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## Do We Have All That God Has Spoken?

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This question occurs due to the fact that in more recent times, claims have flooded the public as to whether the Bible is complete. Is the Bible God's final revelation or is there more?

Individuals like *Mary Baker Eddy*, *Ellen G. White*, *Joseph Smith* and others, have caused the thoroughness of the Bible to be examined. "How strong is the evidence to support its claims?" you ask. Peter helps to clarify the matter, "*For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit*" (2 Pet. 1:21). Mere men are deceptive, therefore false prophets.

Jesus promised His disciples that the Holy Spirit would "*guide [them] into all truth*" (Jn. 16:13) which was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). The Holy Spirit guided the apostles and prophets to reveal, record, and confirm the New Testament will of Christ. Jude instructs us to "*Contend earnestly for the faith which was ONCE for all delivered to the saints*" (Jude 3; emphasis mine, mlk). We also know that all scripture was given by God's inspiration (2 Tim. 3:16). God's revelation is complete, perfect, and final! We can know with assurance God's every expectation and promise. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit as assurance to the apostles that they would have access to ALL TRUTH (Jn. 14:26; 16:13). Jesus kept this promise (Acts 2). If He gave us "all," there is nothing left for later prophets to reveal. Paul had declared "*all the counsel of God*" (Acts 20:7). Peter said that everything has been provided that "*pertains to life and godliness*" (2 Pet. 1:3). Nothing more is needed or accepted, but the warning is given to not add or take away from what has been given (Rev. 22:18-19).

The Bible is the standard by which we walk today (Phil. 3:16), but we are told to "*speak as the oracles of God*" (1 Pet. 4:11). His word is that by which we shall all be judged in the last day (Jn. 12:48). If we are to be judged by it, we should live by it now!

Jesus pictured the judgment scene in John's writings as having two books opened, the book of God's revealed word (Bible) and the book of life (Rev. 20:12). Since we must live and be judged by the Bible, any other book becomes useless and detrimental to our spiritual life and eternal welfare.

The Bible has stood the test of time! Other books professing to be from God are new in the field, are faulty, and unauthorized. Falsehood will be revealed and punished (1 Cor. 3:11-15).

## Two Scrawny Frogs



A man who had just purchased his first house in the country came into town and asked the owner of a restaurant if he could use a million frog legs. The proprietor asked where he could find so many frogs. "I've got a pond at home just full of them," the homeowner replied, "They drive me crazy night and day."

After they made an agreement for several hundred frogs, the farmer went back home. He returned a week later with two scrawny frogs and a sheepish grin on his face.

"I guess I was wrong," he stammered, "There were just two frogs in the pond, but they sure were making a lot of noise!"

Application: We watch the news and think the whole world is as bad as the broadcasters portray it. Our neighbor runs down the government so much that we think that this is the worst possible country in which to live.

If the weather outside is one degree above room temperature and the sun is shining, we say, "My, isn't it hot out." If it is one degree below room temperature and slightly overcast, we talk about how dreary it is outside.

We hear a few malcontents murmur about their brethren, and we think the whole church is moments away from apostasy. The next time you hear a lot of noise about how bad things are, just remember: It may be nothing more than a couple of chronic complainers who have little to do but grouch and croak.

Two things are at work:

- 1) The complainers have time on their hands. The non-complainers are busy with life, bearing burdens and enjoying blessings. They are not speaking. Often the only voice heard is that of the murmurer.
- 2) We have the very human tendency to want to hear and believe the shocking, the ugly, and the tragic. Good news does not spur interest unless it benefits us directly.

Solution: Don't assume the worst when two scrawny frogs start croaking.

*"As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife. The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body"* (Prov. 26:20-21).  
*"The north wind brings forth rain, And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance... As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country."* (Prov. 25:23, 25).

### YOUTH NEWS

- The Senior Bible Bowl will meet Sunday, Sept. 15th, at the Skyline congregation.
- The Junior Bible Bowl will meet Sat., Sept. 28th at the Mayfield congregation.
- A party for the 6th grade and under will be held at the home of Sarah Walker Saturday, Sept. 21st, from 4-7pm. Sign the list if you plan to attend.
- This month's Youth Devo will be held Sun. night, Sept. 22nd following the evening service. The boys are asked to bring drinks and the girls chips. Richard & Kathy Jennings and Roger & Kathy Clayton will be hosting.

### AREA EVENTS

- 50 Year Homecoming and Gospel Meeting; Sept. 15-18 at the Sherman Church of Christ. Gary Barnes will be the guest speaker. Mon.-Wed at 7:00pm
- Looxahoma Ladies' Day 2013 (Senatobia, MS) will be Sat. Sept. 14th from 9:00am—12:00 noon. Lunch will be served.
- Gospel Meeting at the Mayfield Church of Christ Sept. 22-25. The guest speaker will be Phil Sanders
- Pine Grove Church of Christ (Fulton, MS) 2nd Annual Ladies Day will be held Sept. 28th from 8:30-12:30, with guest speaker, Mrs. Teresa Hampton.



How many horns did the ram in Daniel's vision have? \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel 8:3



### PRAYER LIST

**Bill DePriest**, is at home feeling some better. He will return to the hospital in Oxford Thursday, Sept. 12th for surgery.


**Dixie White**, was unable to have a heart cath Mon. The test is being rescheduled.

**Lisa Norris** of Oxford, a former member of this congregation will be going to Vanderbilt for cancer treatment.

**Nancy Petrowski** returns to the Tupelo Hospital this week for another round of chemo treatments.

**Ernestine McKinney**, mother of *Perry Jones* is in the De Soto County Hospital due to the build up of fluid.

**Lisa**, mother of *Madison Griggs* underwent surgery Sunday at the local hospital. Her surgery went well.

 We express our sympathy to *Sue Marques* and family in the death of her uncle, **Ernest Foley** of Memphis, TN. Funeral services will be held Tues. at 11:30am at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis.

#### Continual Prayer :

Kathy Clayton, Lashon Mitchell, Steve Stokes, Myka Wise, Darrell Crow, Martha Collins, Luther Williams, Ken Joines, Polly Sago, Mayola Holley, Justin Forsyth, Kelly Fryar, Nancy Petrowski, Ruth Ann Stroud, J.V. Davis, Judy Ward, Pat Reed, Rivers Robertson, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jack Dunlap, Rosie Wilson, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

#### Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Teresa Clark

#### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Maxine Carlisle, Jennie Frohn

#### Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



September 13. . . . . Grayden Dunn  
September 16. . . . . Ryleigh Garrett  
September 16. . . . . Gloria Jones  
September 17. . . . . Dalton Beard  
September 17. . . . . Bill Frohn  
September 20. . . . . Patty Jacks

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY


September 15. . . . . Jerry & Eleta Grimmitt  
September 16. . . . . Chris & Callie Smithey  
September 17. . . . . Steve & Lana Todd



### WORK DAY

A work day has been scheduled for Sat., Sept. 21st at 8:00am. All men are encouraged to be present. There are a variety of projects around the building that are in need of attention. Please make every effort to come and help!

### 3RD SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to join us Sunday night following services for a period of fellowship and good food. You are asked to bring  your favorite finger foods and desserts. If you haven't been in a while, why not make plans to join us Sunday night, Sept. 15th. We would love to have you. The adult III class will be in charge.

### LOOKING AHEAD

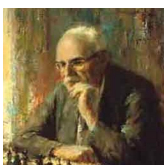
- Sept. 29th; 5th Sunday Services. A potluck meal will follow the morning service. Our afternoon services will be at 1:15 and led by the Elders.
- Our Wednesday night fall lectures will begin Oct. 2nd. with guest speaker, *Dr. Sammy Jones*; Oct. 9 *Dr. Kevin Moore*; Oct. 16, *Donnie DeBord* and Oct. 30, *Philip Hines*. Oct. 23 we will have congregational singing. Mark your calendars!

### HOUSE TO HOUSE

The latest copies of House to House/Heart to Heart are on the table in the foyer. If you did not receive one in the mail be sure to pick one up. Also, pick up some to share with a neighbor or co-worker.

### Wise Thoughts

A man is only as good as what he loves.



**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday School.....9:30  
Morning Worship.....10:30  
Evening Worship.....6:00  
Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

**MINISTER**

Mike King..... 507-0625  
Home ..... 534-6872  
Office..... 534-4649

**ELDERS**

Richard Jennings .....534-6671  
Troy Robertson .....534-3491

**DEACONS**

Greg Clayton.....252-9762  
Roger Clayton..... 538-8195  
Brad Pounders.....316-7931  
Harold Russell ..... 507-1180  
Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

**TO SERVE**

Scripture.....Thomas Wall  
A.M. Prayer.....Phillip Young  
Closing Prayer.....Olen Clark  
P.M. Prayer.....Greg Clayton  
Closing.....Dan Cobb  
Wed.9/18.....Jerry Gibson  
Wed.9/18.....Perry Jones  
Usher & Lock.....Greg Clayton  
Greeter.....B & A Pounders

**OUR RECORD**

Sunday School.....114  
Sunday A.M.....133  
Sunday P.M .....86  
Wednesday.....114  
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**PANTRY ITEM**  
Macaroni & Cheese

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**WORRIED!**

We often worry about things which are unlikely to occur. There is a story told of a man standing on a crowded bus. A young man standing next to him asked, "What time is it, sir?" The man refused to reply. The young man moved on. The silent man's friend, sensing something was wrong, asked, "Why were you so discourteous to the young man asking for the time?"



He answered, "If I had given him the time of day, next he would want to know where I am going, and then we would talk about our interests, and if we did that, he would invite himself to my house for dinner, and if he came, he would meet my daughter, and if he met her, they would fall in love, and I don't want my daughter marrying someone who can't afford a watch."

Let's not worry about something that might happen in the future. We have enough on our plate in the present without adding tomorrow's fears. (Matt. 6:31-34; Phil. 4:6-7)

I can think of only one kind of person who needs to fear tomorrow: the one who is unprepared to meet God (Heb. 10:26-27). May your sleep be troubled, your meals unsatisfying, and your quiet moments fretful until you obey the Gospel of Christ. Your soul is too precious to treat casually.

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