

## Luke 13:24 with John 18:33-38, "The Fight for the Truth, Part 2"

- ✍ A very important question, important because of its topic as well as the fact that, like Pilate, the typical human does not know what truth is. Everybody claims to like the truth. Do you want to be told the truth? We like it when it favors us, but what about when it doesn't? We saw last time that we have to fight for the truth because: God is the God of truth: Deuteronomy 32:4; the Spirit is the Spirit of truth: John 14:17, and Jesus is the truth: John 14:6. The Bible is the truth: John 17:17. God equivocates His person to what He says. The world is in bondage without the truth: John 8:32. The Church's position with regards to the truth, "so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God.", 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:15.
- ✓ First dilemma in the Bible is the primary dilemma in our lives: Genesis 3:1. Has God told us the truth? Our decision on that will fix our destiny both in this life and the life to come. The first dilemma in the Bible was an attack on the truth: Satan smuggles in a very deadly spiritual force: we can evaluate God and what He has said.
- ✓ In Hebrews 4:1 the Holy Spirit uses a unique word for "judge" in this text, it shows up nowhere else in the entire Bible! The Scriptures bring a unique judgment on the world and our lives. Satan pushes for a full denial in Genesis 3:4, "God told you a lie." The World has bought the lie and followed the liar: John 8:44, Eve and Adam murdered themselves when they bet their lives that God was wrong. The lie is: we get to be God!, Genesis 3:5. No rules except the ones we like, no consequences, no answering to anyone. Man became the supposed arbiter of what will and will not be true for him. That cannot be done without consequences: Romans 1:21-22, 25. Refusing to believe the truth and acknowledge the truth, we believed a lie and our lives became a model of our beliefs.
- ✓ Consequences: worshipping the created order Romans 1:23, "how dumb is that?," the dumbness is not in what they did but what they failed to do. "They traded the truth about God for a lie. So, they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise!," Romans 1:25. It's not idol worship ultimately, it is self-worship!
  - 1) Create an idol – carries a degree of piety with it but in reality, that god they created does what they want him to.
  - 2) Create another religion that uses the Bible but is selective; they decide what parts are true, orthodox, it is still people trying to be God.
- ✓ Just because you have the Bible doesn't mean you have the truth, the Bible correctly interpreted is the truth not anything else. There are plenty of people who, while following a lie, carry a Bible. Everything that contradicts or attempts to add to God's Word is Satan having a Garden of Eden conversation with us. 3,808 times the Bible claims to be the word of God in Old Testament. Jesus said that that same word could not be broken, Matthew 5:18. It cannot be broken down to the letter, John 18:37. Either Jesus is telling the truth or Satan is.
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15, there is definitely a way to do it incorrectly. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:1-2, preach the word; don't redact it; don't say it says something that it doesn't say—again, we don't have the Scriptures until we have them correctly interpreted. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:3, they don't want the real answer to life because that makes them uncomfortable. They hate what the light of the truth reveals: John 3:19-20. One of the greatest questions in life is "Do you really want the truth?" 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:4, that is our options: truth or myths, only one truth, God and His Word; myths are plethora.
- ✓ Every time the word of God is questioned: that is Satan having a Garden of Eden conversation with us. Every time we hear the Word contradicted: "there are errors, Jesus didn't really do those miracles; Jesus isn't actually God; there are other books and writings that we need to add to the Bible to correctly interpret it," this is Satan having a Garden of Eden conversation with us.

**It's a fight, a war for the truth and the subject of the war is us. The war has been won in the life that has surrendered to Christ, repented of the lies they believed and followed and bet their lives on Jesus. The war is won but the battle still rages, will we believe Him for every word, every doctrine, every single command He gives us?**

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