

"THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

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Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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Is It A Small Thing (Isaiah 7:13)



How careless are we?

We have been so conditioned to

believing that we can do nothing to be saved or earn heaven and that is correct. However, we (collectively) have gone to the other extreme as to excuse little faults in our lives. And if we do not want to rid ourselves of them by the power of Jesus Christ, then we excuse it with, "No one's perfect" or "I don't want to work my way to heaven" or and the list goes on.

Now this article is not about perfection. We addressed that in September 1999 and it is available online. No we are going to address the "little things" statements.

It was just a piece of fruit

"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17). "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (Genesis 3:4-6).

Now the fruit had no power. It was merely a trust thing. You could almost say that God just arbitrarily picked a tree and said, "Don't eat of it." So it really was not going to kill them or even hurt them as compared to a mother telling a child, "Don't touch the stove." The child

disobeying could be seriously hurt. So it was just a little piece of fruit, yet this world was plunged into the greatest war (Revelation 12:17) ever to be witnessed (Hebrews 12:1).

There is no single truth to follow.

"Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch" (Genesis 6:14).

In the days of Noah, there was but one correct boat. All others sank.

What is the difference?

"And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD" (Leviticus 10:1-2).

God had a special fire for which the temple activities that were to be performed were to be ignited from. But these two priests took man-made (common) fire instead of thinking, "Fire is fire. What is the difference? Is God that exacting?"

Everyone loses their temper.

"Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up

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Do You Have A TSTL For That???















If someone asked you "why do you believe that or why do you do that" could you give them an answer from the Bible — a TSTL?

Hosea 4:6 *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

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his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts [also]. And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them" (Numbers 20:8-12).

Because of just one moment, Moses lost entering the Promised Land. He could have lost the Promised Land yet to come if he did not repent of this incident.

No one is going to miss it.

"But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, [are] consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD" (Joshua 6:19). "And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put [it] even among their own stuff" (Joshua 7:10-11). "And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide [it] not from me" (Joshua 7:19).

Do you know what percent Achan took from the Lord? Oh so little. Yet, lives were lost in the battle. Hearts were discouraged. And God refused to work with Israel while the matter remained unsettled.

You can look but not touch.

"And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman [was] very beautiful to look upon" (2 Samuel 11:2).

Tell that one to David. Looking or staring leads to fantasy, which, in his case, led to adultery. Then to cover it up, it led to murder.

It does not matter what you believe.

"And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And

the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: [it is] hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord [said] unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do" (Acts 9:3-6).

Evidently it does matter what you believe. Saul was doing a work for the Lord in removing heretics, but he believed incorrectly. His life revealed a very religious life. But one day, God knocked Saul off his high horse.

Conclusion

If we think we will enter heaven with the so-called little sins still attached, we have another thing coming. Why did Jesus come the first time? *"And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin" (1 John 3:5).* If you truly believe in Jesus, you will allow Him to take away you sins. *"Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth" (John 9:41). "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" (Hebrews 10:26).*

Do you have the knowledge of right and wrong, even in little matters? If you excuse the wrong using any of the excuses above or others, you are not born again, you are deceiving yourself. Born again Christians hate sin – not just dislike sin. Why? To be perfect? No, because it cost the life of our Savior. He died because of just a little piece of fruit.

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Getting A Thus Saith the Lord

1. What are the prophecies of the Bible not to be? **2 Peter 1:20**
2. How much of the scriptures are inspired of God? **2 Timothy 3:16**
3. What is the Bible (scriptures) good for? **2 Timothy 3:16**
4. What are the scriptures to do? **2 Timothy 3:16**
5. How does one study the Bible? **Isaiah 28:10**



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

Righteousness

1. If we keep judgment and do righteousness, what are we? **Psalms 106:3** "Blessed [are] they that keep judgment, [and] he that doeth righteousness at all times."
2. If we do righteousness, what are we? **1 John 2:29** "If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him."
3. If we do righteousness, what are we? **1 John 3:7** "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous."
4. If we do not do righteousness, whose are we? **1 John 3:10** "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."
5. What happens to all the righteousness we do, even if it out numbers the unrighteous acts, if we choose to partake of iniquity? **Ezekiel 18:24** "But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, [and] doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked [man] doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die."
6. Where is the source of righteousness? **Romans 5:21** "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

Think On These Things

Return Oh Lord

To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David. O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I [am] weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed. My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long? Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake. For in death [there is] no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks? I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears. Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping. The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer. Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return [and] be ashamed suddenly. (Psalms 6:1-10)

If you think of your enemies as the temptations of the world, and you think of all the times you have given into those temptations and have not repented of those, then this is your prayer. If you truly have hatred for sin and repent and plead the mercies of God, you shall be forgiven and temptation may not have any power immediately.

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(Main article)

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that Genesis
chapter 1 is a
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(Questions &
Answers)

ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH

(Daniel 10:21)



QUESTION #1-

How do we know that Genesis chapter 1 is a literal six days and not eons?

ANSWER #1-

God says, "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God [did] from his" (Hebrews 4:10).

The context of the rest is that "For he spake in a certain place of the seventh [day] on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works" (Hebrews 4:4).

This verse is almost a direct quote of Genesis 2:3, "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

Now in Hebrews, we are encouraged to keep a twenty-four hour period. Paralleling with Genesis 2:3, that means that it too is a

twenty-four hour period. And seeing Genesis 2:3 is the seventh of seven days, it makes logical sense to know that the prior six days are also of the same length for there is no indication that the length of time is different.

Additionally, God said that each day consists of "evening and the morning" (Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, and 31). This is exactly what a twenty-four hour period is made up of.

And then according to Genesis 1:14, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years." The verse itself tells that the sun, moon, and stars are to be used to tell time and specifically days. So since we use them today to identify the twenty-four hour period of time, it again makes logical sense that the context of verse 14 deems that all of chapter 1 understands a day to be only from sunset to sunset.

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