

Taking God at His Word
Class Notes Week 8 / 08-23-15
Class Memory Verse: Eph. 4:29

CHRIST'S UNBREAKABLE BIBLE

INTRO. Born again believers living the “new life” trust what Jesus teaches as truth:

He is the Son of God;

He is our Savior, our Lord;

As believers we're to follow His example, obey His commands, embrace His teachings.

- Today's topic asks, “What did Jesus Himself BELIEVE about the Bible,” during His earthly ministry.

1. UNBOUND & UNBROKEN - John 10: 35-36

Context: v.30 Jesus says, “I and my Father are one.”

v.31 The Jews wanted to stone Him for blasphemy v.33

- Quoting from Psa. 82:6,7 Jesus appeals to Scripture for His defense.
- 1st century Jewish worship services - reading/explaining Sacred Scrolls in the synagogues.
- Jews knew O.T. intimately and Jesus doesn't have to prove authority of Scripture.
- No word spoken/recorded by God could possibly be erroneous, wrong, or “broken.”

2. NOT AN IOTA, NOT A DOT - Matt. 5:17-19

- v.19 uses “break” as in the sense of “relaxing,” and Jesus here is rebuking anyone who would dare “relax” (break) even the “least” of God's commandments.
- “Law,” and “the prophets” refer to the entire Word of God.
- Jesus came to fulfill the Scripture-not to break, loose, relax even the “least” command.
- Jesus admonishes wrong interpretations of Scripture;
- But...insists NOTHING is wrong WITH Scripture;
- Jesus expresses “comprehensive confidence” in Scripture down to the smallest letter-iota-and tiniest dot.

3. SCRIPTURE IS HISTORICALLY/LITERALLY ACCURATE - Matt. 12:38-42

- Jesus consistently treats Biblical History as accurate, relevant facts;
- Jesus speaks confidently about Jonah's event-His listeners had no doubts about its accuracy.
- Jesus - THE focal point of Scripture; never the judge of Scripture.

4. JESUS' DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE: WHATEVER THE CREATOR SAID - Matt. 19:4-5

- An amazing statement about the authorship of Scripture;
- Quoting Gen. 2:24 Jesus affirms that THE One who created them-male and female-from

- the beginning, is THE One who wrote the Scriptures!
- What Scripture says, God says-the foundation for the right understanding of the Bible;
 - Human authors are beneath THE Principal Author of Scripture - God Himself!
 - Jesus can quote Psa. 110, “For David himself said by the Holy Ghost...” (Mark 12:36) as well as talk down Satan by saying “it is written...”
 - Jesus view of Scripture? Scripture is:
Powerful;
Decisive;
Authoritative.
 - It’s the voice of God-Creator of the universe.

WHAT IS JESUS’ VIEW OF THE BIBLE?

- Jesus upheld & esteemed Scripture;
- Quoted Scripture often;
- Fulfilled Scripture;
- Revered Scripture in teaching;
- Affirmed every iota and dot of law, prophecy, narrative, and poetry;
- Believed Scripture is revealed/inspired;
- Kept the spirit of The Law-didn’t minimize the letter of The Law;
- Treated Scripture as SUFFICIENT; CLEAR; AUTHORITATIVE; NECESSARY: SCAN!

Jesus believed by His perfect life and impeccable teaching during His earthly ministry that ALL Scripture was from God and free from error. The Lord Jesus believed His bible was THE Word of God down to the smallest letters and tiniest dots, and that nothing in God’s Word could ever be broken:

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