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Discovering Truth

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

Bible Word of the Week

προβάτιον – probaton – sheep
 (prob'-at-on)

Definition: any four footed, tame animal that grazes. Most commonly a sheep or goat.



Sentence: “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in προβάτιον clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”
 ~ Matthew 7:15

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

BIBLE FACTS:

Many people pray, but did you know there are different kinds of prayer. Types of Biblical prayers include: confession, praise, thanksgiving, petition, intercession, commitment, forgiveness, confidence, and benediction. What do you pray for?



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DO YOU, SOLOMON, TAKE THIS WOMAN TO BE YOUR LAWFULLY WEDDED 700TH WIFE?

“And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David.”

~ 1 Kings 11:3-4

“I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me - they're cramming for their final exam.”

~ George Carlin

“The Danish philosopher, Kierkegaard, tells a parable of a theater where a variety show is proceeding. Each show is more fantastic than the last, and is applauded by the audience. Suddenly the manager comes forward. He apologizes for the interruption, but the theater is on fire, and he begs his patrons to leave in an orderly fashion. The audience think this is the most amusing turn of the evening, and cheer thunderously. The manager again implores them to leave the burning building, and he is again applauded vigorously. At last he can do no more. The fire raced through the whole building and the fun-loving audience with it. "And so," concluded Kierkegaard, "will our age, I sometimes think, go down in fiery destruction to the applause of a crowded house of cheering spectators.”

~Sermonillustrations.com

Some people think the world will end this Friday, December 21st. Many people aren't taking these warnings very seriously because the alert was started by an ancient culture that has no way to predict the future. I think many Christians have fallen into the trap of disregarding the end of the world happening on Friday. The world could very well end on Friday. It may end this morning. Maybe tomorrow. The point is this: we have no idea when the end will come.

Instead of dismissing the warnings given by people, let us prepare ourselves for the end of times. The New Testament writers continually pleaded with Christians to live lives that are ready to greet the return of Jesus. “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books” (Rev. 20:12).

Sadly, many people will disregard the warnings of Christ and His followers. We don't know when the time will come, but the end is coming. “And so, will our age, I sometimes think, go down in fiery destruction to the applause of a crowded house of cheering spectators.”

~ Kevin



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- ❖ If you would like a Bible study or have any questions, please contact Kevin Harrington.
- ❖ Estudios biblicos en Español disponibles durante la semana. Por favor llamen a Lalo Enriquez.

END OF TIMES

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 3:10-15

❖ BIBLICAL FACTS ON THE END OF THE WORLD

- It _____ happen
 - John 14:2-3; Rev. 22:7, 12, 20
- We don't know _____
 - 1 Thess. 5:1-2; 2 Peter 3:10a
 - _____ will choose the time
 - People will _____ (2 Pet. 3:3-4)
 - People will _____
- Everything will be _____
 - 2 Peter 3:10; Isa. 51:6; Rev. 20:11

❖ HOW OUGHT WE TO LIVE?

- 2 Peter 3:11-15
- _____ Conduct
 - 1 Pet. 1:15-16
 - Holy – _____
- G _____
 - Can be translated “to worship well”
 - There is a major difference between _____ and _____
- A _____
 - The term “look” (v. 12) means to “await eagerly, to be expectant”

❖ GOD'S HEAVENLY KINGDOM WILL BE ESTABLISHED

- Isa. 65:17; Rev. 21:1; 2 Pet. 3:13

❖ GOD WILL JUDGE

- Rev. 20:12

This Morning's Sermon:

End of Times

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

Major Lessons From Minor Prophets: Hosea

Kevin Harrington

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Daily Spark #18

Exodus 20:7 “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain”

Continuing our study on the Ten Commandments, we come to the third. There are two things that pop out while reading this commandment. The first is the idea of possession. You shall not take the name of the Lord **your** God in vain. Just like the previous two commandments, the third commandment shows how our attitude towards God should be. We should never forget that He is **our** God. We are God's chosen people and He is constantly looking out for His people. He did not want The children of Israel to forget that He was their God. He would always be there for them, provide for them, protect them, and even feed them in the desert.

I wonder how we view our God. If you are a parent with children and you see or hear someone picking on **your** child, what's your first reaction? Or if you are a child and you hear someone offending **your** mom or **your** dad, what's your first reaction? My first reaction would be to defend them. Step in and settle the difference. I don't care what it would take, if someone was hurting the person that I love, whether it was physically or emotionally, I would step in and try to stop them. I wonder if we view our relationship with God the same way. He is **my** God and if anyone ever doubts His power, wisdom and love, you better believe I will correct them on that.

God wants us to be His people. He has taken ownership of us when we don't deserve it. Have we taken ownership of God? Do we honor and respect Him like He deserves? Which leads me to the second thing that pops out in this third commandment; we are not to take the name of our Lord God in vain. Many times that is just associated with not saying things like “Oh my G...” or “Jesus C...” when something bad, amazing, or scary happens. Or do not blaspheme the Lord's name. And I totally agree with that, but I think it goes much deeper. The word “vain” comes from the same word as “vanity” which means “emptiness, hollowness, or worthlessness.” Taking the Lord's name in vain can be done in so many ways besides saying specific sayings.

It can be done by simply thinking, saying, or expressing that God is worthless, empty, or hollow. Do we ever doubt the capabilities of God? Do we ever question what He can do for us? Are we making the name of God empty? When you think of God, what do you think of? Do you think of a God who is all powerful, forgiving, loving, kind, compassionate, just, etc.? Or do you think of a God who doesn't come through on His promises, who doesn't really care about His people? God wanted to remind the children of Israel not to make His name empty. Remember that this was **their** God who put an end to their suffering in Egypt. He brought down plagues on Egypt. He made water stand up like two walls so His nation can escape to safety. Our God is not an empty God. Our God is full of mercy, grace, love and compassion. He wanted His children to remember everything He had done. Do we remember everything the Lord has done for us? He sent His Son to die so we can be saved. He has given us a hope at eternal life. Our God is great, mighty, and powerful.

God deserves so much more than we give Him. How dare us question His power and take His name in vain. There is nothing empty, hollow, or worthless about God. The only thing that is empty, hollow, and worthless is our lives without God. God will fill us with new life. God is the provider of all God things. Take time today to thank Him for what He has done for us.

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