



Northside Proclaimer

Proclaiming The Word Of The Lord

1 Thessalonians 1:8

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“The Bible Is Out Of Date!”

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Recently someone said that the Bible is too old to be relevant to modern man. This argument was based on the fact that the Bible condemns homosexuality. When one argues that the Bible is out of date it's interesting how he cannot pinpoint when the expiration date occurred or where the expiration date is to be found! Besides the admission of condemnation when one posits such an argument, it raises the following shocking point: if the Bible is out of date and no longer relevant to modern man, then Christ's shedding his blood for the remission of our sins is no longer applicable to us nor should it be significant to us. Consequently, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16) is no longer true. God does not love us if the Bible is not relevant to modern man!

This is the logical conclusion to this grasping-for-straws argument. While the above is the saddest consequence, there are other factors that would have to be overlooked. Some of them include, but are not limited to, the origin of man, why we were created, where we are going after death, what is right and wrong, etc. The list is infinite!

When considering the Bible is the standard for morality, it should be understood that if the book is outdated, so are its morals. This is the ultimate end to the argument. Obviously we cannot cherry pick what is right or wrong and therefore everything wrong must be right. Accordingly fornication, pornography, rape, incest, murder, theft, adultery, drunkenness, and the like are tossed out the window as far as sin is concerned. One cannot argue that homosexuality, though once condemned, is now right and maintain that once condemned murder, etc. are not right. Since homosexuality is in essence fornication (because God only allows sex within the scriptural marriage – one man, one woman), for one to be outdated the other surely is too. Thus no sin is still sin. Since that is the case, it surely is a good thing that Christ and His blood are outdated too because "now we don't need it"!

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Announcements

- Remember the shut in's.
- Pray for the church and one another.
- Remember the spiritual sick among us.
- Call or email me to add announcements, thanks.
- Kid's drill class today at 4:00 PM

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

Jul 19 2 Kgs 18:1-8, 2 Chr 29-31, Ps 48
Jul 20 Hos 1-7
Jul 21 Hos 8-14
Jul 22 Isa 28-30
Jul 23 Isa 31-34
Jul 24 Isa 35-36
Jul 25 Isa 37-39, Ps 76

While the immediate above is written to make a point, God teaches us that His word is alive and still relevant to man. First, the Bible teaches that God is eternal. Several passages speak of an "eternal God" (see Deut. 33.27; Rom. 16.26) or "eternal Spirit" (Heb. 9.14). This would explain why "In the beginning, [that is, when time began for us] God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1.1). He has always been and will always be. As He told Moses, "I AM who I AM" (Exo. 3.14). Therefore God affirms that He has always existed. Likewise, an eternal being is of necessity a living being. Numerous passages show that our Father is in fact a living God (Psalm 84.2; Heb. 10.31, etc.). Next, we learn that God does not change. He said, "For I the Lord do not change..." (Mal. 3.6). James taught, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change" (James 1.17) and finally, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb. 13.8). Since He is eternal, living and does not change, He can be acknowledged as, "I AM who I AM."

Since our Creator is all these things and more, this proves His word is eternal, living and does not change! The Bible affirms that God's word "stands forever" to "all generations" (Psalm 33.10-12), is "settled in heaven" (Psalm 119.89), "endures forever" (Psalm 119.160), and is to be kept (Psalm 12.6-7). As God said, "...so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55.11).

No wonder inspired men wrote, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb. 4.12) and "...you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God..." (1 Peter 1.23). Peter affirms that the word of the Lord is living and imperishable. Since the word of God is likened to a seed (Luke 8.11), wherever that seed is planted, the word is living in that soul. Thus no matter if the Bible is 2,000 years old or a million years old, God and His word are living, imperishable, and unchanged. Don't be fooled by Satan's attempt to undermine the Bible. BG