The Fellowship Room

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All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

5-01-2017 The Bible Is The Voice of God

The Bible is the Voice of God to His World. God "has in these last days spoken to us by His Son" (**Hebrews 1:2**). The Apostles spoke...

Not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual words (1 Corinthians 2:13).

Jesus taught,

"But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living" (Matthew 22:31-32).

The message of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit to anyone today has been written. One who fails or refuses to study the Word of God, fails or refuses to hear the Voice of God!

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5-02-2017 Repent Of Protesting

When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him (**Proverbs 16:7**).

Why are street mobs in the United States now immediately branded "a protest" against some present Government policy. Politically though, while the "Tea Party" Movement gathered momentum, and Trump was being selected, the gatherings were simply termed "angry," and "right-wing." Why aren't today's street mobs termed "angry" and "left-wing?" Interesting, isn't it, that news depends upon the viewpoint of the one writing it? Bible objectivity shows when even enemies of the Gospel are quoted. His betrayer, Judas Iscariot, said,

"I have sinned by betraying innocent blood" (Matthew 27:4).

Pontius Pilate's wife called Jesus "that just man" (Matthew 27:19). At the cross, the soldiers said,

"Truly, this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54).

Can "angry" protesters today admit they are wrong?

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5-03-2017 Unconditional Love

Moses told Israelites:

"The LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face" (**Deuteronomy 7:9-10**).

God's love to man is conditional because He requires faithful obedience in return. It is false to claim that God loves you, but expects little or nothing in return! Unconditional love coming from "Mama and Me" is popular in song, but God cannot truthfully be added to that list! We must

Consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off (Romans 11:22).

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5-04-2017 Church Sanctuary

And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them (**Exodus 25:8**).

Under Moses, the Israelites' "tabernacle" (or tent) was where God was represented as being among them, thus the sacred place, or "sanctuary." Jesus Christ removed Israel's "sanctuary," and is

... A Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man (**Hebrews 8:2**).

Jesus "sanctuary" is His church. He said,

"On this rock I will build My church" (Matthew 16:18),

Which is "not of this world" (**John 18:36**). Where does God dwell among His people, today? Paul wrote to the church of Christ in Corinth saying,

You are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will dwell in them and walk among them" (2 Corinthians 6:16).

No church building today is, or has, a "sanctuary!" `

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5-05-2017 Church Altars

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate (**Hebrews 13:10-12**).

The "altar" for Christians is not the same as God has had before. Jesus Christ was sacrificed outside the city of Jerusalem so that none could think His sacrifice preserved Jewish worship! Christians must:

Continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased (**Hebrews 13:15-16**).

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