

# **Ye do err not knowing the Scriptures**

(Matthew 22:23-29)

- I. Text implies that the Scriptures are the standard of Life
  1. (II Tim 3:16) “All Scriptures are given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”
    - i. Perfect – Complete
      1. Standard to measure up to in order to have a Complete Life
    - ii. Thoroughly Furnished – completely equipped / exhaustively endowed
      1. Gives us the equipment in order to live successful Christian lives – ability to perform good works (works of God) is from these Scriptures
  2. (II Pet 1:3) “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”
    - i. All things pertain unto life and godliness – By the Scriptures we know how to do good and live godly
  3. (Psa 119:105) “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
    - i. By his word we can see the path to righteousness
  4. Man needs this Standard of Measurement (Jer 10:23) “O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”
    - i. We cannot know without the scriptures how to direct our steps
    - ii. We need standards to measure time, weights, lengths – Need standards to measure ourselves
- II. Text implies that we err if we deviate from the Scriptures
  1. (Deut. 4:2) “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.”
  2. (Rev 22:18-19) “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and from the things which are written in this book.”
    - i. Not knowing the Scriptures = Erring
    - ii. Erring because the didn’t know the Scriptures or they interpret them to suit there own ideas
  3. Moses – Deviated from the word – not because he didn’t hear God
    - i. (Num 20: 7-11)
    - ii. He went to far – added to the Word
    - iii. Was it profitable for Moses to do so?

4. Saul – Deviated from the word – not because he didn’t hear God
  - i. (I Sam 15:23)
  - ii. He didn’t go far enough – took away from the Word
  - iii. Did it profit Saul to not do exactly as God commanded?

### III. The People in the context erred because they knew not the Scriptures

1. They erred “not knowing”
2. If they had known the O.T. Scriptures they would have known a number of passages teaching the resurrection
  - i. (Dan 12:2) “And many of them that sleep in the dust shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”
    1. Plainly shows a resurrection
    2. Resurrection for both good and bad
  - ii. (Job 19:25-26) “For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.”
    1. Even though worms destroy the body – in his flesh shall he see God.
    2. If his body is destroyed he must receive another in order to be in his flesh to see God.
  - iii. (Psa 16:10) “For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”
    1. David speaking of Christ – clearly speaking of resurrection of the dead
3. They erred “not knowing the power of God”
  - i. Must recognize – God is God – omnipotent – all powerful – almighty
  - ii. After we recognize and accept it as truth – no problem believing in any supernatural work
  - iii. God is Infinite – infinite knowledge – infinite mind
    1. Knows all science – Created science – laws of science
  - iv. Man is finite – limited knowledge – limited capacities of our mind – mortal
    1. We don’t know all science –
      - a. Didn’t create only invent
        - i. No ability to create
        - ii. Create is to make something out of nothing
        - iii. Invent is to take something and make it better or function – such as a wheel for a cart
          1. Cart doesn’t move to easy without the wheels
          2. Wheels – invented not created
          3. Material for wheels not created
      - b. Don’t fully understand all the laws of the universe

2. Things that look like a miracle to us – is an ability by God cause he knows how to do it. – not a miracle to God
3. EXAMPLE: 20 years ago if you said you can send mail at the speed of light
  - a. People – thought you’re insane
  - b. Now it’s common knowledge – E-mail
4. If during Biblical times the ability of a TV would be some kind of supernatural thing – Now it’s an understood technology
- v. Not hard to believe that God – who knows all – could resurrect us from the dead
  1. (Acts 26:8) “Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?”
4. They further erred not knowing that there will be a different type of life in the resurrected state
  - i. (Matt 22:30) “For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.”
  - ii. Source of error – Ignorance
    1. True of many
      - a. (Acts 3:17) “And now brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.”
        - i. Speaking of the Crucifixion of Christ
        - ii. If they would’ve know it they wouldn’t have killed the Son of God
      - b. (1 Cor 2:8) “Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.”
        - i. Ignorance is not Bliss
        - ii. Ignorance is dangerous
    2. Delusion of many – Depend upon human reasoning for guidance
      - a. Philosophy instead of Godly Wisdom
      - b. Psychology instead of the Word of God
      - c. Freud instead of Paul
    3. Man must know the truth
      - a. (John 8:32) “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
        - i. Not know it through a feeling
        - ii. Know it through Faith
          1. Faith cometh by hearing
        - iii. Difference between Feeling and Faith
        - iv. Feeling – Man’s wisdom
        - v. Faith – God’s wisdom
          1. (John 5:39) “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal

life: and they are they which testify of me.”

- a. Scriptures testify of Jesus Christ
- b. Not the heart

IV. Some others who know the Scriptures also err

- 1. Not for ignorance – for other reasons
- 2. For Example:

- i. Want their own will

- 1. True for the rich young ruler

- a. (Matt. 19:16-22) “And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.”

- 2. The Son of God prayed for the Father’s will to be done

- ii. Some err because of preconceived ideas

- 1. Causes some to color the Scriptures – Suite there own lust

- a. (2 Tim 4:2-4) “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

- i. Heap to themselves – do what they FEEL is right

- ii. Do that because of their own lusts

- 2. The Jews were unable to understand the Great Commission

- a. How could the Gospel of God be for the Gentiles
    - b. How could the apostles go through all the world

- c. It took a miracle to get them to understand that it also applied to the Gentiles
  - i. Peter's Vision – (Acts 10:11) “And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.”
- 3. Know only a fragment of the Scriptures
  - a. Must take the whole Counsel of God
    - i. (Acts 20:27) “For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”
  - b. Must take all Scriptures
    - i. (2 Tim 3:16,17)
  - c. Must rightly divide the Scriptures
    - i. (2 Tim 2:15)
      - 1. The Scriptures do not contradict each other – Man interpret them to contradict