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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

- ~ *If you do not get much out of the Bible, that's more of a commentary on you than on the Bible.*
- ~ *The Bible is not to be deleted or diluted.*
- ~ *Stand on God's Word and you will not fall into error.*
- ~ *Remember, God isn't through with you yet.*
- ~ *The man who samples the Word of God occasionally never acquires much of a taste for it.*
- ~ *Study the Bible to be wise . . . Believe it to be safe . . . Practice it to be holy.*

Protected Revelation By John T. Polk II

1. Ignorant Bible Critics

"For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion" (**Romans 11:25**). Have you noticed that the people who criticize the Bible know practically nothing of its contents? Bible critics, most of the time, are ignorant of its theme, continuity, or preservation, and are only wise in their own opinion! Many atheists and skeptics, on the other hand, have become Bible-believers when they study what it actually says. "Remember this, *that* the enemy has reproached, O LORD, And *that* a foolish people has blasphemed Your name" (**Psalms 74:18**). "Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD-Your salvation according to Your word. So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word" (**Psalms 119:41-42**).

2. The Bible Is From God

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name

Immanuel" (**Isaiah 7:14**). This prophecy, given some 700 years before it happened, was not "dually fulfilled;" did not apply to Isaiah's own son or the serious situation at the time; but was only one-time fulfilled in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. So said God's Holy-Spirit-inspired writer, Matthew, in **Matthew 1:20-23**. *Only God could have prophesied such a unique, specific event, controlled its writing, preserved the prophecy for 700 years, and identified the event that completely fulfilled the original statement.* The Bible does this hundreds of times, proving that it comes only from God, but no other religion's book does: the Hindu Rig Veda; the Muslim Koran; the Buddhist Tripitaka, the Mormon Doctrine & Covenant and Pearl of Great Price!

3. Keeping God's Word Pure

"Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar" (**Proverbs 30:5-6**). *Since "every word of God is pure," then everything that's been added makes it impure, and makes a liar out of everyone who teaches the change as if it were Scripture!* From Paul's Jewish background, he wrote: "even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified" (**Galatians 2:15-16**). Christians "have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt* to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace" (**Galatians 5:4**). Christians can learn, but not observe Moses' Law today (**Romans 15:4**).

4. Are We Listening?

Jesus explanation of the parable of the seed in **Mark 4:2-20** shows four individual responses to God's Word:

- 1) **"Satan comes immediately and takes away the word."** Satan is working in children preoccupied with electronics, adults planning the rest of the day, and those "hung over" from Saturday night;
- 2) **"have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time."** These with "fading faith" are often branded "hypocrites," but they are only weak;
- 3) **"the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful."** These have no room for faith in their present busy lives to prepare for the next life!

4) "those who hear the word, accept *it*, and bear fruit."

All of these may have attended church and heard a sermon, but "the faithful few" went out to live it!

5. Who Has Failed?

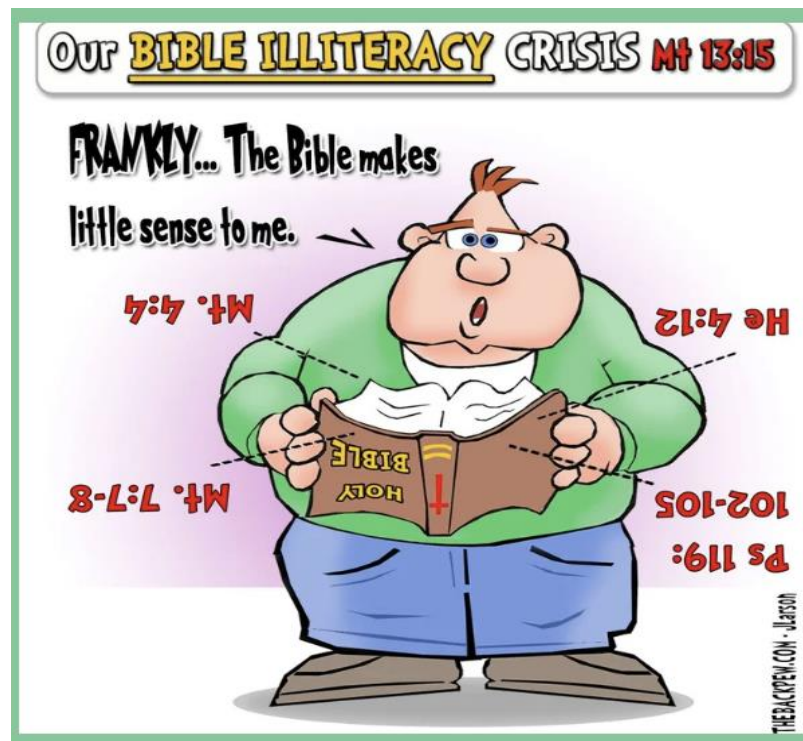
Jesus Christ said, "'And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself.' This He said, signifying by what death He would die" (**John 12:32-33**). He, "by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone" (**Hebrews 2:9**). His cross provides the way of salvation, but does not automatically save each individual.

6. The message of the cross may be:

1) Perverted. This is because there are "ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ" (**Jude 4**).

2) Ridiculed. Paul wrote: "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (**1 Corinthians 1:18**).

3) NEVER Replaced. Jesus said: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (**Mark 16:16**) -----jtpll



THE WORD OF GOD IS POWERFUL



IT DISCERNES THE SECRETS OF THE HEART

■ Hebrews 4:12



IT DESCRIBES THE STATE OF THE WORLD

■ 1 John 2:14-16



IT UNFOLDS THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

■ Romans 16:25-26

IT ENLIGHTENS THE PATH OF THE SAINTS

■ Psalm 119:1056

IT REVEALED THINGS THAT WERE FUTURE

■ 2 Peter 1:19

DO YOU BELIEVE THE WORD OF GOD?

Chart Idea: Sermon Outlines on the Christian Life by John Ritchie

Barnes' Bible Charts



By Robert Lupo

It's a Lot Bigger Than the Weather

Today, I looked at the newsfeed on my laptop and noticed the weather report. It said, "Heavy rain in about 1 hour." When looking at the weather we've been having this week, I probably could have guessed it was going to rain again. It still amazes me that we are now accurate up to the hour of when the rain will stop or start.

We put a lot of trust into the weatherman. We make plans for our weekends and holidays based on their predictions. But every now and then, they disappoint us, and the farther out they try to look, the more often it happens.

Man cannot know the future for certain. As King Solomon put it, "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring" (Prov. 27:1). However, there is one source with a perfect record of prediction: the Bible. Throughout Scripture we find prophecy after prophecy being fulfilled just as described. So, if the future is hidden from man, then we know that the Bible came from God.

In Ezekiel chapter 26, there is a great example of the reliability of Biblical prophecy. In this passage, Ezekiel predicted the fate of the city of Tyre. First, he said it would be destroyed (v. 4). Then, he named the person who would bring

about the destruction: Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon (v. 7). Finally, he predicted that it would never be rebuilt (v. 14). This is an incredible claim! To get all of these details right would truly be a miracle.

According to Charles H. Dyer in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, "After defeating Jerusalem, Nebuchadnezzar moved his army north to Tyre in 585 B.C." In verse 1, Ezekiel tells us the prophecy came "In the eleventh year, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me..." The eleventh year refers to the exile of Jehoiakim, King of Judah. This sets the year to 587-586 B.C.

This means that Ezekiel accurately predicted that Babylon would attack Tyre one or two years before it happened! Moreover, he prophesied correctly that they would win. History shows us that Nebuchadnezzar's victory wouldn't come for another thirteen years! The only way Ezekiel could have known this is if he learned it from God.

One hour passed since I read that weather report and the rain had not started. No one doubts that a weatherman will get things wrong from time to time. The farther out they try to look, the less accurate they are. To this day, Tyre has not been rebuilt. Ezekiel's prophecy remains fulfilled 2,609 years later. There is no earthly explanation for his accuracy. The only explanation is that the Bible came from God.

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