way of salvation before the foundation of the world, but we have to believe He did it for us personally to be saved. God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to the knowledge of the truth. Some will believe and some won't. John 3:18: **He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

What is the will of God?

John 6:40 **And this is the will of Him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up on the last day.**

John 1:12 **But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the children of God, *even* to them that believe on His name.**

Salvation is the free gift of God by faith alone, without works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9.

Ephesians 1:13 **In whom ye also *trusted*, after ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,**

It is the Holy Spirit in us that says I will never leave you or forsake you, and no one can pluck you out of my hand, not even us. It is the Spirit of God in us the minute we trust Jesus as our only savior who is our righteousness.

Romans 4:5 **But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.**

What is the gospel: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 – “... **that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day...**” If you believe He did it just for you personally, just because He loved you, you are saved and have eternal life. Salvation is the free gift of God. The really good news.

### **Answer**

Obviously, since the Bible teaches that multitudes are destroyed in hell (the grave), God did not love all those that He ultimately brings to destruction. Which means we have to look to the Bible for guidance on how to understand the word “world.” And when we do, we find that the “world” Christ loved is the world of the elect—also known as “the nations of them which are saved”:

Revelation 21:24 **And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: ...**

You carefully selected verses above which you think fit your doctrine of free will. But we don't just go to verses we like to come to right doctrine. We have to search the entire Bible before we can say we've found truth. For example, you mention John 6:40 but fail to bring up a verse in the same passage:

John 6:44 **No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

This verse explains that anyone who does rightly come to Christ is only doing so as a result of being drawn by God Himself. And if you take the time to look up the Greek word translated as “draw,” you will find that it's a word which conveys being taken by force, even violent force:

Acts 21:30 **And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut.**

They took Paul and DREW him out of the temple. The context reveals that they did not lead him out in a delicate manner. No, it was a violent scene, almost a riot as the interceding of the Roman soldiers reveals. This is the word (draw) that God uses to describe all men that come to Him.

They cannot come, Jesus says, unless the Father draw them.

Also, you conveniently mention John 1:12, which is a favorite verse of many free will preachers. Although, I don't know why it is. Actually, I do know why. Free will preachers like the statement regarding all who received Him become sons of God. Sounds good to their ears. Yet, once again, they fail to search the whole Bible in order to come to a proper understanding of what the Lord is saying. They would not have to go far, only a couple of chapters into the gospel of John, before reading this important description about "receiving" things from God:

**John 3:27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.**

John 1:12 speaks of those who received Him, and yet, they did NOT receive Him because of their will or their inclination towards Him in any way. They received Him because God gave the gift of receiving Him from heaven. In other words, God acted first on their hearts to cause them to receive Him. And when God acts first on a sinner causing something that defines His election program, it is evidence of salvation by the will of God – not by the will of man.

Speaking of that, you brought up John 1:12, but very conveniently did not mention the very next verse. Let's read it:

**John 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

In John 1:13, God is carefully explaining how it is that a sinner becomes saved (born again). Does he become born again by exercising his will to accept Christ? Nope. Not at all. It says the sinner is not born again by the will of the flesh. And in case that wasn't clear, the Lord adds: "nor of the will of man." How this statement can be overlooked by free will individuals who profess to believe the Bible is beyond me. And yet it is overlooked. In fact, many pastors intentionally overlook this verse all the while quoting verse 12. I'm sure they hope no one will notice or take the time to read verse 13. But verse 13 is there and declares that a man is not born again by his own will. How then is a man born again? The answer is given: "but of God." That is, a sinner is born again by the will of God.

**Romans 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.**

**16 So then *it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.***

If you are in the church, I don't expect you to humble yourself and to turn from the wicked teaching of the free will gospel. It's far too late for that for many in the churches. God has already judged the congregations and its multitudes for their false gospels such as the free will gospel. But you should know that the thing you've been taught is a lie. It cannot even begin to stand up under the light of the Scriptures.

### **Question**

Though I pray on these things often, I'm still as unsure as I was at the beginning of the walk. Is it possible to live hoping that you are saved and then die still unsure? I assume it is possible. I do not know of any place where God obligates himself to grant assurance to everyone whom He has saved even if they have been under the hearing of the Word. All I can understand so far is I feel like I know the truth of the Word of God, and even though I fail horribly at times in keeping the commandments, I still have the desire to want to. I don't know if that is assurance or what that really is. I do know I feel like I can never measure up to the proper standard that the perfect Word of God has set.

**Psalm 35:3 Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.**

**Psalm 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:**

**24 And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

### **Answer**

Since we are living at a time wherein hundreds of millions of people claim to possess assurance of salvation and yet do not truly possess salvation itself, I don't think it's a bad thing for someone to be unsure. Doubting one's own salvation, at least in one way, can actually be a positive thing when so many have violently and arrogantly seized the kingdom of God and taken it to themselves. Yet not in truth.

For a man or a woman to be unsure of their salvation, and yet continue to quietly wait on the Lord until He grants them assurance, goes against the tide of “easy believism” in the churches and instant gratification everywhere today. Therefore, to keep looking unto the hills towards God at a time when salvation for the whole world has ended, and a time wherein multitudes of people have turned back from the narrow way of following Jesus Christ, I think we can say, at the very least, that it speaks well of the one continuing to wait on the Lord in such a way:

**Psalm 62:5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.**

Perhaps your continued waiting on God is part of the way in which the Holy Spirit may speak unto your soul? We do know that the ones that endure to the end shall be saved. So, endurance of faithful doctrine in the Day of Judgment is a very important thing:

**Matthew 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

Enduring sound doctrine is not what saves a person. But someone truly saved will endure sound doctrine all the way to the finish line. And they will finally reach that mark only because God had already saved them.

### **Question**

What does the Bible say about the following statement which a popular teaching amongst Christians circles? “Come to Jesus Christ and accept him. He loves you.”

### **Answer**

The Bible would say that this statement is a big lie. First of all, the Bible tells us that none will come to Jesus (in the manner God demands) of their own will:

**Romans 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.**

The Bible also tells us that salvation is NOT based upon the decision or will of man, but instead is completely based on the decision or will of God:

**John 1:12 ... even to them that believe on his name:**

**13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

And,

**Romans 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.**

**16 So then *it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.***

Finally, even the last part of the statement, “He loves you,” is a lie. The Bible does not say God loves everyone as so many churches teach. Actually, the Bible is quite clear that God hates the sinner as well as the sin:

**Psalm 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked every day.***

**Psalm 11:5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.**

**Romans 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.**

When it comes to salvation, God’s love is shown only to His elect people because Jesus exclusively died for them and their sins; He did not die for all the sins of all people in the world.

### **Question**

A person commented on E Bible Fellowship’s YouTube video: “Does the Bible Speak of Election?” That doesn’t mean they will be saved! That means they were chosen to be holy! Salvation can be lost!! If you do not repent!! If a Christian does not repent of their sins, they will be cut off, that’s what the Bible says! Stop making a doctrine out of one Scripture instead of the whole Bible.

### **Answer**

No, that’s not true. The Bible teaches that once God saved a sinner, they were saved. And when saved, the sinner receives the gift of eternal life. According to what you’re saying, they did not receive the gift of eternal life but only conditional life (as Adam before them) which meant that only as long as they

obeyed, would they live forever. That's a horrible and ugly doctrine that has no Scriptural basis whatsoever. Eternal life means exactly that. Additionally, at the point of salvation, ALL sins that an individual committed are washed away. And that means all future sins as well as past sins. Therefore, no sin could possibly cause God to end His relationship with one whom He had bestowed His mercy and grace upon and whose sins were all forgiven.

### **Question**

Hi Chris, I have read your kind direction. I wrote because I want to learn. So my question is: Is salvation a gift or do we play a part? We have been debating on it over and over, but no true answer.

### **Answer**

The Bible teaches that salvation is of the Lord. God does all the work to save sinners. Man can do nothing to get himself saved.

**John 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

The verse above tells us that man is not born again by his own will but by the will of God. This is why Jesus said:

**John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you ...**

### **Question**

A second man commented on EBF's video: "Does the Bible Speak of Election?" – Okay, now take off the western Calvinist goggles and read Romans 9 like a Jew would understand it. Remember the Bible was NOT written for the western world, it was written to the Jews. What was the historical context of Romans 9? What was the culture like in the first century? Stop reading Romans 9 with an American mind, and read it as a first century Jew would understand it.

### **Answer**

You are parroting the dead and wooden teaching of many seminary professors and their commentaries that have served to empty the Bible of its truth and glory. Using that man-made hermeneutic, you would devalue the Scriptures of all meaning to any reader after the 1st century, A.D. For example, using that foolish theological framework of searching for what did the verse mean to the people of that day? You would have to say that Jesus' words to Nicodemus (ye must be born again) do not apply to anyone but him. And that the

book of Romans and its wonderful declarations (such as there is no more condemnation to those in Christ Jesus) were only applicable to the church at Rome of that time. Utter foolishness. God tells us how He wrote the Bible and how we, the reader (throughout all centuries and all time), are to understand it, in:

**2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

All Scripture is profitable for doctrine. Therefore, when God says in Romans chapter 9 that He will have mercy upon whom He will have mercy, the teaching (doctrine) is good for us all, and can be applied to all. And that teaching, which those who wrongly embrace free will have erred in, is that God saved His people in accord with His sovereign plan of predestination and election. Salvation is of the Lord. God gets all the glory, and feeble, sinful man plays no part whatsoever—well, except for the one part of playing the dead stinking spiritual corpse that gets acted upon by the Lord Jesus. Man plays that part exceedingly well. Lazarus’ physical resurrection from the dead beautifully illustrated the way God saves (resurrects) sinners’ dead souls (John 11).

### **Question**

Hello Chris, could you read Galatians 3:26-28? Should the phrase, “in Christ,” (in the first sentence) be “of Christ”? Thank you.

**Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.**

**27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

**28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**

### **Answer**

No. “In Christ” is a correct translation. The preposition is properly translated as “in,” and the Greek word “Christ” is in the dative case and not the genitive. We know from other Scriptures (especially Galatians 2:16) that we are (saved) by the faith of Christ and not by our own work of faith.

**Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ,**

**and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.**

Galatians 3:22 **But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.**

Since the idea that this verse seems to be presenting (that we're the children of God as a result of our faith in Christ) contradicts Galatians 2:16 and several other verses, we know we have to look more carefully at what Galatians 3:26 is saying.

And as we do so, I think we can understand why this statement is made.

Notice in verse 28 we are told:

**Galatians 3:28 ... for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**

This verse is saying something very similar to verse 26. Here is verse 26 without the two words "by faith" in it:

**Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God ... in Christ Jesus.**

This verse (26) and verse 28 are really saying the same thing, which is that all those Christ has saved are in Him. And then verse 29 of Galatians 3 explains the importance of that, because if we are Christ's, then we are Abraham's seed and are counted for the promise.

Again, the focus is on being in Christ. The words "by faith" tell us how we got to be in Him.

However, I think the language of "by faith in Christ" has been misread by many. Here are a few verses in the book of Acts:

**Acts 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.**

Peter is making reference to a lame man who was miraculously healed. Was it the lame man's faith in Jesus Christ's name that healed him? No way. Here's the record of the actual healing:

**Acts 3:4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.**

**5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.**

**6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.**

**7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.**

There's no decision for Jesus made. There's no moment of choosing Christ or of even putting his faith in Him. The lame man is caught completely off guard. Since he is begging, the man is expecting some money will be given to him when suddenly Peter takes hold of his hand and lifts him up. And once again, we're told that the miracle of healing (pointing to salvation) was accomplished "through faith in His name." Then, in the same verse (Acts 3:16), further explanation is given: "yea, the faith which is by Him hath given him this perfect soundness ..." The masculine pronoun "Him" is not referring to the poor lame man. But it is referring to Jesus Christ. It was done through (by) faith IN His name. That is, the faith resides in Jesus' name, or in Jesus Himself.

Let's look at a second verse in the book of Acts:

**Acts 24:24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.**

Was the apostle Paul trying to get Felix to have faith in Christ? No. He was simply telling him about the faith residing in Christ. Remember, faith is synonymous with Jesus Christ. Jesus is the essence of faith. A third verse in Acts makes it abundantly clear that often times when the Bible speaks of faith "in" Christ, it is speaking of faith that is indeed in Him. That is, the faith permeates and resides in Him. Here's the verse:

**Acts 26:17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,**

**18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**

The above verses are Paul recounting the words of Christ spoken to Him on the road to Damascus. Therefore, it is Jesus speaking when we read: "...sanctified by faith that is IN Me."

In the Bible, "faith in Jesus" is often times literally telling us of faith that resides in Jesus Christ Himself.

### **Question**

On my way home from work last evening, I listened to one of Harold Camping's Jeremiah studies. He brought up the phrase "calling on the name of the Lord" found in Jeremiah 10 (Scripture posted below). Being a faithful teacher, he said that "God's name" in the Bible equals God's whole being. To call on the name of the Lord means to call in truth (Psalm 145:18). So only those with a circumcised heart (a broken, contrite heart) will call upon Him with their whole being (in truth). For years, he encouraged sinners to cry out for mercy and that maybe, maybe God would save them – draw them out of the dungeon, so to speak. ("It was all mysterious how God worked it out," he would say, "the drawing process was all God's business ... we just had the humongous privilege and task of declaring the word, of blowing the trumpet and warning the world of approaching Judgment Day.") Indeed, E Bible Fellowship, and old Family Radio, always faithfully declared that the act of crying out itself would do nothing to get anyone saved, but, nonetheless, God commanded it and therefore it was an obedient thing to do. Moreover, He commanded people to leave the churches. This did not guarantee salvation either, but it placed one in the environment (outside of the churches) in which God was doing the saving.

Here's my question. Now that the door to heaven is slammed shut, is God thundering home the point that works could never save? For example, many who had left the church and cried out were not saved. Yet many who never identified with the church and hadn't cried out were saved. As for the drawing process, doesn't the great catch of fish in John 21 teach that the drawing begins AFTER the saving of the soul, not necessarily before or during? Perhaps this sheds light on the Latter-rain elect, who heard the Word about May 21, 2011? Most likely, many of the great multitude – unborn babies, teenagers, adults – came out of great tribulation and then went on about their worldly

business, not knowing they were saved in soul until the time would come for God to draw them, commanding them to repent? According to God's perfect timetable (leading up to 2033 A.D.), the elect will repent as they call out and seek God with all of their hearts STILL DURING the saving/drawing process, but AFTER the redemption of the soul, and BEFORE the redemption of the body. If so, isn't there still great hope for many who are not responding to the Word of Judgment Day or who haven't yet been reached with the new revelations from the Bible?

**Jeremiah 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: *it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.***

**24 O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.**

**25 Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.**

**Psalm 119:2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, *and that seek him with the whole heart.***

### **Answer**

When you have a church world that has misapplied the Bible's teaching on salvation to the degree the apostate churches of the world have done in our time, I can't think of a more fitting way for God to bring the final judgment, or a better way to highlight the fact that God has always been sovereign in all matters related to salvation – than shutting the door of heaven on a certain day and concluding His salvation program. It's fitting because it answers all of the erroneous teachings of the churches with one major blow. Can accepting Christ save you? No, the door is shut. But I was taught by the churches that accepting Christ could save me? You were taught wrongly. What about baptism? Can baptism save me? No. The door is shut. But I was taught by the churches that baptism could save me? You were taught wrongly. Can partaking of the Lord's table save me? No, the door is shut. But I was taught by the churches that partaking of the Lord's table could save me? You were taught wrongly. Again, and again, God's sovereignty in all matters related to salvation is brought to the forefront and exalted above the church's erroneous doctrines.

From John 21 we do know that salvation took place first, and then the drawing of those saved happens some time afterward.

**John 21:6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.**

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**10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.**

**11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.**

But I wouldn't say that's always the order it has been. I think the order during the Day of Salvation was to be drawn by God to the point of then receiving salvation. Why the reversal of the order for the drawing process in the Day of Judgment? Well, it serves to increase the severity of the testing program; and because, I think, it's due to a large percentage of the great multitude being in presently unreachable areas of the world, or due to very young ages of the majority of those saved out of the Great Tribulation period. A delay of drawing in these cases works for their ultimate good.

### **Question**

Salvation is God's eternal purpose, not sudden plan by the fall of man. That means all men fell by the sin of Adam and Eve, so Jesus comes for all men, not for selected and elected. Check the word "selected" again, and let me help you. I am an evangelist and your posts need modification especially salvation is the work of the cross, death of Jesus. Unless you are committing sin.

### **Answer**

You're expressing a familiar and nice sentiment that many churches put forth, which is that Jesus died for everyone. God loves everyone. However, according to the Bible, it's not true at all. The Bible indicates many will be destroyed in hell (the grave). And few out of the whole of mankind will actually become saved and live forevermore. If Jesus died for all men, then the simple truth would be that all men would be saved and all men would enter into heaven. But that's not the case. It's not even many men that enter into heaven. It's few:

**Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:**

**14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

Concerning election, I'm not surprised that you are apparently ignorant of it. Election is one topic that the vast majority of churches tend to avoid. The Bible, however, teaches it throughout, and even uses that very word:

**Romans 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)**

**12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.**

**13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.**

And,

**1 Thessalonians 1:4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.**

## **How to Find and Listen to E Bible Fellowship's Open Forum Program**

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Thank you! And may the Lord's perfect will be done.

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