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The interesting thing about people who say

God speaks to me directly

is that the things they claim that God tells them contradict His inspired word.

God ^{is} only ^{is} speaks to us today through His Bible.

Hebrews 1:1-2, II Timothy 3:16-17, II Timothy 2:15, Acts 17:11, Psalm 119:160, John 17:17



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Times of Services:
Sunday
 Bible Study:... 10:00am
 AM Worship:...11:00am
 PM Worship:...6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
 Sunday:.....7:30am
 "Back to the Bible"
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We Extend A Warm & Cordial Welcome To All Our Visitors!

"HAST THOU CONSIDERED MY SERVANT JOB?"
 Roger D. Campbell

Those are words which Jehovah spoke to Satan (Job 1:8). God went on to tell him that Job was unique, complete, upright, feared God, and was one that shunned evil. That is quite a commendation from the One Who knows every single thing that there is to know about a person.

Most Bible students are quite familiar with the tragic circumstances that beset Job and his family. Job's steadfastness/ patience has been renowned worldwide throughout the ages. But I want to point out three things about Job as a father, and these things are seen before his children and livestock were taken from him.

As a father, Job showed his children that his first devotion was to God Almighty, not material stuff. Possessing thousands of head of livestock helped make Job "the greatest of all the men of the east" (Job 1:3). Yet, as we noted above, the Lord God still referred to Job as "my servant" (Job 1:8). Job did not allow his stuff to crowd out, hinder, or diminish his devotion to the God of heaven. Dads, what do your kids see as your number one commitment: stuff, or God? Believe me, they can tell what is what without you saying a word!

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As a father, Job recognized that his children made mistakes. Job offered burnt offerings on behalf of his grown children, saying, "It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts" (Job 1:5). There are some fathers who never seem to have anything good to say about their kids, and they seldom, if ever, give them any support and positive exhortation. On the other hand, some dads are blind. They are convinced that their "little Mary" and "Billy, Jr." could never do anything wrong, ever. They would never be deceptive, never be selfish, never be disrespectful. Yeah, right. There are a bunch of great kids in the world, but none are perfect. Dads need to accept the truth that all sin (Romans 3:23). Job admitted that about his own kids.

As a father, Job showed his concern for the spiritual welfare of his kids. It was on their behalf that he rose up early and offered burnt offerings to God. Don't you know that it makes a child, regardless of whether he is five or fifty, swell up with delight and pride to hear and see that his daddy is doing something for his spiritual benefit?! Dads, there is more to being a dad than putting food on the table and showing a kid how to hit, throw, or kick a ball. The number one task of fathers is to bring up their kids in the Lord's nurture and admonition (Ephesians 6:4).

We will always remember Job's endurance. But, let's not forget what the Bible also shows us about him as a father before disaster struck his life. Dads, are we listening?

Judgment Day Surprises

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One of the recurring themes of the New Testament is that of the final accounting that all men must make before their Creator—The Day of Judgment. Jesus described it in some detail (Mat. 7:21–23; 25:31–46). The final New Testament book emphasizes The Judgment near its close (Rev. 20:11–15). Hardly a New Testament book fails to mention it. In spite of the emphasis on this theme, it will prove surprising in many ways:

- It is real: All who deny the existence of the true and living God (i.e., atheists, humanists, pagans, et al.) will awaken—too late—to the fact that the Bible was true after all.
- When it will occur: No one can know when Jesus will return in judgment (Mat. 24:36, 42). The time of its occurrence will be a surprise to everyone.
- The purpose of it: It will not be a trial or a day of inquiry to determine guilt or innocence; the Lord will know who the saved and lost are beforehand (2 Tim. 2:19). It will be a day of sentencing—to eternal punishment or life (Mat. 25:46).

- The standard of it: Judgment will not be according to Protestant or Catholic creed books, the religion of one's parents, the decisions of church councils, or the words of the pope or Mohammed. God will judge all by the spiritual law under which they lived. Concerning all who have lived since Calvary, Jesus said, "The word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).
- The basis of it: We will not be judged based on our: (1) profession of faith: "Not everyone who saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Mat. 7:21a), (2) good intentions: "When I have a convenient season, I will call thee unto me" (Acts 24:25b), (3) sincerity: Saul of Tarsus was sincere in his belief that he must oppose Jesus (25:9), (4) zeal: Paul said his Jewish brethren had "a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge" (Rom. 10:2), or upon any other bases (e.g., promises, wealth, social standing, parentage, et al.). We will also not be judged comparatively with others.

Our behavior while we lived will determine the sentence at The Judgment for each of us. Merely confessing Jesus will not suffice, but all that will matter will be whether or not we have done the "will of the Father" (Mat. 7:21b). Jesus further said that we will give account in The Day of Judgment for our words, which will either justify or condemn us 12:36–37). Paul's words are very specific: "For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). It thus behooves us all to live so as not to be unpleasantly surprised.

"Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him" (Mark 1:16-18).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Feb 25 – Song Service
- March 4 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Class
- March 11 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 pm Worship
- April 15-19 – Annual Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Chuck Stewart
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell