

Election Time Is Coming: How Will You Vote?

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“But they cried, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify him” (Luke 23:21). “And they crucified Him” (v.33). But the story is not over. Not many days after this terrible event God, speaking through Peter, said to those who voted to crucify Jesus, “...ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain” (Acts 2:23). They were guilty of shedding innocent blood! How were they guilty? By voting to crucify Him! One can deny this fact, but it does not change the truthfulness of it one iota.

As in all things, it is a matter of the heart: “O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh” (Matt. 12:34). “A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things” (v.35). Do you think abortion is a good thing?

What of those who do not vote whenever they have a clear choice to stand for some morally right thing? Are they guiltless? Not at all. There are multitudes of principles in the Bible which condemn such. Here are but a brief mention of a few: The “priest” and the “Levite,” both “passed by” (Luke 10:31,32). “He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad” (Matt. 12:30). Where does Jesus, a member of the Godhead, stand on abortion? God hates “...hands that shed innocent blood ... An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations ...” (Prov. 6:16-19). Please read and ponder James 4:17.

Read the accounts of Jesus being betrayed and crucified and note the comparisons between that and people today who are involved in abortion in one manner or another, including the sin of apathy. Is not the heritage of the Lord (**Psa. 127:3**) being betrayed, sold out, denied, passed by, ignored, and people stand by while the innocent blood is shed at a rate of 3,500 per day on American soil (cp. Duet. 19:10), and for what? (See Psa. 106:38). Whom do you serve: the God, or the god – selfishness (Matt. 6:24; Phil. 3:19).

What will God say to YOU someday? Will it be: “ye have taken, and by wicked hands have aborted innocent children” (cp. Acts 2:23 above)? Is innocent blood on your hands? If so, contact the church of Christ nearest you to learn the remedy. ♥



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(Phil 2:16 cp. John 6:63, 68)

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Do We Have God’s Word Today?

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Can we absolutely know that we have God’s Word today? The answer is an overwhelming YES! But let us back up and answer some other questions first in order to lay some groundwork. Can we know anything at all?

An agnostic is someone who is doubtful about something. No doubt there are degrees of this “knowledge,” but I have met at least one whom I asked, “Do you know if you are real?” To which he did not answer. We were having a discussion about the existence of God. He was arguing we cannot know that God exist. My friends, just how does the agnostic “know” that we cannot know that God exist?! It seems the bottom line is they are doubtful of everything – even about being doubtful! That is so sad, but the fact is they can know if they would.

Look at any material thing before you and please let me know if you have any doubts about the thing having a maker. Do you see anything which you doubt had a maker? Can you think of anything in which you doubt had a maker or creator? Note what the Bible says about this: “For every house is builded by some *man*; but he that built all things *is* God” (Heb. 3:4). Note the certainty of the verse: It is obvious that neither an agnostic nor an atheist wrote this part of the Bible, and not any part of the Bible. Any reasonable thinking person can also know this! Friends, there is no possible way that verse can be wrong. Even if it were not in the Bible it is an absolute truth.

The Bible further affirms: “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork” (Psa. 19:1). Just as all people who think correctly know that every house has a builder, we also can KNOW that there is a God, and indeed He is the God of the

Bible. More people need to stop and think on these things and consider the great creation before us (Psa. 8:3). Surely, “The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God...*” (Psa. 53:1). And O how foolish it is to doubt. Psalm 19:1 is right and cannot be wrong! How were the heavens made? By the word of the Lord (Psa. 33:6). What can we know of God? We can know that God is omniscient – all knowing (Psa. 147:5); omnipotent – all powerful (Rom. 11:33); omnipresent – all present (Psa. 139:8). Now what do you see when you look at the heavens? Do you see intelligent creation and design? Or do you see as do the atheist or agnostic? The evidence for the God of the Bible is overwhelming. All people can know the truth in this.

Is the Bible from God? The Bible claims to be from God: “All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Tim. 3:16,17); “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. ²¹For 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” (1 Peter 1:20,21); “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual” (1 Cor. 2:13). The Greek word *theopneustos* translated “inspiration” means “God-breathed.” The Bible is God’s Word and is the only written word we have from God. The Bible is not of man.

Can you imagine an all powerful God giving us 2 Timothy 3:16,17 and not preserving His Word for us in an accurate manner? We do have accurate translations such as KJV, NKJV, and ASV. Unfortunately most modern “versions” have been corrupted, and are not “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness”!

Consider the *Bible: it contains 66 books, written by 40 different authors, over a period of 1500/1600 years, in three different languages, on three different continents. Yet there is amazing unity of the Bible! Why? Because the real author of the Bible is God.

Just as there is practically unlimited proof that there is a God, there is such proof that the Bible is from God. We are limited only by our own human inabilities! Search in a good Bible concordance and see how many times the word “God” is used and other such words as: “God said,” “the Lord said,” “thus saith the Lord,” “word of the Lord,” etc. And keep in mind the above.*

The Bible is accurate in every field it touches on; such as history, geography, topography, oceanography, sociology, astronomy, science, etc. The Bible has hundreds of ancient facts in it and many have been proven totally accurate by archeology. The more the honest archeologist dig, the more proof of Bible accuracy. However, there are evil men who want to destroy the Bible and will not acknowledge the truth whenever it is discovered (cp. 2 Peter 3:5,6): “For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: ⁶Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.” Many do not “like to retain God in *their* knowledge” and therefore reject the overwhelming facts (Rom. 1:28).

Scientific statements were recorded in the Bible hundreds and even thousands of years before man discovered them. Consider a few things: The “paths of the seas” (Psa. 8:8). In 1860 Matthew Fontaine Maury believed the Bible and found paths in the sea. How did the psalmist know this almost 3,000 years before it was discovered? It is obvious; the Bible is inspired of God. Had the medical professions of the day understood what Moses wrote almost 3,500 years ago, they surely would not have bled our first president to death! Moses wrote: “For the life of the flesh is in the blood” (Lev. 17:11). The honest thinking individual will recognize the fact that Moses knew this by inspiration of God.

Multiple facts are in the Bible and have been proven to be true, such as the grain bins in Egypt during the days of Joseph. The perfect ratio of Noah’s ark for seaworthiness is another fact of the Bible. There are hundreds of prophecies fulfilled. This is amazing within itself. And then there are the miracles recorded in the Bible that we might believe (John 20:30,31). The bottom line is, “The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple” (Psa. 19:7). “Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed *it* unto them. ²⁰For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:” (Rom. 1:19,20).

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