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Worship
Sunday 10:20 AM
Bible Study
Sunday 5:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

Do You Believe?

King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do."

Acts 26:27

Store In My Heart Matthew 17:5

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Peter, the apostle, was the one still speaking. He seems to equate Jesus with the prophets of old, a spokesman for God to instruct men in the way of righteousness. He was wrong.

God, from heaven, declared to Peter: Jesus is The Prophet. No longer would the teachings of Moses and the Prophets of old guide mankind. Jesus is here and He is The Spokesman.

Peter would later reference this very event as proof that the message he delivered was not "cleverly devised myths" but the account of "eyewitnesses of his majesty."

Peter later referenced this proclamation from God. Jesus is the One to whom we must listen. "Hear ye Him."



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **Genesis 1:1**

Thus begins God's history of mankind. This simple sentence teaches us how life came into existence. Do you believe it?

This statement is one of, if not, the most disputed in the Scriptures. Yet in it is found the very basis of our salvation. Atheists would have us believe there is no God; evolutionist, humanist, and the popular media would have us believe there may be a God but He didn't create us, we created Him. Theistic evolutionist would have us believe there is a God and He created all we know but, He lied about how He did it.

The Bible tells us simply "God created". Following this statement the passage in simple, easy to understand language, shows He created all we know in six days. ...And the evening and the morning were the first day. Genesis 1:5 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Genesis 1:31

How long were those days? In Exodus God commanded Israel to work six days and rest on the seventh because He worked six days in creating the world and rested on the seventh.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. **Exodus 20:8-11**

How long is your work day? Why is it so difficult for men and women to believe this?

First, if we believe this first sentence we are forced to believe in accountability to God. Since God created us, He is above us in

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For Our Information

Brenda Keisler has an appointment May 10 to discuss her knee surgery with a surgeon.

Jim Soliday will have a heart cath on May 9.

Paula Laubach is still waiting on the results from her recent pulmonary tests.

This afternoon we start in 2Kings 18:13

Wednesday we will start Hebrews 11:30.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.



authority. Even the atheist understands the chain of command. Our basic instincts teach us that the most powerful is in control. Since God created us we are no longer "top dog".

When we find ourselves under the authority of another, we understand that we must obey them. Since God created us we must be obedient. We are accountable to God.

Second, realizing our accountability to God we are no longer able to do as we please. It is not what we want that matters. God is in control, yet as human beings we don't like the idea that we can't control every aspect of our lives. When we believe "God created" we must accept that we are no longer number one.

Some people are so caught up in self that they will not accept the authority of someone else. If they admit belief in God they must relinquish control and stop their evil practices. Men and women refuse to believe "God created" because belief necessitates obedience.

What about you? Do you believe **Genesis 1:1**? Have you obeyed God? But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. **Hebrews 11:6**

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **Romans** 10:17

Hearing and believing are but the beginning of salvation. They are though, absolutely necessary to salvation.

For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. **Hebrews 3:16-4:2**

If we do not believe "God created" we are doomed to eternal destruction.

Once we believe we must change in repentance. Acts 17:30; 2:37-38 We must confess Christ as the Son of God. Romans 10:9-10 We must be obedient in baptism. Mark 16:16; Acts 2:37-38; 1Peter 3:20-21

Again I ask, do you believe? Have you demonstrated and completed your belief in obedience to the simple Gospel of Christ? Study Diligently! DLH