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The Guiding Bible - posted by raphotai (), on: 2012/7/11 13:26

DON'T REPLACE YOUR GUIDE, THE WORD OF GOD, WITH SOMETHING ELSE

Psalm 119:105

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

What is the purpose of a light in the dark? To guide, of course.

The word of God is the Christian's guide. The Bible is a brilliant light guiding the believer in the thick darkness of the world. It leads and directs us in our way.

The Word of God directs the Christian in his conduct and course of life. It leads the children of God in the way of righteousness. You cannot miss the road by following the divine guide - the Bible. You get into trouble with the devil gets you to replace the word with something else.

Many people would rather follow man than the Bible. His ideas and opinions are blindly followed without being examined in the light of the Bible. You tell them, "don't do that thing, the bible forbids you to do it," and they reply, "Oh, you are just a cry-baby! Pastor C says we can do it and so I will."

If the bible forbids you to do something, you just must not do it, period! It doesn't matter whether Pastor C or Bishop D says to do it or not. And if the bible tells you to do something you just must do it in spite of what any book or person says

God can guide His children through dreams, visions, prophecies and voices. But you must never make the mistake of replacing your real guide, the bible, with any of them. You can miss the road by following dreams, vision or voice. But you cannot miss the road by following the Word of God. The devil can mislead you through vision, dream, voice, or revelation. But the devil cannot mislead you if the bible is your guide.

2 Peter 1:19

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts

An elderly man confided in Harry Ironside, the famous American Bible teacher, pastor, and author, "I will not go on unless I know I'm saved... I want a definite witness, something I can't be mistaken about."

Ironside replied, "Suppose you had a vision of an angel who told you your sins were forgiven, would that be enough to rest on?"

"Yes," answered the elderly man. "I think it would. An angel should be right."

"But," continued Ironside, "Suppose on your deathbed Satan came and said, 'I was that angel, transformed to deceive you,' what would you say?"

The man was speechless.

The point Ironside was trying to make was that God has given us something more dependable than vision and the voice of an angel. It is the Bible, the word of God. When you replace the Bible with vision or prophecy or special revelation you are heading for real trouble.

It is surprising how the devil has succeeded in ruining some great ministers through so-called special revelation. When the big ministers begin to teach as doctrines things that cannot be proved with the Bible, they turn wonderful ministries to undesirable sects and cults.

The devil knows that by following the bible you cannot be misled. He knows quite well that if you know the word of God really well you will not be ignorant of his devices (2 Corinthians 2:11).

The devil knows that it is by reading and studying the bible that you may 'be filled with the knowledge of his (God's) will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding'... Colossians 1:9-10.

And that is something that the devil does not want to happen to you.

The bible says, 'And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus' 2 Timothy 3:15.

The devil is aware of all the scriptures that tell people of what spiritual giants they will become and of the marvelous spiritual blessings they will continually receive by following the Bible. That is why he is doing all in his power to prevent the people of the world from reading the Bible and hearing the Bible taught.

Re: The Guiding Bible - posted by IssacharSon, on: 2012/7/12 18:53

Amen, Raphotai!

Where in the world was I when I tried to walk as a Christian without the Word of God?

See Genesis 3: 8-9

Yet, I know so many people who profess to be Christian yet, rarely engage in God's Word (perhaps only on Sundays, if that). Is this even possible?

How does one define the spiritual state of a person who professes salvation which lacks a relationship with God's Word.

Is engagement with the Word necessary to salvation? I know Christians who scoff when the Bible is even mentioned in a conversation.

Any thoughts on the matter would be greatly appreciated.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/7/12 21:59

the word used in the bible was not the written bible for david had no bible, nor did any of the o.t. prophets . what they had was an intimate relationship with their God and heard His voice. they built arks, left their homelands in search of a city etc. this is where faith comes from. thank God we have a bible and it is the word from God for our guidance but unless we have this intimacy we miss out on many an adventure in Christ. len used to tell me about many who know the word of God but do not know the God of the word. jimp

Re: - posted by IssacharSon, on: 2012/7/12 22:11

Exactly, Jimp!

Which is why I am just as lost without the work of the Holy Spirit. Word and Spirit are inseparable.

Thank you so much for completing my thought process.

Love-in-Christ

KP

by jimp - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/12 22:18

Jimp wrote/ for david had no bible/

How do you know that David had no Bible??

Re: , on: 2012/7/12 22:21

Welcome Pastor Raphael and IssacharSon.

Welcome and feel comfortable to post and read and listen to all that is here.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/7/12 22:41

dear proudpapa,david was one of the writers of the bible.the levites of the day might have had a torah.there were no printing presses and the scribes wrote one letter at a time on scrolls. jimp

Re: What the oersecuted beluevers talk us., on: 2012/7/12 22:51

I read in a Voice of the Martyrs magazine about some Indians in Chiapas, Mexico who received some Bibles. They said their message to the persecuted church around the world is this. Be strenghthenrd by God's Word..

So if the Bibke is not that important to us in America? Why are Christians in restricted national willing to die to own one. Maybe persecuted believers in China and Iran value something far more precious than we do.

Just my thoughts.

Bearmaster.

Re: jimp - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/12 23:00

Hi Dear Brother Jimp, I know that David did not have a 1611 KJV ,but he did have the written word needed of His day, Listen to what he says to Solomon His son.

1 Kings ch 2

1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

3 And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, ((as it is written in the law of Moses,)) that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

As far as the prophets where concerned there writings where more inspired than there own understanding they went back and studied there own writings because it was deeper than there understanding.

Re: The Guiding Bible - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/12 23:46

Hi raphotai, you wrote / 2 Peter 1:19

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Amen, this verse tells us that The Scripture is more Sure than our own experience, Few Believe this today. Good post

Re: Jimp - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/12 23:54

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Amen, the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. The Scripture without the Spirit is nothing but a book of impossible to keep laws but it is words of Life to us that believe.

Edit. Pretty neat to know len that close.

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/7/12 23:55

@proudpapa

You're exactly right. David very well knew the Word of God (Torah), and had access to it, as it was taught to the people by the Levites in his day.

Look at his words in Psalm 119;

With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You. With my lips I have told of All the ordinances of Your mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts And regard Your ways. I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word. Gimel. Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law (Torah in the Hebrew). I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me. My soul is crushed with longing After Your ordinances at all times. (And it goes on and on praising and exhorting the Word of God and His law).

To say David did not have knowledge or access to the Bible of his day, wouldn't line up with the testimony of Scripture, the commandments of God in the Old Testament regarding the Torah, or the testimony of David himself.

The same David who wrote;

"for Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name."

And thanks for starting this thread raphotai! It was a wonderful article, with a very true exhortation for every believer. We're going to especially need to pay attention to His Word in these last days we're in.

Re: , on: 2012/7/13 7:28

Is it true the persecuted church values the word of God more than we in the west?

Bearmaster.

Re: - posted by IssacharSon, on: 2012/7/13 13:14

Yep!

I am reminded of Psalm 119: 97 - 104.

Yesss!!! One of my personal favorite psalms! David couldn't have possibly survived the ordeals of I and II Samuel and the Chronicles without access to knowledge of the Torah. Or was it the Tanakh? Help me out here, saints!

Learn brings up a neat query: I would like to find a study on the Word that was available to the Old Testament saints.

If you know of any studies on such topic, please guide me.

Thank You,

Love-in-Christ,

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Re: - posted by IssacharSon, on: 2012/7/13 13:25

I am persecuted at the hands of my own soul more often than I am by the hands of others. And when in the distressing throes of this more intimate type of spiritual oppression (self-inflicted) The Word has become my only link to sanity.

There is a hidden blessing behind the veil of persecution which inspires and motivates the follower of Christ to seek out the deeper waters of God's Word and delve in with more intensity.

Bearmaster, perhaps this may be true because persecution has a way of revealing the life and power in the Word in a more intimate way.

KP

Re: Is engagement with the Word necessary to salvation? by IssacharSon. - posted by Wonderer, on: 2012/9/14 13:58

First time here. Hope this is the right way to enter the discussion. Let me know if not.

The Bible is not necessary for salvation. But the truth of it is. Simply knowledge of one's sin, and the knowledge of sin's payment by the blood of Christ. Faith in that alone is sufficient.

But how do you know what you are to do with it? Even if you do not have the scripture, the indwelling Spirit will guide you.

Interesting question.