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How To Interpret The Bible, Part 7

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*T*here are six rules of Bible interpretation. Thusfar, we've looked at the first three:

- ☛ ***RULE #1 - The Bible as the Word of God is our sole guide and authority for faith and practice.***
- ☛ ***RULE #2 - The Primary Theme of Revelation Is Redemption.***
- ☛ ***RULE #3 - The Revelation of God Is a Progressive Revelation.***

Now we come to -

RULE #4 - We Must Distinguish Between The Picture And The Frame

Hanging over the fireplace in our home is a beautiful painting of the hymn "How Firm a Foundation". That hymn has special meaning for Kaye and myself. When our oldest son died in 1975, Miss Bertha Smith, who was a retired missionary to China, called us from her home in South Carolina. When I answered the phone, she asked Kaye to pick up the extension, and then without any preamble Miss Bertha began to sing that great hymn over the telephone.

During World War II when Japanese planes were bombing the hospital that Miss Bertha Smith was attached to she has told us a number of times about crawling under the hospital beds and dragging some of the nurses with her...they were terrified because of the bombing and the only way she could calm the nurses and herself was that she sang all seven verses of "How Firm a Foundation" over and over and over. The hymn had been such a source of strength to her in her hours of crisis that she thought it might be the same for us. And it was and it is...how firm a foundation!

And the hymn, the picture of us that is hanging over our fireplace was painted for us by a gifted young woman in our church who knew of the hymn's significance to us. Now later, when we redecorated the den we replaced the original frame with a new one that blended in with the color and décor of the room. We didn't get a new picture, we got a new frame. The picture is permanent, but the frame is

temporary.

Now, in much the same way, when God revealed Himself to man, He did so within a specific timeframe...an age with particular cultural backgrounds and settings. The Bible, you see, is rooted in history. It is a collection of books and letters with addresses and dates and it possesses an historical and a geographical and a cultural setting...the frame. Now, you take this historical setting at a certain time in history, certain geographical location and certain cultural patterns and in that position, God placed spiritual and eternal truths which is the picture. The historical, geographical, cultural situation is the frame. The truth, the revelation is the picture.

Let me put it this way...God dressed eternal truths in period costumes, but He does not expect us to wear the clothes and adopt the customs of that ancient age in which the Bible was given. We have to distinguish between the frame and the picture...that which is temporal and that which is eternal. You see, when we open the Bible, we are A.D. people reading B.C. documents...documents that were written hundreds even thousands of years ago in different languages, from diverse settings and cultures. It's the Word of God, but it's also an historical document.

(continued next week)

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Caryn Quinnelly
 Cradle Roll 2: Derek Quinnelly
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Janet Bridges
 Cradle Roll 2: Bertha Segebarrt
 Wed. Eve. Service ----- Volunteers Needed!!!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of April 4, 2010

Sunday School ----- 22
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 42
 Lord's Supper Service ----- 25
 Wed. Eve. Service, 04/07/10 ----- 23

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of April 4, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 569.00
 Insurance Fund ----- \$ 28.00
Total Received for Week of 04/04/10: \$ 597.00

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*

Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!



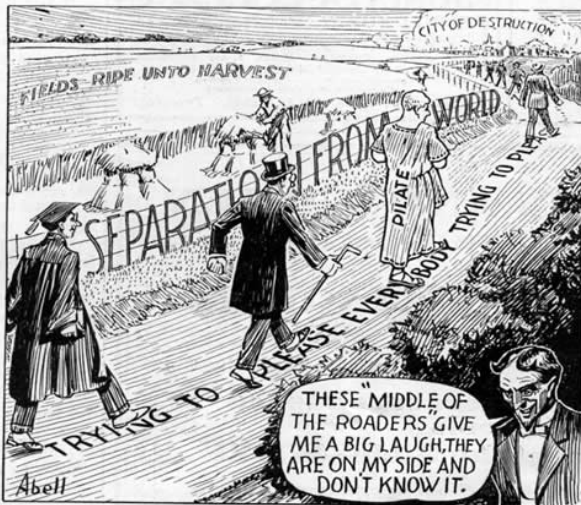
As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go *up*. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start *today* - OK? Thank you.

TRYING TO SERVE TWO MASTERS



Because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Revelation 3:16

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