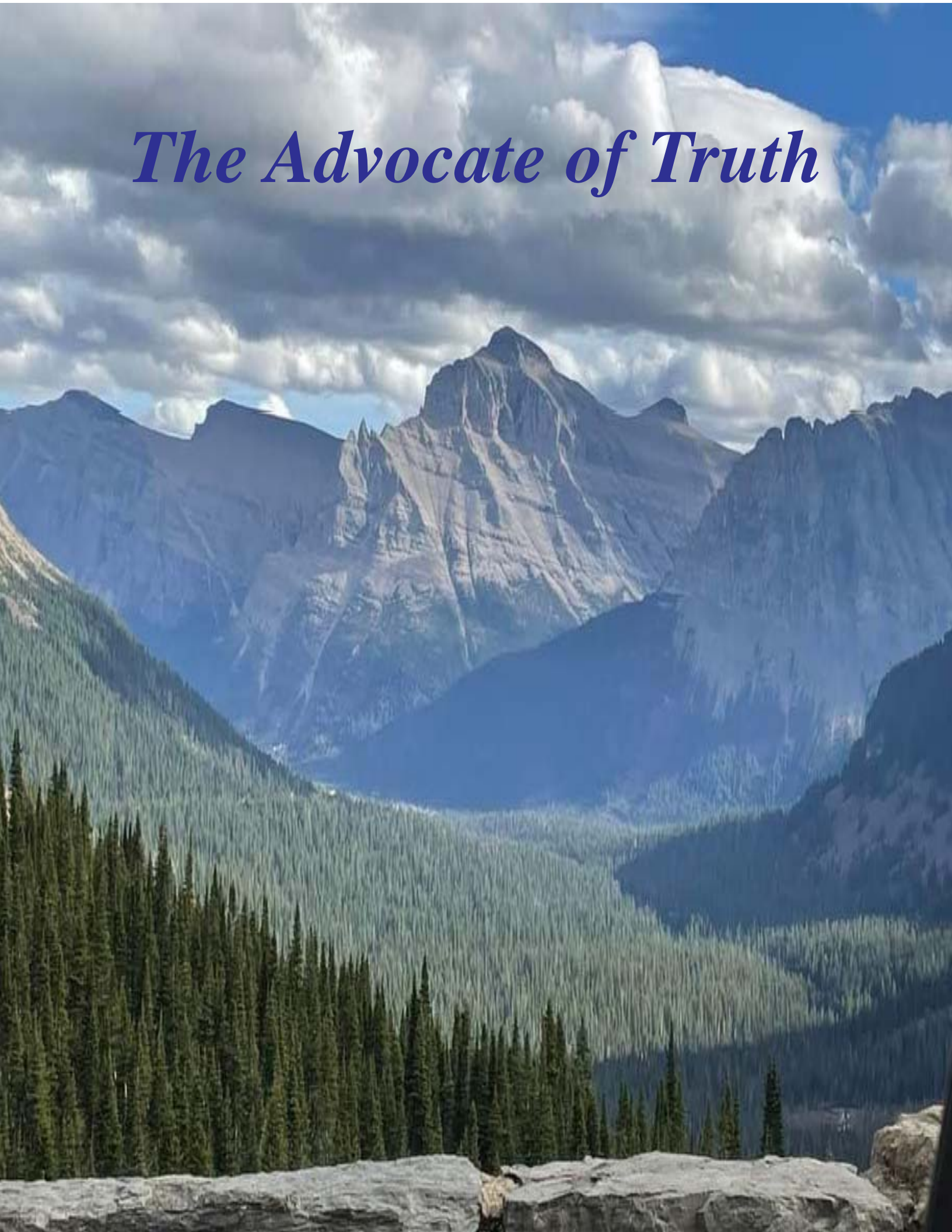


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## *The Myth of Two Creations* by David Royer

You may encounter someone who says the Bible's account of Creation cannot be believed because there are noticeable contradictions between Genesis Chapter 1 and Chapter 2. This article provides an explanation.

First, we should consider these two Chapters complimentary, not competing. Chapter 1 summarizes the entirety of Creation that took place over 6 days. Chapter 2 focuses on the sixth day of Creation and all that relates to it.

To put it another way, in the first chapter, we find God creating heaven and earth and calling all that is in them into existence. Then, beginning in the second chapter, we have the account of what came of (or developed out of) God's initial Creation. Reading them in this fashion makes sense in putting the chapters together rather than separately and appearing as different accounts of Creation.

Myth 1: Vegetation appears on the third day in Genesis 1:11. Yet, in Genesis 2:5, vegetation doesn't appear until after God creates man. Later in this verse, it seems to indicate that workable or garden-able vegetation does not grow until man comes into the picture, not vegetation in general. So, God created vegetation on the third day.

Notice that created vegetation seeds remained in the ground. "And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground." (Genesis 2:5)

Myth 2: God creates animals before man in Genesis 1:24, but it seems like the opposite case in Genesis 2:19. However, look at verse 19: "And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every

fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof." The verb "formed" indicates God has created animals before bringing them to Adam. So, the two contradictions don't exist.

Myth 3: Chapter 1 seems to say that man and woman were created simultaneously: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Gen. 1:27). In chapter 2, man is created first: "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Gen. 2:7). Later, the woman is created differently using Adam's body. "And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man." (Gen. 2:21-22).

While this appears to be a significant difference between the two passages, it is not necessarily so, as both man and woman were created on the sixth day. This conclusion is supported by Bible passages such as I Corinthians 11:7-9 and I Timothy 2:13: "For Adam was first formed, then Eve."

Chapters 1 and 2 of Genesis refer to the same Creation account. The same author places a different emphasis and writing style to highlight several unique facets of Creation. Remember, the Word of God does not contradict itself. Paul says it plainly: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" (II Timothy 3:16).

# The Escaped Prisoner of War

By Gary Mills

The Old Testament is full of examples of how we should act as children of God. One such example is found in I Kings Chapter 20 which describes a time when Ahab was king of Israel and Israel was fighting the Syrians. Israel faced tremendously unfavorable odds in this fight as described in I Kings 20: 27: "...the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country."

The Syrians were very confident in going against Israel. They thought that the God of Israel was a God of the hills and could only help Israel if a battle was fought in the hills. This of course was a big mistake as shown in I Kings 20:28. "And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD."

The Syrian army was quickly destroyed and the king of the Syrians fled. I Kings 20: 29-30: "And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day. But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left. And Benhadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber."

King Benhadad of Syria decided to throw himself on the mercy of King Ahab of Israel. I Kings 20: 31-32: "And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard

that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life. So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me live..." Rather than destroying Syria as God had instructed him, Ahab decided to take a payment from Syria and make peace with them. I Kings 20: 34: "And Benhadad said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away."

This act of disobedience was displeasing to the Lord. He sent Ahab a prophet who pretended to be a soldier emerging from the battlefield. To make his appearance seem real the prophet had someone give him a head wound.

I Kings 20: 35-38: "And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him. Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him. Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded

him. So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.”

Properly disguised, the prophet then met the king of Israel and told him a false story of how he had been assaulted by a prisoner who was in his charge. I Kings 20: 39-40: “And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. ...”

King Ahab had no sympathy for the man. Upon hearing this the prophet then confronted the King. I Kings 20:40-42, “...And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it. And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets. And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.”

In sparing Ben-hadad, who represented idolatry, Ahab failed to obey the Lord. Ahab had an ulterior motive in sparing Ben-hadad. Ahab thought that Ben-hadad could help him recoup past losses and help him to have special trade privileges in Damascus. Ahab gave no thought to the fact that his partial victory gave idolatry and other sins of their heathen neighbors a way to continue to live and grow. Ahab is an example of those who put material gain and valuing his own judgment over obeying the Word of God.

Jesus spoke on the danger of putting material things above following God’s Word in Matthew 6:24: “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” Jesus also said in Matthew 12:30: “He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.” The parable of the disguised prophet confronting King Ahab is a great lesson on the importance of following God’s will and not putting material things ahead of the Word of God.

## *Adversities of life.*

*One of the greatest tests of life and our faith is adversities that we go through, be it sorrows, trials, tribulations, perhaps struggles in our marriages, work, and life generally. These kinds sometimes push us to the wall and we start to question God's purposes and plan for our lives; we become weary of His plans and will for us as supported by His Word; we either stand tall in God or lose sight like the prodigal son; we want to run away from His presence and try it out on our own; indeed the clay starts to question the potter.*

*For us the words "count it all joy" seem impossible; we seldomly forget that when we are weak, yet God gives us the strength to face it all..that His grace is sufficient. It is in this season that our faith and character is built in John.*

*I John 5:4 reminds us, "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world, and this is the victory that has overcome the world- our faith." Jesus is our victory! He says in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Let us not get weary but rather go to Jesus Christ for He alone understands us; not only that, He does carry it for us. Paul asked, "who can separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulations, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword? He continues to say, "yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." At this time in Kenya we are facing distress, floods causing havoc; however, we pray that God will see us through. I pray that we find peace, joy, and grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*Patrick Muge.*



# BIBLE TRIVIA

1. David said that the (angels; heavens; rivers) declare the glory of God. Psalm 19:1
2. The Lord put a (lamb; child; dove) in the midst of the disciples to teach them humility. Mark 9:36
3. (Joseph; John the Baptist; Paul) was imprisoned because his master's wife falsely accused him. Genesis 39:19,20
4. (Nehemiah; Zedekiah; Jeremiah) was in prison when Jerusalem was besieged by the king of Babylon. Jeremiah 32:2
5. The tree whose leaves are for the healing of the nations is in (Athens; Bethany; the New Jerusalem). Revelation 22:2
6. The (rose; lily; poppy) is mentioned by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew 6:28
7. (Ezekiel; John; Moses) was commanded to eat a book. Revelation 10:9-10
8. Emmanuel means ('light'; 'savior'; 'God with us'). Matthew 1:23
9. (Jacob; Ishmael; Esau) despised his birthright. Genesis 25:34
10. God told Satan that Job was a (just and good; wicked; perfect and upright) man. Job 2:3
11. After Nathan's parable, David (became angry; confessed his sin; killed Goliath). II Samuel 12:13
12. (An angel; a Roman soldier; the disciples) told the women that Christ had risen from the tomb. Matthew 28:5-6

# IMPOSSIBLE THINGS

By Moises Torres M.

In this article we analyze several “impossibles” mentioned in the Bible.

**It is impossible that a good tree bring forth evil fruit and vice versa.**

“Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them (Matthew 7:16-20).

“Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit” (Matthew 12:33).

NOTE: Using these practical “impossible” things Jesus pointed out hypocrisy. He also said: “But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil” (Matthew 5:37).

**Let us read what James says about another “impossible.”**

“Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.” (James 3:11-12).

**It was impossible for the law to do the job by itself.** “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness

*May he give you the  
desires of your heart and  
make all your plans succeed.*

PSALM 20:4

**BIBLE  
TRIVIA**

1. *Heavens*
2. *Child*
3. *Joseph*
4. *Jeremiah*
5. *The New Jerusalem*
6. *Lily*
7. *John*
8. *"God with us"*
9. *Esau*
10. *Perfect and upright*
11. *Confessed his sin*
12. *An angel*

of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:" (Romans 8:3).

NOTE: The law was weak because of the flesh. So, it was impossible for the law to achieve man's obedience to the law of God. So God sent his own Son to condemn sin in His flesh by his profession of faith through obedience.

#### **It was impossible for death to hold the Lord Jesus:**

"Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it" (Acts 2:22-24).

#### **So, it will be impossible for death to hold the saints.**

"And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8:10-11). So, if we have the Spirit (mind) of Christ in us, it will be impossible for death to hold us as children of God (Romans 8:10-11).

#### **It is impossible for those who fall away to be renewed again**

"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame" (Hebrews 6:4-6).

#### **Without faith it is impossible to please God**

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

#### **It is impossible for God to lie**

"And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swear by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: (Hebrews 6:11-17).

"That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:" (Hebrews 6:18).

NOTE: Hope on His promises, and swearing by Himself are those two immutable things in which it is impossible for God to lie. He swears by his own name.





# The Pillar and Ground of the Truth

By David DeLong

The Bible teaches us that "the house of God" is "the church of the living God" and is "the pillar and ground of the truth." The Apostle Paul, in writing to Timothy, points out: "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (I Timothy 3:15). God's Church, the Church of God, 7th Day, is such because it upholds and teaches only the truth as has been revealed to it by the Lord. Therefore, it is a "pillar" which supports and lifts up this truth to the entire world. In essence, the Church supports and lifts up the Lord Jesus Christ, who is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

Many church organizations proclaim that their church teaches only truth. However, upon a careful examination of the Scriptures one can readily discern that these churches teach only a portion of the truth. Ephesians 4:4-6 records: "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." A list of the following beliefs, therefore, must be taught before a church can claim to be "the pillar and ground of the truth."

1.) The church must teach that salvation is through acceptance in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ which was shed for mankind upon the cross of Calvary (Ephesians 2:8-9; I Peter 1:18-19).

2.) The church must teach obedience to the Ten Commandments so that a believer makes the effort not to sin (Ecclesiastes 12:13; Revelation 14:12; Romans 6:1-2; Romans 3:20; I John 3:4).

3.) The church must teach that the seventh day of the week (Saturday) is the only day that God rested upon, blessed, and sanctified (set it apart for a holy purpose), and that this day is the day that God intended for all mankind to observe as the Sab-

bath for all generations (Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:27-28; Isaiah 56:1-7; Isaiah 58:13-14; Isaiah 66:22-23).

4.) The church must teach that baptism is to be done only by immersion in water and that it must be done in Jesus' name (Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 4:10-12; Acts 8:14-17; Acts 19:1-6). After baptism in Jesus' name the baptismal candidate then must have hands laid upon him or her for the reception of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17; Acts 19:1-6).

5.) The church must teach that God's organization must be apostolic in structure. By that we mean that the church of God must have in its leadership 12 apostles, 70 prophets, and 7 men to lead the business of the church, pastors to lead the local churches, deacons and others to help in the work of the church (Matthew 10:1-4; Luke 10:1; Acts 6:1-7; I Corinthians 12:27-30; Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 4:11-12; I Timothy 3:1-13).

6.) The church must teach that the Bible, Old and New Testaments, is inspired as no other writing is, and is complete, infallible and expresses God's complete will to man (II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5-6; John 5:39).

7.) The church must teach that the inspired name for God's Church is the Church of God (Acts 20:28; I Corinthians 15:9; Galatians 1:13; I Corinthians 1:2-3; I Timothy 3:15).

8.) The church must teach that only clean meats, as given in the Bible, must be used for eating purposes, and that eating unclean meats is an abomination to God (Genesis 7:2,8; 8:20; Leviticus 11:1-47; Deuteronomy 14:3-20; Isaiah 66:15-17; II Corinthians 6:17-18).

9.) The church must teach that paying a tithe (ten percent) of one's increase to the Lord, through the church, is a continued obligation (Genesis 14:18-20; Matthew 23:23; Hebrews 7:8; Malachi 3:8-12; I Corinthians 9:11-14).

10.) The church must teach that the law of Moses was



done away with at Jesus' death on the cross, but the Law of God (the Ten Commandments) is still binding upon us today (Acts 15:5,10,24; Ephesians 2:14-15; Colossians 2:14,16-17; Galatians 3:13,27-28; Hebrews 9:8-10; James 2:10-11).

11.) The church must teach that there is no such thing as a Trinity. God, the Father, is the "only true God", Jesus is His Son, and the Holy Ghost is God's Power (John 17:3; Isaiah 45:5-6; I Timothy 6:14-16; John 14:28; John 20:17; Luke 1:35).

12.) The church must teach that we are not to keep any pagan holidays such as Christmas or Easter (Jeremiah 10:1-5). December 25, rather than being Christ's birthday was, according to history, Nimrod's spiritual birthday. Nimrod was an antichrist (see Genesis 10:8-12). He helped found the wicked Babylonian religious system, and helped build the tower of Babel--Genesis 11. The tradition of cutting "a tree out of the forest" referred to in Jeremiah 10:3 became a symbol of Nimrod, whom the pagans believed was resurrected from the dead, and then was worshipped as a god at Christmas. Therefore, the origins of Christmas, as we can see, were begun as purely pagan traditions. Job 14:4 reads: "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one."

13.) The church must teach that we are to keep the Lord's Supper at the time that Jesus partook of it, the 14th day of the first month, Abib. Jesus kept the Lord's Supper on the evening of His keeping the passover and He became our passover lamb (I Corinthians 5:7). The Apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 11:23: "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:".

The church must teach that before taking the emblems of the Lord's Supper, one must wash one another's feet (John 13:1-17).

14.) The church must teach that Jesus rose from the grave on Saturday evening, rather than on Sunday morning. Most "Christians" teach that Jesus was crucified on Friday evening and was resurrected on Sunday morning. But Jesus said that the only sign of His Messiahship was that He would be in the grave for three days and three nights (Matthew 12:38-40).

15.) The church must teach that there is to be no divorce granted to a married couple except for the reason

that Jesus stated in Matthew 19:9, which is for "fornication".

16.) The church must teach that the dead are resting in the grave until the time of the first or second resurrection. No human is in heaven now, and eternal life will not be granted until the first resurrection (Job 14:12-15; 19:25-27; John 3:13; Acts 2:34; Revelation 20:5-6; Hebrews 11:39-40).

17.) The church must teach that Satan is a real personality, and that he was once a perfect angel in heaven named Lucifer. He rebelled against God, fought a war in heaven, was cast out onto the earth, and took one-third of the angels with him. He will be destroyed in the Lake of Fire (gehenna) when the Lord brings forth a fire from his midst and turns him to ashes (Isaiah 14:12-15; Revelation 12:1-10; Luke 10:18; Ezekiel 28:11-19).

18.) The church must teach that it stands opposed to carnal warfare (Matthew 26:52; Revelation 13:10; Romans 12:19-21; The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but spiritual (II Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:11-18)).

19.) The church must teach that the second coming of Jesus Christ must be in two phases: the reaping phase (Revelation 14:14-16; I Corinthians 15:51-53; I Thessalonians 4:13-17); and the warring phase (Revelation 11:15; Revelation 16:13-16; Revelation 19:11-19; Isaiah 66:15-17).

20.) The church must teach that the Sea of Glass to which the saints are caught up is the New Jerusalem, which comes down with the Lord Jesus Christ at the Reaping Phase of the second coming of Christ. It is the reward of the saints and the home of the saved (John 14:1-3; Hebrews 11:16; Hebrews 13:14; Galatians 4:25-26; Revelation 22:12-14).

21.) The church must teach that the 144,000 of Revelation 7 and 14 are the "firstfruits" unto God and the Lamb. They were called out of Israel by Jesus and the apostles (Matthew 10:5-6; Revelation 7:4-8; 14:1-5; James 1:1,18; Romans 1:16).

These, and other truths, must be taught by the church to be called the pillar and ground of the truth. Of all the churches on planet earth, only one Church teaches these and other truths from the holy Bible: the Church of God, 7th Day, with headquarters in Salem, West Virginia. Therefore, no other church, organization, or assembly can claim to be called the pillar and ground of the truth.



## LESSON I

### MOSES SLAYS AN EGYPTIAN

*Scripture Reading: Exodus 2:11-20.*

*Golden Text: Exodus 2:12.*

*"And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand."*

*1. What did Moses do when he was grown? Exodus 2:11.*

*2. What did Moses do to the Egyptian? Exodus 2:12.*

*3. What did two men of the Hebrews do? Exodus 2:13.*

*4. Did Moses believe that his deed was known? Exodus 2:14.*

*5. What did Pharaoh seek to do, and what did Moses do? Exodus 2:15 (first part).*

*6. Where did Moses dwell after he fled from Pharaoh? Exodus 2:15 (last part).*

*7. What did the priest of Midian have, and what did they do? Exodus 2:16.*

*8. What did Moses do for the priest's daughters? Exodus 2:17.*

*9. What did the father say to his daughters? Exodus 2:18.*

*10. What did his daughters tell him? Exodus 2:19.*

*11. What was the father's reply to his daughters? Exodus 2:20.*

## LESSON II

### MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

*Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-14.*

*Golden Text: Exodus 3:2.*

*"And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed."*

*1. Where did Moses lead Jethro's sheep? Exodus 3:1.*

*2. How did the angel of the Lord appear unto Moses? Exodus 3:2.*

*3. From where did God call unto Moses? Exodus 3:4.*

*4. What did God say unto Moses? Exodus 3:5-10.*

*5. What was Moses's reply? Exodus 3:11.*

*6. What did God say unto Moses? Exodus 3:12.*

*7. What question did Moses ask of God? Exodus 3:13.*

*8. What answer did God give Moses? Exodus 3:14.*



### LESSON III

#### MOSES IS COMMISSIONED BY GOD

*Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:15-22.*

*Golden Text: Exodus 3:15.*

*"And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations."*

- 1. What did God say unto Moses? Exodus 3:15.*
- 2. What did God tell Moses to do? Exodus 3:16.*
- 3. Where did God say He would bring the children of Israel? Exodus 3:17.*
- 4. Would the children of Israel hearken unto Moses's voice? Exodus 3:18 (first part).*
- 5. Then what was Moses to do? Exodus 3:18 (last part).*
- 6. What did God say about the king of Egypt letting the children of Israel go? Exodus 3:19.*
- 7. What did God say He would do? Exodus 3:20.*
- 8. Would God give favor to the children of Israel in the sight of the Egyptians? Exodus 3:21-22.*

### LESSON IV

#### MOSES'S OBJECTION (THE UNBELIEF OF THE PEOPLE)

*Scripture Reading: Exodus 4:1-9.*

*Golden Text: Exodus 4:1.*

*"And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee."*

- 1. What did Moses say? Exodus 4:1.*
- 2. What did the Lord ask Moses, and what was Moses's reply? Exodus 4:2.*
- 3. What did the Lord tell Moses to do? What was the result? Exodus 4:3.*
- 4. Then what did the Lord tell Moses to do? What was the result? Exodus 4:4.*
- 5. What was the purpose of this miracle? Exodus 4:5.*
- 6. Then what did the Lord tell Moses to do? What was the result? Exodus 4:6.*
- 7. What happened when Moses put his hand into his bosom and took it out again? Exodus 4:7.*
- 8. What did the Lord say would happen if the Egyptians would not hearken to the voices of the first and latter signs? Exodus 4:8-9.*



**BILLY AND THE THIRTEEN COOKIES**

*Dear Boys and Girls:*

*Have you ever done something you know you should not? Did you know that Jesus is looking and sees everything that you do? I want to tell you a story of Billy and the thirteen cookies.*

*Billy came into the kitchen as his mother was wiping her hands. "Oh, here you are, Billy," she said. "Where were you? I was just about to call you."*

*"What smells so good, Mother?" Billy asked. "Cookies," she told him. "You want me to taste them?" he asked. "No," she said, "what's in the oven will not be ready for another ten minutes. I want you to take these to the school fair for me before it is over. You have got there a baker's dozen." "What is a baker's dozen?" asked Billy.*

*"A dozen is twelve, right? And a baker's dozen is thirteen. So now hurry before it gets late," said Billy's mother. Billy took the cookies and started off. As he went on, the smell of the cookies tempted him, and he tried very hard to resist it. "Hmmm," he said. "I do wish these cookies did not smell so good; perhaps if I hurry, I will not notice it much," he said as he walked. So, he began to walk faster, but the smell of the cookies tempted him more.*

*"Boy!" said Billy. "Mom makes the best cookies. There are thirteen in here. If I take just one, no one will know; besides there will be twelve left." "While saying this, he opened the bag.*

*On the way, he stopped to watch a group of boys play and farther along the road he stopped again.*

*As Billy climbed the school steps, he opened the bag and was astonished at what he saw. He cried, "Where are the cookies? I ate them! I did! I ate them! How can I tell this to Mother? Perhaps I should not tell her after all." It was a sulky Billy who turned and went back home.*

*At supper he did not eat very much! When it was time for bed, he hurried off without asking to stay up late as he always did. But something strange happened.*

*Sleep did not come easy for Billy that night; he tossed and turned for some time. A man came with a large*

*paper bag. "Ah, ha!" he said as he opened it. "I knew that one was missing and there he is!" Billy was frightened. "A-A big paper bag - like the one I had the cookies in!" he said.*

*Poor Billy, what could he do? The man kept on saying, "I had thirteen in here when I started, one's missing and there he is, there he is!"*

*"Wait a minute," cried Billy, "Wait a minute, I am not a cookie, I am a boy! I am not a cookie, I am a boy, I am a boy!"*

*"Billy, Billy, wake up, wake up Billy," said his mother. She had heard his screams and ran to his room; "you were having a terrible dream!" she said as he broke down in tears. "Oh Mom," he cried. He told her the whole story, cookies, dream and all. Then he asked, "Will you forgive me Mom?" "I forgive you," she told him, "but you have to ask Jesus to forgive you. Come and I will pray with you!"*

*They knelt together and prayed and Billy got up refreshed and feeling himself again.*

*Now Boys and Girls, will you allow yourself to be tempted as Billy did? When you are tempted, why not ask Jesus to help you, and you can always sing along, "Yield not to Temptation."*



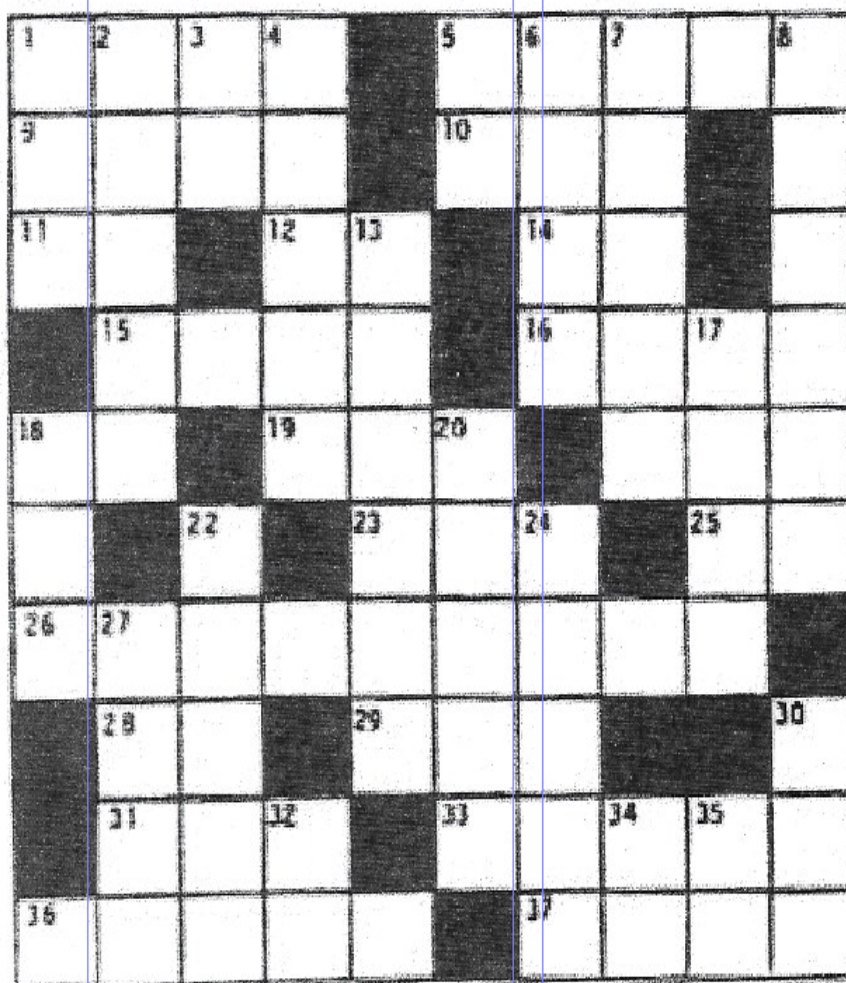
## ACROSS

1. Christ chose this man on the Damasc
5. He led Israel to Canaan
9. In addition to
10. Teacher of Samuel (I Samuel 2)
11. Negative reply
12. A penny-abbreviated
14. Overhead railway-slang
15. Quite a boat builder
16. Paddles
18. That man
19. Nephew of Abraham
23. Central, \_\_\_\_ term
25. Registered nurse
26. Small duplicate
28. San Francisco (abbrev.)
29. Take to court for damages
31. Cover
33. Theatrical platform
36. Simon \_\_\_\_
37. Cease, halt

## DOWN

1. Cooking utensil
2. Unaccompanied
3. You and me
4. Regional
5. Personal pronoun
6. Butter substitute
7. Paul's companion of Acts 16
8. Heroic slayer of Philistines (Judges 14)
13. "The doubter"
17. Uncommon
18. A son of Noah
20. Paul wrote one epistle to this apostle
22. Not qualified
24. Singing teams of two
27. Small island
30. Energy, vim
32. Of, Latin, as \_\_\_\_ Soto
34. In the direction of
35. Move ahead, progress

*When you are angry, Pretend you're a bird;  
Sing just a little - But don't say a word.*



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It is God's own blessed Word;  
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Words the like you've never heard.*

*When we read it we are hearing  
God's one voice, so sweet and pure;  
And His promises He always  
Keeps, for they are true and sure.*

*Let us read it, and obey it,  
Then our lives will give Him praise;  
It will help us in our trials,  
As for God we spend our days.*





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