

>> SINGING: GOOD NEWS TODAY. NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD, THERE IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS TODAY.

>> WELCOME TO GOOD NEWS TODAY, THE PROGRAM WHERE YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND GOOD NEWS, NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD.

>> I'M MARK TESKE, YOUR HOST FOR GOOD NEWS TODAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. WE'VE GOT A GREAT PROGRAM TODAY, AND HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP. WE'LL BEGIN WITH OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, AS WE ALWAYS DO. AND THAT CONSISTS OF OUR SCRIPTURE READING, BEAUTIFUL SINGING, AND A BRIEF STUDY OF THAT SCRIPTURE. TODAY WE'LL BE LOOKING AT MATTHEW 22:23-33, A PASSAGE WHERE JESUS IS CONFRONTED BY THE SADDUCEES AND HE TEACHES US ALL SOME VERY EXCELLENT LESSONS. SO GET OUT YOUR BIBLES, TURN TO MATTHEW 22. I'LL MEET YOU THERE IN JUST A MOMENT. FOLLOWING OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, TROY SPRADLIN WILL JOIN US FROM HIS WORKSHOP, WHERE HE'LL REPAIR OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE AUTHORITY OF SILENCE. JIM DEARMAN'S IN THE STUDIO, AND HE'S GOT SOME SOUND WORDS FOR US ABOUT WHAT WE DON'T KNOW. THEN FREDDIE CLAYTON IS GOING TO TALK TO US AND EXAMINE WHAT SCRIPTURE SAYS ABOUT DIVINE REVELATION. DOES IT STILL HAPPEN TODAY? IN OUR FINAL SEGMENT, WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON MONTGOMERY AND TROY SPRADLIN: ARE CHRISTIANS TODAY COMMANDED THE TITHE AS THOSE UNDER THE OLD TESTAMENT? THERE'S A LOT OF RICH MATERIAL THAT OUR SPEAKERS HAVE LINED UP FOR US TODAY, SO LET'S GET RIGHT INTO IT. I HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR BIBLES OPENED UP TO MATTHEW CHAPTER 22, WHERE WE READ BEGINNING AT VERSE 23, THE SAME DAY THE SADDUCEES, WHO SAY THERE IS NO RESURRECTION, CAME TO HIM AND ASKED HIM, SAYING, TEACHER, MOSES SAID THAT IF A MAN DIES HAVING NO CHILDREN, HIS BROTHER SHALL MARRY HIS WIFE AND RAISE UP OFFSPRING FOR HIS BROTHER. NOW THERE WERE WITH US SEVEN BROTHERS. THE FIRST DIED AFTER HE HAD MARRIED, AND HAVING NO OFFSPRING, LEFT HIS WIFE TO HIS BROTHER; LIKEWISE THE SECOND ALSO, AND THE THIRD, EVEN TO THE SEVENTH. LAST OF ALL, THE WOMAN DIED ALSO. THEREFORE IN THE RESURRECTION WHOSE WIFE OF THE SEVEN WILL SHE BE? FOR THEY ALL HAD HER. JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO THEM, YOU ARE MISTAKEN, NOT KNOWING THE SCRIPTURES, NOR THE POWER OF GOD. FOR IN THE RESURRECTION THEY NEITHER MARRY, NOR ARE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE, BUT ARE LIKE ANGELS OF GOD IN HEAVEN. BUT CONCERNING THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, HAVE YOU NOT READ WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY GOD, SAYING, I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB? GOD IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD, BUT OF THE LIVING. AND WHEN THE MULTITUDES HEARD THIS, THEY WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS TEACHING.

>> (SINGING)

>> IN MATTHEW CHAPTER 22, JESUS IS TEACHING DURING HIS LAST WEEK OF MINISTRY. AND IN THIS PARTICULAR PASSAGE, HE'S DEALING WITH THE SADDUCEES. THAT WAS A SECT OF THE JEWS THAT HAD A HEAVY DOSE OF WORLDLINESS IN THEM, AND THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION. THERE WERE OTHER GROUPS THAT TESTED JESUS HERE IN CHAPTER 22, INCLUDING THE PHARISEES AND THE HERODIANS. AND AFTER THIS PASSAGE, HE'S GOING TO DEAL WITH THE SCRIBES AND AGAIN THE PHARISEES AS WELL. SO AS WE LOOK AT WHAT THE TEXT SAYS, THE SADDUCEES ARE DEALING WITH

WHAT'S CALLED THE LEVIRATE MARRIAGE LAW. YOU CAN FIND THAT IN DEUTERONOMY 25:5. AND THAT INDEED SAYS WHAT THEY SAY IT CLAIMS, THAT THE SURVIVING BROTHER IS GOING TO MARRY HIS BROTHER'S WIDOW IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHILDREN AND RAISE UP OFFSPRING FOR THAT BROTHER. BUT YOU SEE, THE SADDUCEES MADE THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE WOMAN COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE SEVEN HUSBANDS IN THE RESURRECTION, SO THEIR CONCLUSION WAS, WELL, THERE JUST CAN'T BE A RESURRECTION. JESUS' RESPONSE TO THEM WAS VERY DIRECT. HE SAID, AND OUR TRANSLATION HERE, THE NEW KING JAMES, SAYS, YOU'RE MISTAKEN. IT WAS A LITTLE BIT MORE DIRECT THAN THAT. YOU'RE WRONG. VERY FORCEFUL AND VERY DIRECT IN HIS RESPONSE. AND HE GAVE THEM TWO REASONS WHY THEY WERE WRONG: FIRST, THEY DIDN'T KNOW THE POWER OF GOD. YOU SEE, JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT HIS HOME. HE KNEW WHAT ANGELS WERE LIKE AND WHAT THE RESURRECTION WAS GOING TO BE LIKE. AND THERE WON'T BE ANY MARRIAGE IN HEAVEN. BUT NUMBER TWO, HE SAYS, YOU DON'T KNOW THE SCRIPTURES. HE USED THAT PHRASE, HAVE YOU NOT READ? A VERY DIRECT WAY OF SAYING YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS AS YOU READ THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES. AND HE'S REFERRING BACK TO THE BURNING BUSH PASSAGE. MARK GIVES US THAT IN HIS ACCOUNT OF THIS ENCOUNTER, BACK IN EXODUS 3:15. AND JESUS' WHOLE ARGUMENT RESTS ON THE FACT THAT HE SAYS I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM ISAAC AND JACOB, NOT I WAS. YOU SEE, THE TENSE OF THE VERB ALLOWS US TO COME TO THE PROPER CONCLUSION THAT ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB MUST HAVE STILL EXISTED HUNDREDS OF YEARS LATER WHEN MOSES WAS THERE AT THE BURNING BUSH, BECAUSE GOD REFERS TO THEM AS I AM, NOT I WAS. THERE'S SOME GREAT APPLICATION WE CAN GET FROM THIS PASSAGE. FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE'VE GOT TO REASON PROPERLY FROM THE SCRIPTURES. YOU SEE, THE SADDUCEES, THEY DIDN'T REASON PROPERLY. THAT'S ONE OF SATAN'S FAVORITE TRICKS IS TO JUST TWIST THE SCRIPTURES A LITTLE BIT. THAT'S WHAT HE DID WHEN HE WAS TEMPTING JESUS. WE NEED TO USE IT PROPERLY AND MAKE THE RIGHT CONCLUSIONS. THE WAY WE REASON FROM SCRIPTURE IS IMPORTANT. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT JESUS WAS DOING HERE AND WHAT HE EXPECTS US TO BE ABLE TO DO AS WELL. SADLY, MANY PEOPLE DON'T DO THAT. THEY TRUST SOMEBODY ELSE'S WORD OR THEY HAVE THEIR DOCTRINES SET UP IN THEIR MIND AND THEY READ SCRIPTURE THROUGH THOSE GLASSES. OUR PASSAGE ALSO TELLS MUCH ABOUT GOD'S VIEW OF THE INSPIRATION OF HIS WORD. JESUS' WHOLE ARGUMENT HERE IS BASED UPON THE VERY TENSE OF THAT VERB, THAT GOD SAID I AM AND NOT I WAS. THAT'S HIS VIEW OF INSPIRATION: THE VERY INDIVIDUAL WORDS ARE INSPIRED. AND AS A RESULT, WE ENCOURAGE OUR AUDIENCE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE TRANSLATION THAT YOU USE. YOU SEE, SOME TRANSLATIONS DON'T EVEN TRY TO TRANSLATE INDIVIDUAL WORDS. THEY TRY TO LOOK AT WHOLE THOUGHTS. BUT YOU SEE, JESUS SHOWS US THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WORDS ARE INSPIRED. SO WE NEED TO BE AS CLOSE TO THAT AS WE CAN IN THE TRANSLATION THAT WE USE, BECAUSE THAT'S THE MESSAGE THAT GOD SENT. SO WE NEED TO BE READING THAT MESSAGE AS CLOSE TO THAT AS WE CAN POSSIBLY GET. WE NEED TO RESPECT THIS WORD THAT GOD BREATHED, 2ND TIMOTHY 3:16, AND PAY ATTENTION TO HOW HE WORDED THE THINGS HE SAID, BECAUSE WE CAN INDEED TWIST THEM TO OUR OWN DESTRUCTION. TO REASON PROPERLY MEANS TO LOOK AT ALL THAT SCRIPTURE SAYS ABOUT A SUBJECT. START WITH THE PASSAGES THAT ARE REALLY EASY TO UNDERSTAND, AND WORK OUR WAY TOWARDS THOSE WHICH ARE MORE DIFFICULT. WE NEED TO REASON PROPERLY. AND ONE OF THE KEYS TO DOING THAT IS TO START WITH THOSE EASY PASSAGES, THINGS THAT ARE VERY SIMPLE TO UNDERSTAND. AND ONCE WE HAVE THOSE FIGURED OUT, WE CAN WORK

TOWARD MORE DIFFICULT, NEVER LOSING SIGHT OF THE FACT OF THE TRUTH THAT WE LEARNED FROM THE EASY PASSAGES. THAT'S HOW WE GROW IN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURE AND HOW WE USE THAT MORE EFFECTIVELY AND HOW WE REASON PROPERLY FROM THIS INSPIRED WORD THAT GOD GIVES US. AND THAT INSPIRED WORD GIVES US ALL THAT WE NEED. EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED FOR GODLINESS IS RIGHT THERE IF WE USE IT AND USE IT PROPERLY. THAT IS GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY. NOW IT'S TIME FOR TROY SPRADLIN TO JOIN US, AND HE'S GOING TO COME TO US FROM HIS WORKSHOP WHERE HE'S GOING TO BE REPAIRING OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT SCRIPTURE. AND HE'S GOING TO BE USING SOME GOOD, PLAIN OLD COMMON SENSE.

>> WHEN I WAS A YOUNG MAN, I WORKED AT A GROCERY STORE, AND MY MOM WOULD OFTEN GIVE ME MONEY AND TELL ME TO BRING HOME CERTAIN THINGS THAT SHE NEEDED IN ORDER TO PREPARE OUR MEALS. SHE WOULD SIMPLY SAY SOMETHING LIKE, TROY, GRAB SOME TOMATOES, A LOAF OF BREAD, AND SOME LUNCH MEAT. AND I KNEW EXACTLY WHAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO DO, AND I DID IT. YOU KNOW, NOT ONCE DO I EVER REMEMBER HER ADDING INSTRUCTIONS LIKE, NOW, DON'T BUY CANDY OR CEREAL OR SOFT DRINKS OR POTATO CHIPS OR ICE CREAM OR COOKIES OR POP TARTS OR PIZZA. BY THE WAY, ALL THE THINGS I LIKED BACK THEN. TROY, ONLY BUY THE THINGS I TOLD YOU TO BUY. YOU SEE, SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY THAT. SHE ALREADY INSTRUCTED ME WITH WHAT IT WAS I WAS SUPPOSED TO BUY, AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WAS EXPECTED TO DO, AND ONLY THAT. YOU SEE, THAT'S A SIMPLE CONCEPT THAT I BELIEVE EVERY SINGLE HUMAN BEING UNDERSTANDS. WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT AS MY MOTHER'S CHILD, I HAD NO RIGHT OR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE WHAT SHE MEANT, TO ADD TO OR TAKE AWAY FROM HER INSTRUCTIONS OR GIVE MY INTERPRETATION OF IT. THAT'S PRETTY SIMPLE, ISN'T IT? YET, WHEN IT COMES TO THE HOLY SCRIPTURES OF GOD, MANY PEOPLE FREQUENTLY ABANDON THAT BASIC PRINCIPLE AND ARROGANTLY ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY IT WITH, WELL, THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY WE CAN'T DO IT. SO DOES GOD HAVE TO EXPRESS EVERY SINGLE THING THAT WE'RE NOT PERMITTED TO DO? OR ARE HIS COMMANDS AS ALREADY REVEALED IN THE BIBLE NOT SUFFICIENT? WELL, LET'S REPAIR OUR UNDERSTANDING BY LISTENING TO WHAT SOME OF THE INSPIRED WRITERS OF SCRIPTURE SAY. IN 1ST CORINTHIANS 4:6, PAUL WRITES, NOW THESE THINGS, BRETHREN, I HAVE FIGURATIVELY TRANSFERRED TO MYSELF AND APOLLOS FOR YOUR SAKES, THAT YOU MAY LEARN IN US NOT TO THINK BEYOND THAT WHICH IS WRITTEN. YOU SEE, ALSO WE COULD READ IN 1ST PETER 4:11, IF ANYONE SPEAKS, LET HIM SPEAK AS THE ORACLES OF GOD. GOD, WHO AT VARIOUS TIMES AND IN VARIOUS WAYS SPOKE IN TIMES PAST TO THE FATHERS BY THE PROPHETS HAS IN THESE LAST DAYS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON, THAT'S HEBREWS 1:1-2. WE COULD ALSO ADD MATTHEW 28:18, WHERE JESUS SAID, ALL AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH. SO IF GOD'S ALREADY EXPRESSED IN THE BIBLE THROUGH THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS WHAT IT IS WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO, THEN DOES HE NEED TO EXPRESS EVERY SINGLE THING WE ARE PROHIBITED TO DO OR HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO DO? NO, HE DOESN'T. IN FACT, WHEN INSTRUCTING NOAH ABOUT HOW TO BUILD THE ARK, GOD COMMANDED HIM TO BUILD IT WITH GOPHERWOOD. DID HE NEED TO SPECIFY ALL THE WOOD TYPES OR MATERIALS THAT WERE PROHIBITED? NO, HE DIDN'T. WHEN INSTRUCTING THE HEBREWS ABOUT THE HOLY WORSHIP AND THE FIRE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE USED IN THAT, GOD SPECIFIED AND SAID WHAT HE WANTED; SO NADAB AND ABIHU VIOLATED THAT CLEAR MANDATE AND PAID THE PRICE WITH THEIR LIVES BY MISINTERPRETING GOD'S SILENCE. YOU SEE, THE SAME IMPLIES THAT IF THE

SCRIPTURES HAVE REVEALED WHAT THE EARLY CHURCH DID IN PRACTICE AND IN DOCTRINE, THEN GOD DOES NOT HAVE TO INSPIRE HIS WRITERS TO LIST ALL THE THINGS THAT WE CAN'T DO TODAY. ALL OF THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO HELP US UNDERSTAND AND RECOGNIZE THREE PRIMARY PRINCIPLES: NUMBER ONE, GOD MEANS WHAT HE SAYS. NUMBER TWO, WE HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO CHANGE ANYTHING HE'S REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE. AND NUMBER THREE, GOD'S SILENCE ON A SUBJECT CARRIES AS MUCH AUTHORITY AS THE THINGS HE HAS SPOKEN. WE NEED TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL IN TAKING LIBERTIES WITH SCRIPTURE, FOR IT'S A MATTER OF ETERNAL LIFE OR DEATH. WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO RISK THEIR SOUL ON SOMETHING THAT'S NOT AUTHORIZED IN THE BIBLE, ESPECIALLY WHEN GOD HAS ALREADY GIVEN US INSTRUCTIONS? LISTEN, I KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I DIDN'T FOLLOW MY MOTHER'S INSTRUCTIONS. AND WE ALSO KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE DO NOT OBEY GOD.

>> THANKS, TROY. NOW GRAB SOME PAPER AND SOMETHING TO WRITE WITH SO YOU CAN WRITE DOWN OUR CONTACT INFORMATION. IF YOU HAVEN'T YET ENROLLED IN OUR FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE, CONTACT US TO GET STARTED. REMEMBER THAT ALL OF OUR COURSES ARE GIVEN ABSOLUTELY FREE OF CHARGE. WE WON'T TRY TO SELL YOU ANYTHING AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO PESTER YOU WITH SOLICITATIONS. JIM DEARMAN IS GOING TO BE WITH US AFTER THIS BRIEF BREAK.

>> YOU MAY HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT GOOD NEWS TODAY. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FREE BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS, PLEASE CONTACT US. OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS GOOD NEWS TODAY, P.O. BOX 206, DUNLAP, TENNESSEE, 37327. AGAIN, THAT'S GOOD NEWS TODAY, P.O. BOX 206, DUNLAP, TENNESSEE, 37327. YOU MAY PREFER TO E-MAIL US AT GOODNEWSTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. THAT'S GOODNEWSTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. OR CALL US TOLL-FREE AT 1-877-384-7221. THAT'S 1-877-384-7221. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. HEARING FROM OUR AUDIENCE IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS TO US.

>> REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN ENROLL IN OUR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE RIGHT FROM OUR WEBSITE, GNTTV.ORG. WHILE YOU'RE THERE, YOU CAN WATCH ANY OF OVER 1600 VIDEOS THAT ARE AVAILABLE ON DEMAND RIGHT THERE ON OUR WEBSITE. NOW HERE'S JIM DEARMAN WITH SOME SOUND WORDS FOR US ABOUT WHAT WE DON'T KNOW.

>> WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN'T HURT YOU. EVER HEARD THAT EXPRESSION? IT'S VERY SIMILAR IN MEANING TO ANOTHER WELL-KNOWN EXPRESSION, IGNORANCE IS BLISS. IT IS TRUE THAT SOME THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ARE NOT REALLY GOING TO HAVE MUCH NEGATIVE IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE. TAKE HISTORY, FOR EXAMPLE. WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL IT MAKE IF I GO THROUGH LIFE THINKING THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT WAS A SMALL MOVING TRUCK? WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL THAT MAKE 100 YEARS FROM NOW? BUT WHAT ABOUT MY KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD? CAN I AFFORD TO BE IGNORANT OF THE TRUTH IT TEACHES? JESUS SAID, YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, JOHN 8:32. THE APOSTLE PAUL TOLD THE ATHENIANS LONG AGO, TRULY THESE TIMES OF IGNORANCE GOD OVERLOOKED, BUT NOW COMMANDS ALL MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT. PAUL ALSO ADMONISHED IN 2ND TIMOTHY 2:15, BE DILIGENT TO PRESENT YOURSELF APPROVED TO GOD, A WORKER WHO DOES NOT NEED TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH. YOU SEE, WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT GOD'S WORD CAN HURT YOU FOREVER.

>> THANKS FOR THOSE EXCELLENT THOUGHTS, JIM. IF YOU HAVEN'T YET DOWNLOADED OUR APP AND EXPLORED IT, I'D ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO SO. YOU CAN FIND IT IN THE APP STORE FOR YOUR PHONE, YOUR TABLET, YOUR ROKU, OR YOUR KINDLE FIRE. DOWNLOAD IT AND EXPLORE THE EXCELLENT CONTENT FROM THE BIBLE THAT'S FOUND RIGHT THERE. YOU CAN DOWNLOAD THESE EPISODES AND SEGMENTS ANYTIME YOU'D LIKE SO YOU CAN LISTEN TO THEM EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE SERVICE. IT'S A GREAT RESOURCE. I HOPE YOU MAKE USE OF IT. NOW FREDDIE CLAYTON'S GOING TO JOIN US, AND HE'S WALKING AND TALKING IN THE LIGHT.

>> WHY DO YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE? WHY DO YOU DO WHAT YOU DO? I HEARD THE OBSERVATION MADE MANY YEARS AGO THAT PEOPLE ARE WHAT THEY ARE RELIGIOUSLY FOR THE SAME REASON THEY ARE WHAT THEY ARE POLITICALLY: THEY WERE BORN THAT WAY. FRIEND, THAT'S NOT A COMPLIMENT. WE WANT TO BRIEFLY CHALLENGE YOUR THINKING HERE, HOPING TO CREATE IN YOU A DESIRE TO STUDY FOR YOURSELVES AND LEARN MORE ABOUT GOD'S WAY AS FOUND IN THE BIBLE. WITH THIS IN MIND, YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT GOD'S REVELATION TO MANKIND IS COMPLETE. MANY TEACH THAT THEY ARE STILL RECEIVING REVELATIONS FROM GOD. THEY ASSERT THAT GOD TOLD THEM TO DO CERTAIN THINGS APART FROM THE BIBLE, WHICH IN MANY CASES IS EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY TEACHES. THE BIBLE ITSELF SAYS THIS IS NOT SO. JESUS PROMISED HIS APOSTLES THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH THEM WOULD REVEAL ALL TRUTH, JOHN 16:13. THE TWO ALTERNATIVES ARE EITHER THIS: THAT THIS HAPPENED OR IT DID NOT HAPPEN; THAT THEY WERE EITHER GUIDED INTO ALL TRUTH OR THEY WERE NOT GUIDED INTO ALL TRUTH. THINK ABOUT THIS SERIOUSLY, FRIEND. IF THE HOLY SPIRIT DID NOT GUIDE MEN INTO ALL TRUTH, THEN JESUS WAS TELLING AN UNTRUTH, A LIE. IF THE HOLY SPIRIT DID GUIDE THEM INTO ALL TRUTH, THEN ALL TRUTH WAS GIVEN BY THE TIME THE LAST APOSTLE DIED. LISTEN, IF YOU WILL, TO JUDE 3: BELOVED, WHILE I WAS VERY DILIGENT TO WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING OUR COMMON SALVATION, I FOUND IT NECESSARY TO WRITE TO YOU, EXHORTING YOU TO CONTEND EARNESTLY FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE FOR ALL DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS. THE FAITH, THE TRUTH, THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, THE GOSPEL HAS BEEN ONCE FOR ALL DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS. THIS MEANS THAT WHAT WAS REVEALED WAS OF CONTINUOUS VALIDITY AND THAT WE NEVER NEED ANYTHING OTHER THAN THIS, SIMPLY THE REPETITION OF WHAT GOD HAS REVEALED. IN OTHER WORDS, REVELATION IS COMPLETE. THE BIBLE IS COMPLETE, AND WE NEED NOT LOOK FOR FURTHER REVELATIONS FROM GOD. HE'S ALREADY MADE THAT KNOWN. IF YOU'VE BEEN TAUGHT OTHERWISE, FRIENDS, WE SIMPLY ASK THAT YOU SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES AND SEE IF THIS IS WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES. LET'S KEEP ON WALKING AND TALKING IN THE LIGHT.

>> THANKS, FREDDIE. WHY NOT START OFF EVERY DAY WITH GOOD NEWS? YOU CAN GET TO IT BY SUBSCRIBING TO OUR PODCAST ENTITLED GOOD NEWS TODAY DAILY DEVOTIONAL TIME. YOU CAN GET IT WHEREVER YOU GET YOUR PODCASTS. WE'LL GIVE OUR BIBLE QUESTION TO GUYTON AND TROY IN JUST A MOMENT.

>> (SINGING)

>> ARE CHRISTIANS TODAY COMMANDED TO TITHE AS THOSE UNDER THE OLD TESTAMENT?

>> YOU KNOW, TROY, IT'S ALWAYS INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK US.

>> EXACTLY. I LOVE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT COME IN.

>> AND A LOT OF TIMES, THERE ARE CERTAIN QUESTIONS IT SEEMS LIKE WE GET ASKED A LOT. AND ONE OF THOSE QUESTIONS THAT I'VE ALWAYS RECEIVED IN THE YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN PREACHING IS, DO WE HAVE TO TITHE? AND THAT'S THE QUESTION THAT CAME IN TO US THIS WEEK, ACTUALLY VERY SPECIFIC, WANTING TO KNOW ARE CHRISTIANS TODAY COMMANDED TO TITHE AS THOSE UNDER THE OLD TESTAMENT?

>> OKAY. SO TO ANSWER THE QUESTION OUTRIGHT WITH THE BIBLE, NO, BECAUSE THERE IS NO COMMANDMENT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. WE CAN'T TURN TO A BOOK, CHAPTER, OR VERSE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT THAT COMMANDS US TO TITHE.

>> AND YOU BRING OUT THIS IDEA IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. SO WE REALLY WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE TITHING IS IN THE BIBLE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, BUT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IT'S NOT. AND OF COURSE, COLOSSIANS 2:14, JESUS NAILED THE OLD LAW, THE LAW OF MOSES, TO THE CROSS.

>> AND EVEN THE IDEA OF TITHING IS CLEARLY DEFINED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. AND I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE MISUNDERSTAND THAT. THEY THINK OF MONEY. BUT IF YOU READ PASSAGES LIKE LEVITICUS 27:40, IT TALKS ABOUT THE TITHE OF THE LAND. LEVITICUS 27:32 SAYS THE TITHE OF THE HERD OR THE FLOCK. IN FACT, IF YOU GO TO THAT, THE KING JAMES VERSION DOESN'T USE THE WORD TITHE. IT SAYS A TENTH.

>> EXACTLY.

>> AND SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS. IT'S GIVING A TENTH OF THE THINGS YOU HAVE, WHETHER IT BE GRAIN OR THINGS LIKE THAT, TO BRING TO THE TEMPLE.

>> AND WHAT SOME PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND, THAT'S A TENTH. TEN PERCENT. YOU WOULD TAKE TEN PERCENT OF WHAT YOU HAVE. 1 CORINTHIANS 15 KIND OF TALKS ABOUT THAT WHENEVER IT MAKES REFERENCE TO JESUS BEING THE WAVE OFFERING. IT WAS INTERESTING THAT WHEN THEY WOULD BRING IT FORTH, THEY WOULD ACTUALLY WAVE IT BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

>> EXACTLY. SO IT HAD TO DO WITH PHYSICAL THINGS THAT YOU BRING. IT HARDLY EVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH MONEY. AND SO THAT'S THE OLD TESTAMENT. WHEN WE GET IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, AS WE SAID, THERE IS NO COMMANDMENT FOR TITHING. NOW, THE WORD TITHING IS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, BUT IT'S JESUS TALKING TO THE PHARISEES ABOUT THEIR TITHING.

>> EXACTLY.

>> BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN THERE ABOUT US. IN FACT, WHAT WE HAVE AS CHRISTIANS, 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 16 IS ONE EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GIVE. IF YOU WANT TO HAVE AN AMOUNT, WELL, IT SAYS, ON THE

FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, LET EACH OF YOU LAY SOMETHING ASIDE, STORING UP AS HE MAY PROSPER.

>> EXACTLY. BUT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT GIVING; IT'S THE HEART BEHIND HOW WE GIVE. BECAUSE PAUL WOULD TALK ABOUT THAT IN 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7. IT'S HERE HE TALKS ABOUT, HE WHO WOULD SOW SPARINGLY SHALL REAP ALSO SPARINGLY, AND HE WHICH SOWETH BOUNTIFULLY SHALL REAP ALSO BOUNTIFULLY, EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO AS HE PURPOSETH IN HIS HEART; SO LET HIM GIVE NOT GRUDGINGLY OR OF NECESSITY, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER. AND THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE IN ACTS CHAPTER 5, I BELIEVE IT WAS, AND OTHER PLACES THAT WE HAVE IN EXAMPLES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.

>> I THINK THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION RIGHT THERE.

>> AMEN.

>> WE SURE HOPE THAT YOU SPEND TIME COMPARING WHAT WE'VE TAUGHT AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD TO SEE IF THESE THINGS ARE SO. IF YOU'D LIKE TO HEAR SOME OF THIS AGAIN, YOU CAN GO TO OUR WEBSITE, TO OUR APPS, TO OUR ROKU CHANNEL, OR EVEN TO OUR PODCAST TO HEAR THIS MATERIAL ONE MORE TIME JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU HEARD IT RIGHT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT US. WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM OUR AUDIENCE. MAYBE YOU HAVE A QUESTION THAT YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE ANSWERED ON THE PROGRAM. SEND IT TO US, AND WE'LL GET TO IT AS SOON AS WE CAN. REMEMBER, WE LOVE YOU, WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU, AND WE WANT YOU TO MAKE IT TO HEAVEN.

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