

August 26th – What’s New?

“That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.” (Ecc. 1:9)

We live in a culture where many folks strive for originality. I guess there’s a thrill that comes with being the first person to do something or discover something. While there are some brand new things that come along, for the most part we are standing on the shoulders of those who’ve gone before us. Rather than being original, we should seek to be biblical – whether that involves something old or something new.

I’ve heard well-meaning Christians say, “I want a new word from God.” Perhaps they mean that they want God to give them a new perspective on their current situation. If that’s the case, I think we can all appreciate the request. But could it be that in our search for something new that we gloss over the old? We have a time-tested Word from God contained in the 66 books of the Holy Bible. Every line of Scripture is “God-breathed, and profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped to every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

That being the case, we would be much better off digging into the time-tested Word of God rather than trying to search for some new truth somewhere else. “The grass withers and its flower falls away, but the Word of the Lord endures forever” (1 Pet. 1:24-25). Anchor your life to the time-tested Word of God.