

Truth Or Fiction – Which Will Save Us?

Last week we looked at an article by Brother Keith Greer "Old Fashioned Preaching-A Lost Art". Let me ask you four questions. Who was the first teacher, who were His students, what were they taught, and did they keep what they were taught or did they want something new? The answers are all found in Genesis 2:16-17 "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: (17) 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."; 2:25 "And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed." 3:2-9 "And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: (3) But of the fruit of the tree which {is} in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."; 3:4-6 "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: (5) 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. (6) 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."

Who was the teacher? GOD!

Who were the students? Adam and Eve!

What were they taught? The TRUTH!

Did they keep the Truth or trade it for something New? They traded the Truth for a LIE!

Adam and Eve are not the only examples of individuals replacing God's Truth with a Lie. We can go through the entire Bible and see case after case of the same process. How important is the Truth? God deemed it important enough to record this for all mankind: "Buy the truth, and sell {it} not; {also} wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." Proverbs 23:23

God does not leave any doubt as to what the truth is, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John.17:17

Is the Truth always pleasant to man? If not shouldn't man have the right to modify the Truth to make it more appealing to all?

Beloved, listen to God's Word: Acts 2:37 "Now when they heard {this}, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men {and} brethren, what shall we do?" Note, they did not try to modify the Truth they simply wanted to know what they would have to do to be right with God. These individuals had honest hearts(Lk.8:15 "But the ones {that} fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep {it} and bear fruit with patience." Does the Truth always have the same results? NO!

Please read all of Acts 7. Acts 7:54-58 "When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with {their} teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast {him} out of the city and stoned {him}. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. Beloved, as in the days before our time, men have sought "More Practical Ways"- "Ways That Are Better Suited For The Present Times" "Real Life Situations" or Their Parents Religion" and forgetting God's Way (singular). It is my impression that the majority of mankind has little interest in real Spiritual Truth and Preparation for Eternity but rather wants to "Feel Good About Himself". But, is this a new idea? Look at 2Tim.4:3 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, {because} they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;" Turn to Luke 3:9 "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." Beloved, Study God's Word and Obey It.