

ISAIAH 1:18-20 WHY WE LIVE BY THE BIBLE....

ILLUSTRATION

This book is not God (don't worship Bible) – knowing bible doesn't mean you know God

- When I say we live by the bible I mean we live with and by the God of the Bible.

The Bible is authoritative because it's God inspired. WE OPEN AND SAY GOD SAYS US

- Say we have declared war against Germany – **THE PRESIDENT OF THE US**

Not advice to live your life by, enhance well-being, your best life now, +spiritual aspect, not relieve your conscience – **THE BIBLE POINTS US TO CONNECTS W/ LVNG GOD**

- We chafe at authority – big guy sky bossing people around – BULLY

Authority: Daily surrendering every aspect of yourself and your life to God by living in a faith filled relationship with Jesus and being obedient to His Word.

MP: God's Word is an authoritatively loving invitation to come and have relationship with Him.

- Authoritative in the sense: what He says is truth, consequences to our response

THE BIBLE RECORDS THE STORIES OF HUMAN RESPONSE TO GOD – Adam/Eve, Abraham Sara, Cain and Abel, Peter and Judas, Religious leaders disciples

Isaiah 1:18-20

1. YHWH IS GOD: His essence requires our obedience.

Isaiah 45:5 I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God.

- We submit to authority boss, coach, ride operator Disneyland – **CREATOR GD**

authority established by nature supremacy – merciful, tender, loving and longsuffering

but He's Almighty MAKER Isaiah 1:3 ox master, donkey masters crib my people do not

Isaiah 66:1 Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? ²All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. **But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.** "

2. GOD HAS LOCATED HIS AUTHORITY IN HIS SON JESUS

Not rules, principles to live your life by – I FOLLOW THE 10 COMMANDMENTS, I follow the golden rule – NTW Bible is Good Advice

God's authority is not in a principle it's in a person

Matthew 29:18 All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

John 3:35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.

John 17:1 Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ²as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

I am the door, I am the good shepherd, I am the way the truth life – **right with God, forgiven, fulfilled, healed, empowered, everlasting - JESUS**

Christians aren't just good people we are Jesus people; we are redeemed people.

3. GOD APPEALS WITH US TO COME TO HIM THROUGH CHRIST

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

God doesn't understand, doesn't care, angry, abusive, mean, bully, hurt me.

- Stop listening to other people's versions LOOK AT JESUS

WHY??? THE INCARNATION, CRUCIFIXION, RESURRECTION AND THE ASCENSION

- **Incarnation:** His Humility – identified with us, associated with us, related to us – God does understand – **high priest sympathize weakness**
- **Crucifixion:** His Love – suffered for us, sacrificed for us, paid for us – he does care, he isn't angry – **WHAT IS MORE ENTICING THAN LOVE?**
- **Resurrection:** His Power – Rose for us, broke the power of death for us, paved a way to heaven for us – **He is able, he does desire**
- **Ascension:** His Authority – sits at the right hand for us, intercedes and mediates to the Father for us – **He can rescue**

4. WE CHOOSE LIFESTYLE OF OBEDIENCE BECAUSE OF CHRIST

Vast majority of Christians have a relationship of convenience with GOD....

- It's not 100% - choosing obedience in every sphere

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Hebrews 3:15 As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.