

WALKING IN WISDOM (Colossians 4:5) Number #55

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Jesus Taught Old Testament Scripture As Authority:

1. For Bible Example(s) & Doctrine: **Matthew 12:1-8:** **1** At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. **[Deuteronomy 23:24-25]** **2** And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!" **3** But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: **4** how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? **[1 Samuel 21:1-6, CF Leviticus 24:5-9]** **5** Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? **[Numbers 28:9-10]** **6** Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple. **7** But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' **[Hosea 6:6]** you would not have condemned the guiltless. **8** For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

2. For Origin of Marriage: **Matthew 19:4-6:** **4** And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made [them] at the beginning 'made them male and female,' **[Genesis 1:26-27]** **5** and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?' **[Genesis 2:24]** **6** So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

3. For Preparation For His Kingdom: (a) **Matthew 21:42-45:** **42** Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes?' **[Psalm 118:22-23]** **43** Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. **44** And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." **45** Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them.

(b) **Mark 12:10-11:** **10** "Have you not even read this Scripture: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. **11** This was the LORD'S doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes?'" **[Psalm 118:22-23]**

4. For Exact Wording About God: (a) **Matthew 22:31-33:** **31** "But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, **32** 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God

of Jacob?' **[Exodus 3:6]** God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." **33** And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.
(b) **Mark 12:26-27:** **26** "But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?' **27** He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken."

5. For Summary of Moses' Law: **Matthew 22:36-40:** **36** "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" **37** Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." **[Deuteronomy 6:5]** **38** This is the first and great commandment. **39** And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' **[Leviticus 19:18]** **40** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

6. For Superiority to David: **Matthew 22:41-46:** **41** While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, **42** saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." **43** He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: **44** 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"'? **[Psalm 110:1]** **45** If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" **46** And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

~"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."
—Aesop (c. 620-564 BCE)

~"If you're not cooking with joy, happiness and love, you're not cooking well."
-----Danny Kaye

~It is easy to hate and it is difficult to love. This is how the whole scheme of things works. All good things are difficult to achieve; and bad things are very easy to get.

— Confucius —

THE Facts About THE Faith

The word “faith” is often used in the New Testament in reference to a person’s personal belief. But sometimes the word “faith” is identified by the definite article “the” signifying the doctrine of the gospel and the system of obeying and living it. For example, Paul says that he preached “*the faith*” in Gal. 1:23, but in 1 Cor. 15:1 he says that he preached “*the gospel*.” Obviously “the faith” and “the gospel” are synonymous in meaning. Another example would be Acts 6:7 where it is said that some were obedient to “*the faith*” and 2 Thess. 1:8 which mentions the importance of obeying “*the gospel*.”

Knowing that, it is important that we examine ourselves as to whether we are really in “*the faith*” as 2 Cor. 13:5 admonishes. Have we really followed the gospel plan of salvation as is brought forth in the Scriptures – that of enacting the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus in our lives by being baptized into Him for the remission of sins (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 6:3-5; Acts 2:38)? Have we truly put on “the faith”?

But it doesn’t end there. As Barnabas encouraged the Christians in Antioch, we need to make sure that we “*continue in the faith*” (Acts 14:22). We must be very concerned about being “*established in the faith*” (Col. 2:17), “*strengthened in the faith*” (Acts 16:5), and that we always “*stand fast in the faith*” (1 Cor. 16:3). We also need to make sure that we are doing our part to keep “*the unity of the faith*” (Eph. 4:3) and that we are with our brethren “*striving together for the faith*” (Phil. 1:27). We need to be serious about being “*sound in the faith*” (Titus 1:13) and that we continuously defend and “*contend earnestly for the faith*” (Jude 3). Obviously, to complete all of this in our Christianity is going to take a lot of time and effort on our part (and faith!).

Yes, we should always be examining ourselves to see if we are in the faith and active in the faith. This is very important, for let us remember that it is possible to “*depart from the faith*” (1 Tim. 4:1). Let us all so live our lives in the faith—the gospel system—that we, like Paul, can proclaim at the end of our journey, “*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith*” (2 Tim. 4:7).

- Edd Sterchi

**SCIENCE SAYS THAT WE
NEED AT LEAST 4 BASIC
ELEMENTS TO SURVIVE.**

1. Water
2. Air
3. Food
4. Light

**AND LOOK WHAT THE BIBLE
TELLS US ABOUT JESUS.**

1. I am the Living Water
2. I am the Breath of Life
3. I am the Bread of Life
4. I am the Light of the World

**SCIENCE WAS RIGHT, WE
NEED JESUS TO LIVE.**

**Grades don't measure
intelligence
and age doesn't define
maturity.**