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Know God's Word

By Paul Sain

It takes 70 hours and 40 minutes to read the Bible (about 52 hours to read the Old Testament and 18 hours to read the New Testament). At the rate of an hour a day, it takes a mere two months and ten days to read the entire Bible.

The Bible tells us of our origin, our purpose for being on this earth, and of our eternal destiny.

God's Word plainly, concisely, and boldly declares the desire of our heavenly Father to be saved in heaven after our life on this earth, but informs us that ONLY those who completely obey Him will be saved (John 3:16-17). We learn the way to heaven in the Holy Bible.

Do you really have some better way to spend your time than with the written Word of God?

That Settles It!

Minute Messages Vol. I

Maybe you have heard someone say, "God said it. I believe it, and that settles it." As good as that may sound, it does NOT properly reflect the truth.

The psalmist David declared, "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven..." Every time we read the Bible we have access to the "mind of Christ" (I Cor. 2:13, 16). If we refuse to do the will of the Father, Jesus will say in judgment, "I never knew you, depart from me..."

The true attitude we should have toward the Holy Scripture should be, "God said it. That settles it, whether I believe it or not!"

Do you believe God's Word? For you, does that settle the matter concerning religion, once and for all? Are you living by the Word of God?

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY!

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"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever."

Psalm 125:1-2

"Needing Help"

By Steve Niemeier

The 121st Psalm is one of my favorite passages in the Bible. We find where our help comes from and it comes from our Lord who created the heavens and the earth (vss. 1 & 2). We find that He is our keeper and our protector. He will preserve us from evil and will preserve our way. With One (our God) taking care of us what more can we need?

Most of the time we need help we turn to God but usually it is the way of "Why did You let this happen to me?" When we are doing well and everything is on the upbeat we may seldom talk with God and give Him the glory and praise for the things going well in our lives. Yet, when things go wrong God seems to be the One on the firing line!

John 3:16 tells us that God loved us so much that He gave His Son for us. He gave Him so that we might have the

hope of eternal life. We can have that eternal life through Christ by obeying His gospel which is the good news for our salvation. Being the recipients of such a gift as this does it sound like the giver wants bad things to happen to us?

In reality we must learn and accept that God wants our souls to spend eternity with Him in heaven. To do so we must come to Him through His Son. No matter what our need is, God is always there to help us. May we give God the glory for our lives as they are a gift from Him and may we turn to Him in our time of need ---not to blame Him but seek comfort from Him. He is our heavenly Father and He wants us to be secure eternally with Him no matter what afflictions we might have here on this earth.

Kill The Spider

Anonymous

I read an amusing (supposed to be true) incident concerning a brother who always, in his prayers, would say, "...and now Lord, clear all the cobwebs from our lives..." Another, who became quite disturbed by the repetition, the implication of which I am sure all

understood, impulsively, when he heard the oft repeated phrase, jumped to his feet and said, "Don't do it Lord, kill the spider!"

Love Your Enemies

From The Lincoln Bible Reader

A story is told of Peter Miller, a plain Baptist preacher living in Ephrata, Pennsylvania in the days of the Revolutionary War. Near his church lived a man who maligned the preacher to the last degree. The man became involved in treason and was arrested and sentenced to be hanged. The preacher started out on foot and walked the seventy miles to Philadelphia to plead for the man's life. Washington heard his plea, but he said, "No, your plea for your friend cannot be granted." "My friend!" said the preacher. "He is the worst enemy I have." "What!" said Washington, "you have walked nearly seventy miles to save the life of an enemy? That puts the matter in a different light. I will grant the pardon."

"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who

hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,"

Matthew 5:44

RIGHT MAKES MIGHT

By Carlos Pitt

While Noah was building the ark, he was in the minority; but he came out the winner.

Joseph was in the minority when he was put in the pit and sold into Egypt, but he won.

When David's brethren ridiculed him when he was to meet Goliath, he was in the minority, in size too, but he won.

When Elijah prayed down fire from heaven, and put the prophets of Baal to shame, he was very much in the minority, yet he won.

Gideon was a ridiculous minority when he took 300 men armed with only pitchers and candles, yet they took the hosts of the Midianites.

YES, WHERE THERE IS RIGHT THERE IS MIGHT!