

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD

PART 1

THE WORD OF YHWH

(Authority of the Word)

John 17:17

- Scripture Setting: This is YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) praying for His apostles.
- Everyone claims to have the truth, yet they all differ in their beliefs. So how do we know who has the truth? YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) said, “Thy Word is truth”.
- Let the Word of YHWH be true and every man a liar; so, if a man teaches something different from the Scriptures, the Scriptures is right and man is wrong.

John 4:23-24

- To become a true worshipper in the judgment of YHWH, we must worship “in spirit and in truth”. You can have the true doctrine without having the Spirit, or you can have the Spirit without having the true doctrine.

John 1:1, 14

- “Word was YHWH” and “Word was made flesh”, so YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) is the Living Word. When He speaks, it is YHWH speaking to us.

John 12:48

- Word will judge us in the last day.
- We will see this judgment taking place in our next scripture.

Revelation 20:12-15

- All people “small and great” must someday stand before YHWH.
- Two books mentioned: One is the book (singular) of life; the other is the 66 books (plural) of the Scriptures they will judge us in the last day.
 - The works of one’s present life will be compared with what the Scriptures says it must come up to. If it does not meet the requirements of the Word, they will be “cast into the lake of fire”.
 - Some people say, “I don’t believe YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) will send me to hell just because I don’t obey the Scriptures.” But, according to these scriptures, He will. If the Word is going to judge us in the last day, I would have to say that it carries a lot of authority to tell me what to do. (It is truth!)

2 Timothy 3:12-16

- Scripture Setting: Paul is writing to Timothy, who is already saved.
- Verse 13: Paul is warning Timothy that “evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse”.
- Verse 14: Because of these evil men (false teachers), Paul warns Timothy to continue in what he has learned. What things? The things taught by Paul (refer to Verse 10).
- Some people try to read this scripture today and say, “I don’t need what you have to say because the Scriptures says for me to continue in what I have learned.” This is not telling you and me to continue in what we have learned, but it is Paul telling Timothy to continue in what he has learned. For this to benefit us, we must learn what Paul preached, and since Paul was an apostle, he was actually warning against teaching something different from the apostles. We must keep the scripture in its proper context in order to understand its true meaning.
- Verse 16: The Word was written by men, but YHWH inspired them as to what to write. That’s why it is called the Word of YHWH. You can use it for doctrine, reproof, correction, or instruction.

2 Peter 1:20-21

- The Word is not a man’s “private interpretation” (or opinion). Men wrote, “As they were moved by the Holy Spirit”. (Example: Isaiah was not writing what he thought; he was writing what YHWH told him to write. Some of the Old Testament writers didn’t even know the full meaning of all they were writing at times. It’s similar to a secretary taking dictation from the boss. YHWH spoke it and man wrote it.)

2 Peter 3:15-18

- Paul also wrote letters “according to the wisdom given unto him”. Some people try to understand these without the experience of the book of Acts and cannot properly comprehend them.
- It is possible to wrestle with the scriptures to one’s own destruction.
- They would be in the error of the wicked if they fell from their own steadfastness (fell from what the apostles taught).

Revelation 22:18-20

- Can’t add to nor take away from the Word.

- Some feel this scripture is speaking only about the book of Revelation and it may well be, but Deut. 4:2 says the same thing concerning the entire Word of YHWH.

2 Timothy 2:15

- You must study the Scriptures in order to not be ashamed in the judgment.
- The Word must be rightly divided because you can take scripture out of context and make the Scriptures say anything you want it to. (Example: One scripture says, Judas went out and hung himself”, and another says, “Go ye and do likewise”. But, if you put those two together, you will be in trouble.)
- The divisions of the New Testament:
 - Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John): These books begin somewhere around the birth of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) and end somewhere around the death of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah), so they are the biography of the life of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah).
 - Acts (Actions of the apostles): The only book in the entire Scriptures with the verbatim preaching of the apostles to the lost, telling a person how to be saved. So, if you want to know what the apostles preached to the lost, you have to go to the book of Acts. Some say, “That’s only one book”, but so is Genesis. If you want to know in detail how the earth was created, you have to read Genesis, because it is the only book that has it. Yet, it is true because it is the Word of YHWH. Another reason I place full confidence in the book of Acts is because every book before the book of Acts leads right up to it and every book after Acts confirms it.
 - Epistles (Romans through Jude): These are letters written to the Assembly, or individuals in the Assembly, that are already saved. These tell them how to live and act and warn of false teachers, etc.
 - Revelation (A book of prophecy which is written in symbolic form). (Example: Two women are mentioned, one is the nation of Israel and the other is the false Assembly ‘Mother of Harlots’). You also read about a dragon, various beasts, and horses, which all represent something else. That is why you should never try to begin studying your Scriptures by reading Revelation.

IMPORTANCE OF THE WORD

(Questions to inspire thought and purpose)

- Some say, “It doesn’t matter what you believe as long as you are sincere.” Can a man be sincerely wrong? What does the Word say about this?
- Is doctrine important according to the Word? (If the Scriptures says doctrine is not important, it isn’t important; but if the Scriptures says it’s important, then it is important.)
- Are there false prophets today?
- Who are the false prophets according to the Word? (By the time we finish this study, you will know exactly how to tell a false prophet according to the Word of YHWH.)
- Is the “Word-Doctrine-Gospel” necessary for salvation? (These words can be used interchangeably because they basically mean the same thing and may people feel they are not essential for salvation. But let’s see what the Word says about this.)

2 Timothy 4:1-4

- Preach what? The Word.
- The time will come when men will not endure sound doctrine.
- Because the people are full of lust, they shall hire them a preacher that will tickle their ears (tell them what they want to hear).
- They will turn from the truth. What truth? The one taught by the apostles.

1 Timothy 1:3

- “No other doctrine”. From What? From the one the apostles taught, because Paul was doing the writing.

1 Timothy 4:13-16

- Give attendance to doctrine.
- Doctrine will save you and those that hear you. (COMMENT: Sounds as if Paul believes doctrine is important.)

2 Timothy 2:24-26

- Some people oppose themselves. Why? Because they haven’t acknowledged the truth.

- If people do not have truth, they are in a “snare of the devil”. Notice the emphasis continually placed on “the truth” as though there is one truth that saves and all others are error.
- Man divided this into chapter and verse for reference purposes but they sometimes divided a thought with a chapter; so, keep this in mind when studying the Scriptures or you may not understand it properly. Here in Chapter 3, Paul is still continuing the thought of Chapter 2.

2 Timothy 3:1-7

- Verses 1-4: Describes sins of the last days.
- Verse 5: Yet they have a form of Righteousness or belong to some type of religion or Assembly while they commit these sins.
- They deny the power thereof and YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) said in Acts 1:8, “ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you”. So, if the Holy Spirit is the power of YHWH working in man, these Assemblies must deny the power of the Holy Spirit to deliver a man from the sins mentioned in Verses 1-4.
- Verse 7: Always going to Assembly and learning, yet never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Timothy 3:10

- “My doctrine”—Whose Doctrine? Paul’s doctrine.

James 1:21-24

- The Word is able to save your soul.
- Must be “doers of the Word and not hearers only” or we deceive our own self.
- Like looking in a mirror—you see what you need to do but you don’t do it. You deceive yourself into believing you are all right.

Matthew 7:13-27

- Note: These scriptures all pertain to the same subject.
- Straight and narrow is the way to life and few will find it. How many is few? In the days of Noah, there were only eight, which proves YHWH won’t spare people that disobey His Word just to have a large number.
- Verse 15: Why just a few? “Because of false prophets which come to you in sheep’s clothing” or as ministers of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah).

- Verses 16-20: Tells us that the false prophets will produce a fruit that we will know them by, because an evil tree can't produce good fruit.
- Verse 21: Now he is beginning to reveal some of the fruits of a false prophet. A false prophet will get you to call on the name of YHWH but will not do the will of YHWH. The will of YHWH is the Word of YHWH. A testament is a will and we have the old will and the new will. The New Testament is the Old Testament being revealed and the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed. A false prophet will then get you to call on YHWH but not according to the way the Word teaches you must call on Him.
- Verse 22-23: Observe how deceived these people are. They thought they were ready to meet YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah). They were deceived into thinking they were saved when they really were not. Notice YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) said, "I never knew you" and called them workers of evil. Remember that he mentioned not knowing them. Therefore, we need to find out why He never knew them so we won't be deceived by them also.

Matthew 16:18-19

- Verse 18: He will build His Assembly upon the rock. What rock? Not Peter as a man, but the revelations of His Word that He is going to give Peter, because His Word is the rock. That is proven in the next verse.
- Verse 19: He will give Peter the keys, which is the truth of the Word of YHWH that will unlock the door of heaven to people when they obey Peter's preaching. YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) said whatever Peter preaches will be bound in heaven and in earth (which means He will stand behind whatever Peter preaches). Now, if the Word is His rock that the false prophets won't build upon, and here He took His Word and gave it to Peter and said it is what He would build His Assembly upon, then a false prophet will not build on what the apostle Peter and the other apostles preached; that's the fruit that we will know them by. At this point, I could go to the book of Acts, see what Peter preached to the lost and obey that, and I couldn't be condemned in the judgment because of doctrine, since YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) said He was binding (standing behind) all that Peter said.

1 Peter 1:22-25

- "Purified your souls in obeying the truth".
- "Being born again...by the Word of YHWH".
- Incorruptible seed, it endureth forever.

- “Which by the gospel is preached unto you”. This proves gospel and Word are one and it is speaking of the gospel Peter preached.

1 Peter 2:6-8

- Note that the rock is called “Him” (speaking of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah)) because YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) is the Word of YHWH. You can’t separate Him from His Word.
- Rock of stumbling and rock of offense – To them, which stumble at the Word, being disobedient. When people are offended at the Word the apostles preached, they are offended at YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah), their foundation.
- The gospel is our foundation that we must build upon.

Ephesians 2:18-22

- Foundation of the apostles and prophets. Why them? Because they are the ones that preached the Word. We must obey what they preached in order to build on YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah).

John 17:17-20

- Scripture Setting: this is YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) praying for His apostles.
- He sent them (the apostles) into the world sanctified with the truth. If we want to know who is sent of YHWH, the Word (which is truth) tells us here that the apostles are sent of YHWH.
- YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) prayed for them that we would believe on Him according to the apostles’ words.

Galatians 1:6-12

- Verse 7: Some will pervert the gospel, which means to change the gospel. They will preach a gospel message but it will be one different from what the apostles preached (as proven in the next verses).
- Verses 8-9: If any man or an angel preaches any other gospel, other than what the apostles preached, he is accursed. (2 Peter 3:2 proves the words “we”, “us”, and “our” refers to the apostles when they were writing.)
- If he pleased man, he would not please YHWH.
- He received the gospel by revelation of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) and not by word of mouth as the original twelve apostles. Yet, he preached the same message they did, which proves there is only one gospel.

- He was confirming what has already been said. The fruit of a false prophet is that he will not preach “word-for-word” the gospel that the apostles preached to the lost in the book of Acts. He will change it to some degree.

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1 Peter 4:17-18

- The Scriptures is so inspired of YHWH that Peter is going to ask a question here and Paul is going to answer it in our next scripture.
- Judgment begins at the house of YHWH because the apostles’ gospel provided for the remission of all past sin.
- Begin with us. (The apostles were the first to preach this message.)
- What is going to be the end of them that obey not the gospel?
- He is actually saying that if the righteous will scarcely be saved, what chance does a sinner have? None!

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

- Answer to Peter 4:17 as to what will happen to those who obey not the gospel.
- He will come in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not YHWH and that obey not the gospel.
- Notice how he ties in “not knowing YHWH” with “not obeying the gospel”. So that’s why the people did not know YHWH at the judgment in Matthew 7:23. They had not built on the sayings (gospel) that YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) gave His apostles, which (not building on them) is the fruit of a false prophet.
- They will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of YHWH. (COMMENT: “This sounds like hell, doesn’t it?”)
- Verse 10: Because our testimony was believed, meaning they believed what the apostles preached.
- Notice how he mentions the gospel he preached as being the same gospel that will judge people at the coming of YHWH. This proves that the message the apostles preached will not change until YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) comes.
- (Psalm 37:29; Proverb 10:30 Rapture??)

2 John 1:9-11

- Must abide in the doctrine of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) or you don’t have YHWH. This definitely proves that doctrine is essential.
- We should not be supportive of anyone preaching any other doctrine.
- (COMMENT: “What doctrine was John talking about? No one should know any better than John himself, so let’s go to our next scripture.”)

1 John 4:6

- We (the apostles) are of YHWH. He that knows YHWH hears the apostles. He that is not of YHWH won't hear them. That's how you tell who has the truth and who has error. (This proves everything that has been said in the study up to this point.)
- This further proves the reason the people were deceived and did not know YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) (Matthew 7:22-23) was they had believed another gospel other than the one the apostles preached in the book of Acts.

Jude 1:3

- Common salvation. All had the same message.
- Once delivered—what the apostles preached.

Matthew 23:15

- Proselyte – One converted to a belief. Once a person is supposedly saved by the wrong belief, you can't get them to realize they are lost, so they can be saved according to the truth. Therefore, he's a two-fold, child of hell. (See Matthew 15:14 as further proof of the dangers of following a false teacher.)

Romans 1:16

- Gospel - "Power of YHWH unto salvation" to those who believe it.

Romans 1:20

- Godhead is without excuse.
- There are three basic theories on the godhead:
 - TRINITY: Three persons in the Godhead that are co-equal, co-existent, and co-eternal that agree together to make-up one Elohim.
 - ONENESS: That there is one Elohim who is an omnipresent Spirit (deity) that lived in the Son (flesh). (Quote: 1 Timothy 3:16 and first part of 2 Corinthians 5:19)
 - JEHOVAH'S WITNESS THEORY: That Jehovah is the only Almighty Elohim and YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) is just a little god.

(COMMENT: "We need to know which of these is correct, because the Scriptures says that it's without excuse; so, if you would like, we have a Godhead Scriptures Study that we can go through after we finish this Scriptures study.")

Romans 6:17-18

- Were sinners-saved and freed from sin when they obeyed from the heart the doctrine (gospel) delivered them.

Romans 16:17-18

- Mark them, which teach something other than what you have learned. (The apostles taught them what they knew.) Verses 25-26 prove this. Paul said, “Stablish you according to my gospel”.
- They are not serving YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) but by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. Examples of deceptive speeches:
 - (1) “It does not matter what you believe as long as you are sincere.”
 - (2) “You don’t have to do all the apostles preached; that was just for their day.”
- When you hear this kind of talk, just place a big “check mark” on them in your mind because they are not of YHWH.

2 Corinthians 4:1-5

- The apostles were not handling the word of YHWH deceitfully.
- If the apostle’s gospel is hid to someone, he is lost.
- Many people ask the question, “What about those that never hear the apostles’ gospel?” This scripture answers that. They are lost!
- The god of this world (which most considers this to be referring to Satan) has blinded their minds so the true gospel won’t get to them.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

- False prophets have become as ministers of light.
- How can we tell a false prophet? By seeing if they preach the same thing the apostles did.

Ephesians 4:14-15

- Don’t be carried away by every wind of doctrine. Whose doctrine can we believe? The apostles’ doctrine.

Colossians 1:22-23

- Must continue in the faith and gospel of which Paul was a minister.

Colossians 2:8-9

- Beware of philosophy and tradition of men. (Example: “It does not matter what you believe as long as you are sincere.”)
- In YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) is the fullness.
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2 Thessalonians 2:9-15

- Verses 9-12: People must have a love for the truth or YHWH himself will send them a strong delusion and they will believe a lie and be damned because they didn't love the truth. You can see from this scripture how serious YHWH is about obeying His gospel. There are basically three ways to be lost and only one way to be saved.
- Three ways to be lost:
 - You could never hear the apostles' gospel, and if it's hid to you, you are lost.
 - A false prophet could deceive you into believing something other than what the apostles preached.
 - You could not love the truth after you hear it and YHWH himself will send you a delusion and allow you to believe a lie and be damned. He feels like so many will be lost because of the first two reasons, that people should appreciate the gospel when it is revealed to them.
- One way of Salvation:
 - You must hear what the apostles preached and love it enough to obey it and live a godly life as a result of the gospel.
 - Verses 13-15: “Called you by our gospel”. What gospel? Paul's gospel (or the apostles' gospel).
- Hold the traditions you have been taught, whether by word or epistle. What traditions? Those Paul and the apostles preached.
- We must obey what the APOSTLES preached because they have the truth.