

The Bible or Yeshua

Dan Beaty

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Last night I woke up at 3AM, my mind being flooded with questions and thoughts from the scripture related to challenges that have been made to my understanding about the scripture. I could not go back to sleep until I recorded them. These are offered for your consideration:

Is the Bible the Word of God?

These days I have been hearing that the Bible is not the Word of God, because Jesus is the Word of God. The statement that Jesus is the Word of God made flesh is actually found in the Bible. But did Jesus Himself believe that the Bible is not the Word of God? When being tempted of the devil for 40 days, Matthew and Luke record for us how Jesus resisted temptation.

Satan challenged Jesus's sonship to God by telling Him He could satisfy His hunger by changing stones into bread. Jesus answered by quoting scripture:

"It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD'."

Matthew 4:4 NASU

To what was Jesus referring? Was He saying that He would satisfy His hunger by eating Himself, since He was the Word? Or is He saying that everything that God has and is communicating to us is our spiritual bread?

Consider Hebrews 1:1-3:

"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power."

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God spoke through His prophets, as recorded in the Hebrew Bible, which to Christians is the Old Testament. At the very least, the writer claims that the Bible is the record of what God spoke through the prophets. But both the Hebrews and the Early Church believed that even the record of His statements were breathed by God the Holy Spirit as they were recorded.

God communicates both through the spoken word and through His actions. Psalms 33:6: "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." The very act of creation communicates to us the nature of God. (Romans 1:20). Certainly God is not limited to communicating to us in writing alone, but writing is to be included and is to our benefit. (2 Timothy 3:16, Romans 15:4).

In this example from Matthew 4, Jesus used the scripture as a weapon against temptation, "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." (Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12).

Yes, Jesus is the Word of God, eternally. It was He who created all things, saying "let there be light." (John 1:3, Colossians 1:16). So why do we find it difficult to see that Jesus, the Word of God spoke through Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, David, and others when the Spirit of Christ was in them? (1 Peter 1:10-11). Just get out your concordance and see how many times you can find the phrase, "the word of the Lord came to Samuel, Jeremiah, Amos etc." every time God had something to say to His people.

That is why Jesus Himself called the scripture, the Word of God. (Mark 7:13)

In Acts, Luke calls the Gospel the Word of God:

Acts 6:7: "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly;"

See also 8:14, 11:1, 12:24, 13:5,7,44,46, 17:13, 18:11, 19:20.

So was Jesus increasing and growing? Or was the message He told the apostles to preach spreading?

To recap, both the things God has said, and His gracious and mighty acts as recording in the Bible, communicate God's Word to us. Jesus is the Word of God in eternity, and also as revealed in a human being who lived 2,000 years ago, the full and complete revelation of the person and nature of Almighty God. (1 Timothy 3:16)

In these modern times, fewer people believe as they did a generation ago, that the 66 books we have today are the authentic message from God which testifies of who Jesus is. Could it be because they are uncomfortable with the truth it contains, concerning our situation, and our need to totally depend upon Someone greater than us?

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Christina Miranti Amen Dan. This deception tried to get a hold of my mind some years back. The Lord showed me otherwise and didn't let me succumb it. Your right, it has increased. Unfortunately the group I was meeting with at that time did succumb to it and still do.

Like · Reply · 1 · July 16 at 6:47am

Mark Paul Good stuff! I love when stuff like what you experienced happens to me. I believe all scripture must be interpreted through Jesus.

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Stephen Wray Good Word Dan....uhm woke up to post, saw this was shared, brained was in mush, hope you don't care!

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Joann Hnat replied · 1 Reply

Art Mealer I woke up about the same time thinking about Hebrews 1:1-3. Thanks for sharing your thoughts. Some of these phony baloney "teachings" can be maddening.

Like · Reply · 3 · July 16 at 8:27am

Dan Beaty That is so amazing.!

Like · Reply · July 16 at 6:47pm

Kyle Yoakum Thanks for sharing, Dan. I have a big amen.

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Delores McCormick Well said, undermining, dividing, intellect and every other new age, occult, etc. only mars Jesus, to the ones who don't know Him. To know Him is to Love Him and require only Him. could go on but I have alot of work to do. Bless you faithful ones because you know that the gates of hell shall not prevail. Jesus has already conquered "them" aren't you glad!

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Wayne ODonnell Amen! 1Peter2, "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the

day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." This passage says that the "word of prophecy ... prophecy of scripture" is "more sure" than even the experience of 'seeing' Jesus in person as "eye witnesses of his glory" and of 'hearing' God the Father speak from heaven! John 14:5ff, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. ... 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." Best way to love Yeshua he says is to obey the Bible.

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Debra Gail It is the word of God. Our only problem with it is "rightly dividing" (interpreting) it. 30,000 different denominations later, we have so many claiming that their interpretation is the only correct one. The Holy Spirit is fully able to teach us all things, and bring us into the mind of Christ.

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Dan Beaty Debra, we do have problems. The answer is not to discard the scriptures, but allow the Spirit to open our understanding of them. Jesus is still building and leading His Church His way.

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Debra Gail Exactly. When I stopped listening to the babylonian voices of men, and asked for truth, regardless of what I had been taught, and regardless of whether or not my foundations would be shaken, He took me up on it. Some things were easier to discard as dung, other things more difficult...and I have yet to come into "all understanding", but I will continue in that way as long as I have breath.

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Ian Vincent

July 4 ·

We didn't want to become religious so we put away our Bibles and sat quietly and waited for the Holy Spirit to speak to us. And then the Holy Spirit spoke! Guess what He said? Read the Bible.

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Karen Green Yes read your Bible.

Like · Reply · 1 · July 4 at 8:19am

Shekinah Glory Surely Ian!

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Molly Bowen This is the best word (comment) I've read all day smile emoticon thanks

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Andy Zoppelt we need to eat it not just read it.

Like · Reply · 3 · July 5 at 3:57am

Molly Bowen smile emoticon I was just reading this -

15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. Jeremiah

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Ian Vincent This was a sarcastic comment in reaction to a growing trend in the house church/organic/simple church movement which regards the Bible as "religious", with a patronizing kind of attitude, like, "yes, some verses of the Bible have been very helpful"

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Molly Bowen (I still like your post comment because it makes you think)

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