

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
 Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of October 28, 2018

Sunday School ----- 15
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 38
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 31
 Wed. Eve. Service, 10/31/18 ----- 26

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of October 28, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,142.25
 Gospel Tract Expense ----- \$ 5.00
 Building Fund: Water Damage ----- \$ 5.00
Total Received for Week of 10/28/18: \$ 1,152.25

- Week of October 21, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 187.66
Total Received for Week of 10/21/18: \$ 187.66

- Week of October 14, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,983.20
 Building Fund: Water Damage ----- \$ 5.00
Total Received for Week of 10/14/18: \$ 1,988.20

- Week of October 7, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 2,770.70
Total Received for Week of 10/07/18: \$ 2,770.70

- Week of September 30, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,416.09
Total Received for Week of 09/30/18: \$ 1,416.09

- Week of September 23, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 44.30
Total Received for Week of 09/23/18: \$ 44.30

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK,

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!

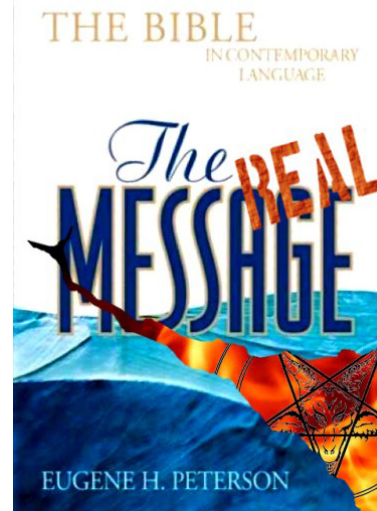
If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start *today* - OK? Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
 Lois Mae Floyd ----- Pianist/ Organist
Volunteer Needed! ----- Greeter
 Shayne Hooper, Larry Byars ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

REMINDER

The Message "Bible" Wants You To Revile and Despise God's Word



Inspired by a recent Rick Warren sermon where he used no less than 6 different Bible versions in his ongoing goal to twist God's word at every chance he gets, I thought a bit of some compare and contrast would be in order as we ask ourselves- what is a Bible and what does it mean for something to be considered Scriptures? Stated more precisely, **WHY are people even using it?**

What does it mean for something to be the Word of God to these Pastors? Better yet, what is the advantage of reading what one person paraphrases the scriptures as "kind-of/sort of meaning", versus having our brightest minds and scholarly experts painstakingly recreate for us the exactness of what God actually says? Some time ago, with tongue-in-cheek, a pastor critical of The Message let it be known that he was writing his own Bible version, and offered it to any pastor who used the Message Bible. None took him up on his offer, even though he demonstrated it is much better than Eugene Peterson's version.

But here is some further think-a-long: I have a theory that people oftentimes don't choose a Bible to know with precision what God actually said, but rather they choose it and

use it for how it makes them feel when they read it. You see this all the time in pulpits. Pastors will throw up some notes on Powerpoint and they'll have 5 different translations/paraphrases ranging from the "excellent" [NASB] to the "good" [NIV] to the "bad" [NLT] to the utterly and completely appalling [Message Bible]. *Why use the Message Bible? Because it words things in a way that the pastor finds compelling and gripping and in which he thinks he congregation will get a kick out of.*

It's also because of the modernized language that avoids theological terms that have rich depth to them, like *justification and sanctification*. "**Justification**" has become "*asking Jesus into your heart*" and "**Sanctification**" has become "*Making better choice through life principles*." The congregants go along with using these paraphrases because of familiarity, and consequently it has ceased being important for a translation to accurately reflect what was being said historically and in context, but rather the importance is that whatever verses are being preached sound like what they would do and what they think of. **It has ceased being important that Jesus' words, meaning, and intent - without additions or interpolations - are immortalized and cannonized.**

It has become wholly acceptable to abuse and molest the original meaning because for some people, the intent isn't to know what the original meaning is, but rather to develop an emotional response. And as long as that emotional response is brought on by something remotely bible-ey, they can interpret their feelings as a spiritual encounter, which is the source of their security, affirmation and joy. The pastors putting these paraphrases out are not doing it so that will have a cerebral or intellectual impact, but rather an emotive one. Its not for maximum accuracy, but for maximum *sentiment*. That's the thrust of the appeal- because warm fuzzies are an easier sell than rigorous faithfulness to the text. This is shameful, sad, and embarrassing on all levels possible.

To that end, here is a segment from Matthew 5:1-10. KJV first, the Message second:

v. 1-2 (KJV) - "**And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,**"

v. 1-2 (TMB) - "**When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:**"

(continued inside)



v. 3 (KJV) - **“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

v. 3 (TMB) **“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.”**

v. 4 (KJV) - **“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.”**

v. 4 - (TMB) - **“You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.”**

v. 5 (KJV) - **“Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.”**

v. 5 (TMB) - **“You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.”**

v. 6 (KJV) - **“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”**

v. 6 (TMB) - **“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.”**

v. 7 (KJV) - **“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.”**

v. 7 (TMB) - **“You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for.”**

v. 8 (KJV) - **“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”**

v. 8 (TMB) - **“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.”**

v. 9 (KJV) - **“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.”**

v. 9 (TMB) - **“You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.”**

v. 10 (KJV) - **“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

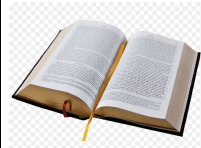
v. 10 (TMB) - **“You’re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God’s kingdom.”**

Examine those few verses. Are they saying the same thing? Do they even sound the same? Are things being added in? Verses 3 -5 are especially grotesque in their ability to take liberties with the text and add flourishes that not only do not exist, **but actually changes the meaning of what was actually said by Jesus.** It’s like he’s not even trying. **Why is it necessary to do that?** Do you see why this is such a serious matter?

The Message “bible” catechizes using foreign concepts that are not biblical and which Jesus never intended to say. So let’s call it for what it is - A sad testament to our modern-day churchy evangelical culture that values manipulation of the text for

personal gratification, over fidelity to the text for corporate sanctification.

- by *Dustin Germain (edited)*



MODERN SCOFFERS PROVE THE BIBLE IS TRUE

“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after

their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men” (II Peter 3:3-7).

Written 2,000 years ago, this prophecy describes the scoffers of the last days. Consider how perfectly this ancient writing has been fulfilled:

Ten Lessons From This Passage -

First, there will be scoffers. This is a perfect description of atheists and agnostics. They are not satisfied merely to reject God and the Bible. Many of them mock, ridicule, deride. Some even go on a campaign against the things of God.

Second, the scoffers will come in the last days.

The scoffing began in earnest in the 19th century. Before that, most men in the West believed in divine creation. That century witnessed the following: an explosion of skepticism; the birth of theological modernism, humanistic philosophy, textual criticism, Unitarianism, Marxism, Darwinism, Mormonism, Jehovah’s Witness, Seventh-day Adventism, Psychology, New Age.

“The flood-gates of infidelity are open, and Atheism overwhelming is upon us” (George Romanes, 1878, cited from Ian Taylor, *In the Minds of Men*, p. 371).

“Attendance at places of worship is declining and reverence for holy things is vanishing. We solemnly believe this to be largely attributable to THE SCEPTICISM WHICH HAS FLASHED FROM THE PULPIT AND SPREAD AMONG THE PEOPLE” (C.H. Spurgeon, *Sword and Trowel*, November 1887).

Third, the scoffers are willfully ignorant (verse 5). Though the scoffers pride themselves in their intellect, education, and research, God’s Word says they are ignorant, and their ignorance is willful. The evidence for an Almighty Creator is written in creation and in their own hearts (Rom. 1:20; 2:15).

Fourth, the scoffers are motivated by the desire to throw off God’s law and to walk after their own lusts (verse 3). God’s Word reveals the secret motives of man’s heart. The scoffers are not the sincere thinkers and earnest lovers of truth they profess to be. It is not because of a preponderance of scientific evidence that

they reject God. Rather, they desire to live as they please. They are in rebellion to God’s holy laws.

Fifth, the scoffers hold a uniformitarian view (“all things continue as they were,” II Peter 3:4). This was a fundamental doctrine of Darwinian evolution at the beginning, though it is being replaced with the doctrine of local catastrophes. Charles Lyell taught that the layers of the earth were laid down gradually over millions of years rather than by a global catastrophe.

Sixth, the scoffers deny supernatural creation (II Pet. 3:5). At the heart of this prophecy is a reference to creation from Genesis 1: **“... that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water.”** This describes the condition of the earth on the first day of creation before the Spirit of God separated the waters and made the dry land (Genesis 1:9).

Seventh, the scoffers deny the worldwide flood (II Pet. 3:6). Even before Charles Darwin wrote *On the Origin of Species*, Charles Lyell was attacking the doctrine of a global flood. Anyone who believes in the global flood today is ridiculed by Darwinian evolutionists as if they believed in a flat earth.

Eighth, the scoffers deny God’s supernatural Word. The Word of God is mentioned four times in this passage (II Pet. 3:2, 5, 7, & 16). The birth of Darwinian evolution was accompanied by theological liberalism, which was an attack upon the Bible. Liberals denied the divine inspiration of Scripture. They especially attacked the book of Genesis, claiming that it is just another myth like those of the ancient Babylonians.

Ninth, the scoffers deny Christ’s second coming (II Peter 3:4). The world today laughs at the doctrine of Christ’s return. Even a large number of professing Christians do not believe that His coming is imminent. They have spiritualized the prophecies, so they don’t believe in a literal fulfillment of the Book of Revelation.

Tenth, the scoffers deny God’s judgment (II Pet. 3:7). The world today rejects the doctrine of judgment at the hands of a holy God. Even many professing Christians reject this doctrine. The popular book **The Shack**, for example, teaches that God is not a judge. Rob Bell’s 2011 book **Love Wins** says that a God who would send men to hell is a “monster.”

Darwinian evolution, theological liberalism, atheism, and agnosticism are a dramatic fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Indeed, the scoffers have confirmed the divine origin of Scripture! Well does the Bible say, **“Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain” (Psalm 76:10).**

- *Evangelist David Cloud*

PREPARATIONS FOR THIRD TEMPLE “IN FULL SWING”

A report on this month’s **Israel Today** magazine

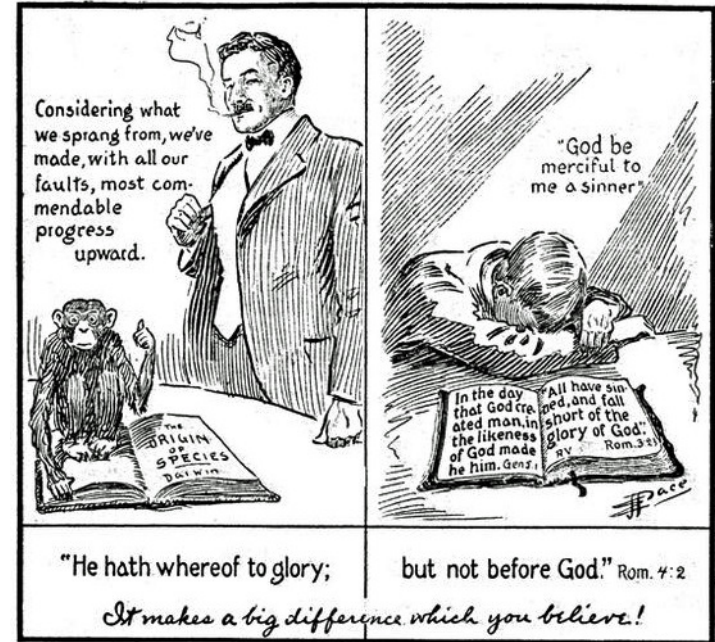
says, “Preparations for the Third Temple are in full swing.” During the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot), Levites in white robes drew water from the ancient Pool of Siloam to perform the Talmudic tradition of “Pouring of the Water.” The ceremony is called “Simchat Beit HaShoeva” (“Rejoicing at the place of the drawing of the water”) and is based on the prophecy of Isaiah 12:3, which says, **“Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.”**

The context, which is ignored by Talmudic interpretation, is the conversion of Israel and the establishment of Christ’s kingdom. It will be fulfilled when Israel can say in truth, **“God is my salvation” (Isaiah 12:2).** In that day, the LORD’s name will be **“known in all the earth” (Isaiah 12:5).**

None of this is true today. The Bible mentions the Third Temple four times, beginning with Daniel’s prophecies but in every case it is associated with the Antichrist (See: Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15-21; II Thessalonians 2:4; & Revelation 11:1-3).

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains ... For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall. ... Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with great power and great glory.”

- *Matthew 24:15 16, 21, & 29-20*



“He hath whereof to glory;

but not before God.” Rom. 4:2

It makes a big difference which you believe!