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Bible Word of the Week

ἐπιστέλλω – epistello – to write/command
(ep-ee-stel'-lo)

Definition: to send one
a message, command;
to write a letter



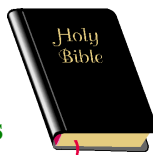
Sentence: “But that we
ἐπιστέλλω unto them, that they abstain
from pollutions of idols, and from
fornication, and from things strangled, and
from blood.”

~ Acts 15:20

(Verbs and nouns are not used in their proper tense. They
are just to show where they are used in scripture)

BIBLE FACTS:

It's interesting that we refer
to the Bible as a book when
in fact the term “Bible” comes
from the Latin word “biblia”
and the Greek word “biblos.” Both of
those terms mean “books” referring to
the Bible made of up several different
books. The Bible (singular) is made up of
66 books altogether.



“So He drove out the man; and He placed
cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden,
and a flaming sword which turned every
way, to guard the way to the tree of life.”

~ Genesis 3:24

“Within the covers of the Bible
are the answers for all the
problems men face.

~ Ronald Reagan

Discovering Truth

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” – Psalm 86:11

Animals in Heaven?

Many people have pets. We all have different types of animals in our homes. Some have cats and dogs, some have mice and hamsters, while others have lizards and snakes. All are considered pets and all are loved by their owners. We spoil them, feed them, and consider them part of our family. The question almost everybody asks is, “Will my pets be with me in heaven?” A movie was even made called “All Dogs Go To Heaven.” Let’s consider a few things:

1. **Man was made in the image of God** and given dominion over all the animals. We are taught in science class that we are part of the animal kingdom. However, in the Bible we read that man was placed higher than animals. Genesis 1:26 says “Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness...” That is something that wasn’t done for the animals.
2. **Animals are more than just pets.** After the flood God said, “Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you” (Gen 9:3). The only restriction, found both in the O.T. and the N.T. is eating blood. Again, God makes a distinction between animals and man.
3. **Animals were to be killed and given as sacrifices**, something that wasn’t allowed to be done to humans. God held man’s life in higher regard than animals.
4. **Animals lack a conscience and free will.** Animals live in instinct and how they have been trained. People live by the choices they make and they are responsible for their actions. An animal may not be able to help themselves for what they did. People are responsible and God will hold us accountable.
5. **Heaven is for those who have walked with Jesus.** Jesus died so we can be cleansed by His blood. Jesus died so we can have forgiveness of sins. Animals are incapable of this. Animals cannot sin. If your pet uses your carpet as it’s toilet, do you call your pet a sinner? If it chews up your shoe, is it a sinner? How could Christ have died for our pets if they cannot sin?

People will say, “Heaven is going to be full of things that make me happy and my pet makes me happy, so my pet will be there.” If we use that logic then heaven will be filled with all sorts of odd and different things because we all have different things that make us happy.

I had three dogs growing up. I loved them all. I have a cat right now. I love her too. She is part of our family. But she won’t be with me in heaven. The Bible tells us that Heaven will be filled with God and His saints. When we get to heaven, the only thing that will matter will be that we are in the presence of God. God gave us something that He gave no other living being: a soul. Guard it and protect it. God wants you with Him in Heaven.

~ Kevin

“You are near, O Lord, and all Your commandments are truth.” – Psalm 119:151

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Do You Want To Be Made Well?

Scripture Reading: Matt. 11:28-30

➤ Pool of Bethesda

- Translated "house of _____"

➤ The Story

- Struggled for 38 years
- "Do you _____ to be made well?"

➤ Man's Infirmities

- We _____ in this life
- Jesus can do the _____ for us!
- You have to _____ it!

➤ God's Remedy

- God's healing power is _____ than man's
 - Matthew 11:28-30
- _____ healing comes from God
- Sins are only cured by the _____ of the Lamb

- The man came to the "house of mercies," we come to the God of _____.
- The pool is located at the Sheep Gate, Christ is the P _____ L _____
- The man came to be healed by the waters of the pool, we are healed by the _____ of God

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Do You Want To Be Made Well?

Kevin Harrington

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Daily Spark #17

Exodus 20:4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image"

As we continue our study in the Ten Commandments, we come to the second commandment: You shall not make for yourself a carved image. To understand the reasoning behind this, I think it is again necessary to look at the land where Israel had just come from. Israel had spent the past 400 years in Egypt, a nation with over 2000 different gods. And not only do they have 2000 different gods, most of them are in the form of an idol. Egyptians would take gold and other precious metals to make a molded figure of their gods, giving them an image. Some gods were believed to be in the form of an animal. Bastet is the most popular Egyptian goddess who was believed to be in the form of a cat. Egyptians always regarded cats as the highest among animals.

But here God is telling His holy nation to not make any carved images for themselves. God did not want to be molded into any idol, animal or figure. What we see when people worship idols of gods, they most often worship the idol itself, not the god. The idol becomes holier than the actual deity of the god. God is holier and more precious than any precious metal or image that can be made by man. God wants to be worshiped, not the image of God. The children of Israel repeatedly fell into the temptation to worship idols and false idols of different gods. But we cannot put an image to God. God has no image, He is everything. We see God in everything around us. We see Him in the creation, we see Him in people, we see Him in the invisible attributes of this world. God cannot be given an image.

I think it's no coincidence that the first commandment was to have no other gods and the second was to not make a carved image. The first two commandments are trying to show the nation of Israel just how awesome, holy, and powerful God really is. There is only one God. We worship the one true God, not the image of Him.

How many of us today worship idols instead of worshiping God Himself. I'm not talking about little golden figures of calves or cats or some other kind of animal, but we have idols in this world without even knowing it. Many times we put "things" in God's place.

Many people today worship celebrities. We almost literally worship the ground they walk on. Are we giving our allegiance to them or to God? Many people today invest so much money, time and interest into physical things that we forget about the spiritual. Many of us when we got up this morning listened to the radio, turned on the TV, turned on music to get ready, put in the headphones to the ipod, etc.; all physical. Is there anything wrong with any of those? No. But how many of us got up this morning and prayed? How many of us, instead of turning on the TV, radio, or ipod; sang a song, hymn or spiritual song while getting ready for work? How many of us took a few moments to just sit quietly with no distractions and read from God's word?

We give our attention to so many other things besides God. God needs to be worshiped on a daily basis. Don't put the "things" in life above our worship and praise to Him. He deserves our full attention. He deserves to have everything from us. We need some quality one on one time with our Father. No images, no "things," no distractions. Just me and God.

~ Kevin (orig. emailed 11/1/11)

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