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Bible Word of the Week

βλασφемеο – blasphemeo - blasphemy
(blas-fay-meh'-o)

Definition: to speak
reproachfully, revile; to
be evil spoken of



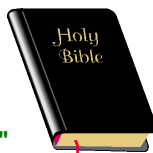
Sentence: “And
anyone who speaks a word against the Son
of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who
βλασφемеο against the Holy Spirit, it will
not be forgiven him.”

~ Luke 12:10

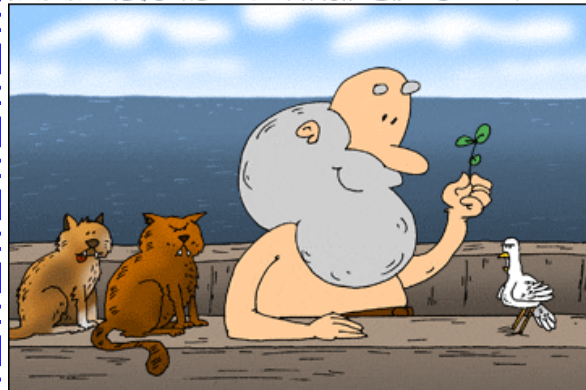
(Verbs and nouns are not used in their proper tense. They
are just to show where they are used in scripture)

BIBLE FACTS:

"Canon" is derived from the Greek
word "Kanon," signifying a measuring
rod. Thus, to have the Bible "canonized"
meant that it had been measured by the
standard or test of divine inspiration and authority. It
became the collection of books or writings accepted
by the apostles and leadership of the early Christian
church as a basis for Christian belief. It is the
standard by which all Christians throughout the ages
live and worship.



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(See Genesis 6-8)

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YOU THROW THE CATS OVERBOARD AND I'LL
TELL YOU WHERE I FOUND THE BRANCH

“Then the dove came to him in the
evening, and behold, a freshly plucked
olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah
knew that the waters had receded from
the earth.”

Genesis 8:11

“Yielding to the will of God is not
bondage, but blessing.”

~ Anonymous

“The highest knowledge is the
knowledge of God.”

~ Anonymous

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Discovering Truth

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

Being a Member of the Body

As you got out of bed this morning, did you thank
God for your arms and legs? Did you thank God for
your fingers and toes? How about for your heart,
lungs, or kidneys? We rarely think about the
blessing of having all the parts of our bodies. We
don't really think about what life would be like
without arms or legs. Can you imagine trying to tie
your shoes with only one hand? Can you imagine
walking with only one leg? It's nearly impossible.
If you are missing certain parts of your body, you become handicapped.
Normal, everyday activities become harder to perform.



The same is true of the Lord's church. Paul tells the Corinthians that we are
“many parts, but one body” (1 Cor. 12:20). “Do you not know that your bodies
are members of Christ himself?” (1 Cor. 6:15). We make up the body of Jesus
Christ. When we are not attending services like we should, we are handicapping
the Lord's church. We sing a song that says, “Christ has no hands, but our
hands. He has not feet, but our feet.” We are the workers in the Lord's kingdom,
but how can we work to our full potential when we are not functioning at one
hundred percent? Christ wants us all to be a member of His body.

If you're attending, but not a member: God wants us to identify as a member
with a local church body. This way, the shepherds can help guide you in their flock.
Being a member means being active in what's going on in the church family. You
can begin helping the church grow spiritually and physically. We are called to be
disciples of the word of God.

If you're a member, but not attending: God tells us not to forsake the
assembly, but instead exhort and encourage one another (Heb. 10:25). Our church
body hurts when you are not here. How can we be encouraged when part of our
body is missing? When you are missing from the worship service, we are
handicapped. For some reason, some people think that Bible class, Sunday night,
and Wednesday night services are optional. We encourage you to attend regularly so
that our lights can shine brighter and we can encourage one another.

If you're a member and attend regularly: If your left hand is hurting, then your
right hand picks up the extra slack. It's up to you to help encourage the members of
the body that are hurting. We are all members of the same body; when one hurts, we
all hurt (1 Cor. 12). Do your part in teaching and leading by example.

Sadly, most people know what's right, but they will still do what they want to do.
God wants us all to be members of the Lord's church. God wants all of us to grow
closer to one another and continue growing spiritually in the body. ~ Kevin

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am

Worship: 10:45 am

Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

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or have any questions, please
contact Kevin Harrington.
❖ Estudios biblicos en Español
disponibles durante la semana.
Por favor llamen a Lalo

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

Lessons From Geese: Part 2

Scripture Reading: Ecc. 4:10-12

❖ When a goose is wounded, two geese drop out of formations to _____ and _____ it.

○ We will stand by each other in _____ times

- Difficult times will come, we get _____
- We need to lift each other up

Shepherds are to...

1. _____ for the flock
2. _____ and _____ the flock
3. Bring them back to _____

We all have that responsibility in the _____ and in the _____.

○ We will also stand by each other in the _____ times

- It is important to _____ relationships in the strong times

❖ Geese flying in formation, honk to encourage those up front

○ We need to make sure our honking is _____

- Titus 2:15; Heb. 3:13; 1 Thess. 4:18; 5:11; Acts 15:32; Col. 2:2; 4:8

❖ We serve a Lord whose vision is _____ and _____

❖ We serve a Lord whose vision is _____

❖ What an _____ Lord we serve!

“And the glory which you gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one.”

John 17:22

This Morning's Sermon:

Lessons From Geese: Part 2

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

Devotional Service

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A Look Back In Time

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." - George Santayana

"Those that fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it" - Winston Churchill

Elias Smith (1769-1846)



Our journey down the path of Church history has taken us through the terrible years of revolution and war. Through the drastic changes of a new Republic, struggling to recover and establish itself with its new government and newfound freedom. Now as we approach the turn of the century, this new spirit of liberty and freedom begins to express itself within the religious world as well. People are starting to question long held beliefs and traditions within the various denominations and institutional church. Bold courageous men are stepping forward to lead these debates and meetings. We've already witnessed James O'Kelley who stirred up the Methodist community with his questions on doctrinal issues and adherence to the scriptures. But the leaven of restoration was also at work among the Baptists as well. Elias Smith, a quiet, somewhat unassuming man, who found himself one day becoming a fully ordained preacher, began to see vast differences in the teachings of his Baptist instructors and the bible he was to teach from. From issues such as Calvinism to salvation through Baptism, he questioned and grew more and more dissatisfied with the answers he received. He began boldly preaching out against these and other practices through which his deep intense studies of the scriptures revealed to him. His rejections and reactions to Calvinism for a time very nearly took him into Universalism which came close to ruining his career and position of influence. But deep intense study of the scriptures helped prevent him from going to the other extreme. He then began setting his sights on putting man back on track to the ancient original path. The pattern established by the Lord himself and his Apostles.

In October, 1802 Elias and a group of 'likeminded Christians' rented a hall in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and began holding regular meetings there every Sunday morning. They had less than ten members in the beginning and less than a year later the hall burned down. Nevertheless, they boldly pressed on and after moving to the local school house, they soon set about laying out the principles of worship they would all stand on. This little group became the first to call itself Christians and by no other name. They became the first "Not affiliated with any other denomination or sect" and the first to declare 'the scriptures to be their only creed reference and/or guide.' Their worship grew to include communion, weekly bible studies and one year later their number had grown from less than ten to one hundred and fifty. After centuries of darkness, it looked as though man was finally coming back into the light once more...

~ Scott A. Cary

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