

The Bible's Pre-Christian God



The LORD [Jehovah]⁽⁷⁾ said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand until I make your
enemies your footstool.”

Psalms 110:1 (English Standard Version)

The Bible recounts about 6000 years from the creation of Adam until our day. We can see, by looking at any calendar, Jesus was born about 2000 years ago. Who was the God that dealt with mankind during the 4000 years before Christ? Who made the wonderful promises to Abraham and to his seed? Who spoke to Moses and split the Red Sea? Is it important that we know him? What did Jesus teach about him?

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Luke 17:30 & 37

Understanding the Bible

Bible teachers who pick a scripture here, and pick a scripture there, can make the Bible seem impossible to understand. It becomes simple, however, if you try to view it in context.

Seeing the Bible in context only means becoming familiar with it by gaining an overview of its purpose. For example: If you were sitting looking for your first time at an unaltered rubix cube (a 3 inch plastic square with each of its six sides a different color) sitting on a shelf, it would be hard to know what it is was from your one perspective. Your view might be that of a simple blue square. Another person, seated 90 degrees around the object from you, might be seeing a yellow square. Still a third person standing so his view is above and between the two of you might see a sort of three colored pyramid. All would be correct in describing what they were seeing, but none would really understand what they were looking at. And, their descriptions would be very confusing to a fourth party. That person might think the other three were a little crazy. If each person were able to pick up the cube and roll it around in their hands, each would fully understand what they are looking at and the reason for their varied descriptions; including the confused bystander. Such a thorough examination and an open discussion about it would also reveal the cubes purpose. To really grasp the point we are making, you must begin to consider the great difference between religion and Christianity. Christians are continually rolling the Bible around in their mind (by reading it) while religionists (speaking here of those religions who do lay claim to being Christian) have picked a few scriptures and are looking at the Bible from the one viewpoint their few scriptures afford them. They are continually trying to reinforce and defend that one same view, from the point of view they have selected for themselves, but they won't pick up the Bible and really examine it.

Rolling the Bible around in their hands, by always remaining sincere students of its pages, is what religious sects actually try to keep their members from doing. That defines religion as different from Christianity. They just can't help themselves. While most religious

groups no doubt started out being Bible students, they have each decided and determined to set themselves apart as being the only group who has the one and only true understanding of the Bible. They each become consumed with teaching their particular viewpoint to others, rather than continuing on to examine the Bible so as to gain an ever clearer understanding (by actually reading it). They each demand that members adhere to their organizational dogma or doctrine. They all fail to realize Jesus Christ is the one and only person to understand and explain the Bible. Read what *Jesus* said! What we are describing really isn't confusing or hard to recognize. If you are a member of a religious group, do they meet to actually read the Bible? Or, do they keep you buried in Bible study aids published by their sect? Do they expect you to listen for an hour to a lecture with half a dozen scriptures sprinkled through? That is not Bible study. Understanding the difference between Christianity and religion,¹ just like understanding all the rest of

¹ Matthew 24:23-28 Modern World Translation (MWT) ²³ “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look! Here is the Christ,’ or, ‘There!’ do not believe it. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will give great signs and wonders so as to mislead, if possible, even those being chosen. ²⁵ Look! I have forewarned you. ²⁶ Therefore, if people say to you, ‘Look! He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out; ‘Look! He is in the inner chambers,’ do not believe it. ²⁷ For just as the lightning comes out of eastern parts and shines over to western parts, so the presence of the Son of man will be.

²⁸ Wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. [Jesus has lit up the whole world with his teachings. They are contained in the Gospels. Though he is seated in heaven, his teachings amount the “remains” (or body) he left us. He is speaking to you from the Bible, nowhere else. Gather around what he left us. He warned you in the scriptures above.] ~

Matthew 7:15-24 CEV Watch out for false prophets! They dress up like sheep, but inside they are wolves who have come to attack you. (16) You can tell what they are by what they do. No one picks grapes or figs from thornbushes. (17) A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. (18) A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. (19) Every tree that produces bad fruit will be chopped down and burned. (20) You can tell who the false prophets are by their deeds. (21) Not everyone who calls me their Lord will get into the

the Bible, becomes an easy thing² for those who sincerely examine what it says. Jesus said religions go wrong simply because they don't know what the Bible says.³ We encourage you to join us in examining the Bible from what might seem a little different perspective than you have viewed before. Although your religious leaders might try to convince you otherwise, there is never any reason to fear undertaking such a study. It is the Bible's prescribed method for making yourself noble minded. All you have to do to make yourself noble minded is to make sure everything you are told finds support in the Bible!⁴ If you know a scripture that says the Bible is a blue square (from our example above), don't doubt that scripture you already know because someone can show you another scripture that says it is a red square. Just continue to meditate on both those scriptures, along with all the others you can find

kingdom of heaven. Only the ones who obey my Father in heaven will get in. (22) On the day of judgment many will call me their Lord. They will say, "We preached in your name, and in your name we forced out demons and worked many miracles." (23) But I will tell them, "I will have nothing to do with you! Get out of my sight, you evil people!" (24) Anyone who hears and obeys these teachings of mine is like a wise person who built a house on solid rock. [Jesus's true sheep are hearing and doing what he taught. You can only do that by reading the Bible. Make yourself noble minded!]⁽⁴⁾

² Proverbs 14:5-6 CEV An honest witness tells the truth; a dishonest witness tells nothing but lies. (6) Make fun of wisdom, and you will never find it. But if you have understanding, knowledge comes easily.

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³ Matthew 22:29 ALT But answering, Jesus said to them, "You are led astray [*fig., are mistaken*], not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

⁴ Acts 17:11 CEV The people in Berea were much nicer [*literal translations say "more noble minded"*] than those in Thessalonica, and they gladly accepted the message. Day after day they studied the Scriptures to see if these things were true.

that bear on the subject, until the one and only clear scriptural picture of truth emerges. As you gain Bible knowledge, read over and over what Jesus taught you in the Gospels. That is God's prescribed process for becoming a noble minded person.⁽⁴⁾ Toward the goal of becoming ever more familiar with the Bible, then, please consider what the scriptures say about the pre-Christian God of the Old Testament record.

An examination shows studious men have accurately traced the Bible record to account for about 6000 years of time from the creation of Adam until our day (about 6040 years actually, as of 2015).⁵ The Bible is divided into two sections, the Old Testament (or Hebrew Scriptures) and the New Testament (or Christian Greek Scriptures). The Old Testament (OT) portion of the Bible accounts for about 2/3 of its volume, and contains the record of the first 4000 years of mankind's Bible recorded history. Christianity was introduced as recorded by the New Testament (NT) about 2000 years ago (and about 4000 years after the creation of Adam, putting us 6000 years from that creation until today. Christianity was brought to birth in 29 CE when Jesus presented himself as the promised Jewish Messiah:⁶ **Matthew 3:13-17 MWT** Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, in order to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ But John kept objecting and said: "I am the one needing to be baptized by you, and are you coming to me?" ¹⁵ In reply Jesus said to him: "For now this is how it should be, because we must do all that God wants us to do." Then he quit preventing him. ¹⁶ After being baptized Jesus immediately came up from the water; and, look! the heavens were opened up, and he saw descending like a dove God's spirit coming upon him. ¹⁷ Look! Also, there was a

⁵ Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/DisplayScroll.html>

⁶ **John 4:19-23 MWT** The woman said to him, Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. (20) Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship. (21) Jesus said to her, Woman, believe me that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem. (22) You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, because salvation originates with the Jews. (23) But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father is looking for such persons to worship him.

voice from the heavens that said: “This is my own dear Son, the beloved, and I am pleased with him.” Who, then, was the God who spoke to Jesus when he came up from the water? Who was the Bible’s God during that 4000 year record before Christ? Who promised to produce a Messiah to help mankind? Do you think it's important to know who He is? Since God persistently had His name recorded for us in those Old Testament (OT) Scriptures, might it be important to know that name? What was He teaching mankind during all those years before Christ? Since He dedicated 2/3 of the Bible to that Old Testament record, and therein recorded his divine name over 6000 times, doesn't it make the name of God and his teachings seem important? Of course it does! What, then, does this pre-Christian God teach us in the Old Testament? How does it bear upon the teachings by Christ as recorded for us in the first four Gospel books of the New Testament?

The Old and New Testaments are, of course, one Bible! One of the most wonderful things about the Bible is its consistency and integrity. The Bible is all truth, and the more you learn about any one part of it, the more you know about the rest of it because of how it’s intertwined. That includes learning about both the Old and New Testaments. For those who have chosen to express faith in Christ Jesus, while having little knowledge of the OT, do not be alarmed by our line of thinking. It is only good in every way to learn about the God who predates Christianity. Such knowledge will surely strengthen your faith in Christ.

We might start with knowing and appreciating the name of the God of the OT. He introduced himself to us as Jehovah,⁷ saying that He is our

⁷ Exodus 6:3 Darby And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as the Almighty *God; but by my name Jehovah I was not made known to them.~

God’s personal name in the original Hebrew Characters is יהוה. Those four Hebrew letters correspond to YHVH or YHWH and translate to Jehovah in English. Some prefer Yahweh as the English translation but it seems neither is more accurate than the other. Jehovah is most well-known and accepted. Some translators removed the divine name from their translation works. Many substituted LORD in all capitols when they replaced Jehovah, and used Lord when the original Hebrew word actually meant lord. When you see LORD in most translations, it should read Jehovah.

salvation,⁸ that we should trust in Him forever,⁹ and that He, whose name alone is Jehovah, is the most high God of all.¹⁰ Having had his personal name used over 6000 times in the most ancient copies of the original Hebrew Scriptures, it would seem he wanted us to know the divine name!

As for those who already believe in Christ Jesus, then, how do they reconcile a belief in both Jehovah God and Christ Jesus. Again, the nice thing about the Bible is we never need to reconcile anything... Both Jehovah and Christ made their relationship clear in their respective teachings. All we need do is open our mind to the Bible, and then listen and learn. (We must be very cautious to avoid being derailed by well-meaning religious people who are stuck on the red square (from the illustration above), and who want to stick us there as well. They are convinced they are right, after all, and everyone else is wrong.) In Luke 10:21,¹¹ Jesus thanked his Father that He had hidden the truth from wise and intellectual people (those who have no real interest in truth) and made it clear to ordinary people. Jesus went on to say: (Luke 10:22 & 23 CEV) My Father has given me everything, and he is the only one who knows the Son. The only one who really knows the Father is the Son. But the Son wants to tell others about the Father, so that they can know him too. (23) Jesus then turned to his disciples and said to them in private, "You are really blessed to see what you see!" We can be "blessed" today, just as were Jesus disciples. All we need do is listen to

⁸ Isaiah 12:1-2 Darby And in that day thou shalt say, Jehovah, I will praise thee; for though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou hast comforted me. (2) Behold, *God is my salvation: I will trust, and not be afraid; for Jah, Jehovah, is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation.

⁹ Isaiah 26:4 LITV Trust in Jehovah forever, for in Jah Jehovah is everlasting strength.

¹⁰ Psalms 83:18 LITV And let them know Your name is Jehovah, that You alone *are* the Most High over all the earth.

¹¹ Luke 10:21 CEV At that same time, Jesus felt the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit, and he said: My Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I am grateful that you hid all this from wise and educated people and showed it to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that is what pleased you.

what he taught us about his Father Jehovah, and what the Father taught us in the OT as well. The Old and New Testaments are inextricably linked in purpose.

Very early in the 4000 year record of the Hebrew Scriptures, immediately after Adam and Eve sinned, Jehovah God (the Father Jesus spoke to and about, and the God¹² he prayed to¹³ so often) made all of mankind a promise. As the first promise recorded in the Bible, Jehovah prophesied He would raise up a seed from the woman who would crush Satan's head.¹⁴ (Satan is the spirit creature who instigated the rebellion by Adam and Eve.) Jehovah could have instantly crushed all three of them, of course. Satan had asserted, however, that God was bad in his course to withhold something from Adam and Eve, and that they would be better off disobeying God.¹⁵ Satan also implied God's creation was

¹² John 20:17 KJV Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

¹³ Matthew 26:38-39 GW Then he said to them, "My anguish is so great that I feel as if I'm dying. Wait here, and stay awake with me." (39) After walking a little farther, he quickly bowed with his face to the ground and prayed, "Father, if it's possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. But let your will be done rather than mine."

¹⁴ Genesis 3:15 BBE And there will be war between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed: by him will your head be crushed and by you his foot will be wounded.

¹⁵ Genesis 3:1-6 BBE Now the snake was wiser than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, Has God truly said that you may not take of the fruit of any tree in the garden? (2) And the woman said, We may take of the fruit of the trees in the garden: (3) But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God has said, If you take of it or put your hands on it, death will come to you. (4) And the snake said, Death will not certainly come to you: (5) For God sees that on the day when you take of its fruit, your eyes will be open, and you will be as gods, having knowledge of good and evil. (6) And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and a delight to the eyes, and to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit, and gave it to her husband.

bad, and would all turn against him if put to the test.¹⁶ Killing the three of them instantly would not have settled the issues raised by Satan in front of all God's other children in heaven (and even on earth in the yet unborn sons and daughters of Adam and Eve). Settling those issues would be the purpose and task of the "seed of the woman" whom Jehovah promised to raise up.¹⁷ That promised deliverer would clear Jehovah's name of the reproach Satan placed upon it. That would include, not only proving Jehovah was perfect in his rulership, but proving his creation was good as well.¹⁸ Rather than defend himself, Jehovah would allow his son to do so.⁽³⁶⁾ They were about to prove that because some of God's creatures had chosen to use their wondrous gift of freedom to make themselves bad, it does not mean the creation is defective. The defect was their own.¹⁹

¹⁶ Job 1:9-12 LITV And Satan answered Jehovah and said, Does Job fear God for nothing? (10) Have You not made a hedge for him, and for his house, and for all that is his all around? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his livestock have increased in the land. (11) But put out Your hand now, and touch against all that is his, *and see* if he will not *then* curse You to Your face. (12) And Jehovah said to Satan, Behold, all that is his is in your hand! Only, do not lay your hand on him. And Satan went out from the face of Jehovah.

¹⁷ John 18:37 ALT ...For this *[reason]* I have been born, and for this *[reason]* I have come into the world, so that I should testify to the truth. Every *[one]* being of the truth hears My voice." ~
1 John 3:5-8 ALT And you know that that One was revealed so that He should take away our sins, and sin is not in Him. (6) Every one abiding in Him (*learning and living by what Jesus taught*)⁽³⁹⁾ is not sinning; every one sinning has not seen Him, nor has come to know Him. (7) Little children [*or, [My] dear children*], let no one be leading you astray [*fig., be deceiving you*]; the one practicing righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. (8) The one practicing sin is from the Devil, because the Devil [*has been*] sinning from [*the*] beginning. For this *[reason]* the Son of God was revealed, so that He should destroy the works of the Devil.

¹⁸ Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/DoYouKnowChrist.pdf>

¹⁹ Deuteronomy 32:5a LITV They have corrupted themselves; *they are not His sons; it is their [own] blemish...*

Following their sin (rebellion), Jehovah spent the next 4000 years of the OT record producing that promised seed of the woman. (It is doubtful God needed so much time. The time allowed the children of Adam and Eve (us) to continue to be born. We have the hope and chance for eternal life because of 6000 years allowed to pass since the Garden rebellion.) God's choice of that promised seed was a very important matter. Jehovah had stated the seed would prove faithful, at the same time knowing the choice to be faithful would rest within the coming Messiah himself. (The "seed of the woman" later came to be referred to as the "Messiah.") The OT told us many things about the coming Messiah (or Christ – both titles meaning "anointed one"), so mankind would be able to identify him when he arrived. Jehovah even gave prophecies indicating when the Christ would arrive. People who studied the Hebrew Scriptures were thus looking for the Christ when Jesus presented himself in 29 CE²⁰ to be the "seed of the woman" promised back in Gen 3:15.⁽¹⁴⁾ All any person has to do to take Jehovah's side in the issue of who has the right to decide what is good and bad, is to express faith in Christ Jesus as the son of God; and, as Jesus called himself, as the son of man (or seed of the woman).²¹ Jesus explained to

²⁰ John 7:31 CEV A lot of people in the crowd put their faith in him and said, "When the Messiah comes, he surely won't perform more miracles than this man has done!"~

Luke 3:15 Darby But as the people were in expectation, and all were reasoning in their hearts concerning John whether *he* might be the Christ,

²¹ Mark 14:61-62 YLT and he was keeping silent, and did not answer anything. Again the chief priest was questioning him, and saith to him, `Art thou the Christ--the Son of the Blessed?' (62) and Jesus said, `I am; and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of the power, and coming with the clouds, of the heaven.' [Psa. 110:1; Dan. 7:13]~

Psalms 110:1-2 LITV A Psalm of David. A declaration of Jehovah to my Lord: Sit at My right hand, until I place Your enemies as Your footstool. (2) Jehovah shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion to rule in the midst of Your enemies. [This is the scripture from the picture on the cover. Jesus was the Lord of David who Jehovah would seat at his right hand. He is also the son of man who would go subduing in the midst of his enemies.]~

some religious people how the earth was likened to a vineyard left by his Father, so it could produce people who would be obedient as God's sons and daughters. God sent the people prophets and leaders all during the four thousand years before Christ, and the people rejected and killed most of them. Finally, Jehovah would send his only son, but they would kill him too. When the religious leaders heard these words from Jesus they started trying to kill him, for they realized he was talking about them.²² Religion has not changed since they killed Jesus. Religion still hates the truth down to this day, because it exposes them

Daniel 7:13-14 CEV As I continued to watch the vision that night, I saw what looked like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven, and he was presented to the Eternal God. (14) He was crowned king and given power and glory, so that all people of every nation and race would serve him. He will rule forever, and his kingdom is eternal, never to be destroyed.

²² Mark 12:1-12 CEV Jesus then told them this story: A farmer once planted a vineyard. He built a wall around it and dug a pit to crush the grapes in. He also built a lookout tower. Then he rented out his vineyard and left the country. (2) When it was harvest time, he sent a servant to get his share of the grapes. (3) The renters grabbed the servant. They beat him up and sent him away without a thing. (4) The owner sent another servant, but the renters beat him on the head and insulted him terribly. (5) Then the man sent another servant, and they killed him. He kept sending servant after servant. They beat some of them and killed others. (6) The owner had a son he loved very much. Finally, he sent his son to the renters because he thought they would respect him. (7) But they said to themselves, "Someday he will own this vineyard. Let's kill him! That way we can have it all for ourselves." (8) So they grabbed the owner's son and killed him. Then they threw his body out of the vineyard. (9) Jesus asked, "What do you think the owner of the vineyard will do? He will come and kill those renters and let someone else have his vineyard. (10) You surely know that the Scriptures say, 'The stone that the builders tossed aside is now the most important stone of all. (11) This is something the Lord has done, and it is amazing to us.' " (12) The leaders knew that Jesus was really talking about them, and they wanted to arrest him. But because they were afraid of the crowd, they let him alone and left.

for the hypocrites they are.²³ The religious leaders of Jesus day had all kinds of traditions they looked to and used to justify themselves.²⁴ They

²³ John 11:47-48 GW So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the [*Sanhedrin*] council. They asked, "What are we doing? This man is performing a lot of miracles. (48) If we let him continue what he's doing, everyone will believe in him. Then the Romans will take away our position and our nation."

John 8:40-45 GNB All I have ever done is to tell you the truth I heard from God, yet you are trying to kill me. Abraham did nothing like this! (41) You are doing what your father did." "God himself is the only Father we have," they answered, "and we are his true children." (42) Jesus said to them, "If God really were your Father, you would love me, because I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own authority, but he sent me. (43) Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to listen to my message. (44) You are the children of your father, the Devil, and you want to follow your father's desires. From the very beginning he was a murderer and has never been on the side of truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he is only doing what is natural to him, because he is a liar and the father of all lies. (45) But I tell the truth, and that is why you do not believe me.

Matthew 15:7-9 GNB You hypocrites! How right Isaiah was when he prophesied about you! (8) 'These people, says God, honor me with their words, but their heart is really far away from me. (9) It is no use for them to worship me, because they teach human rules as though they were my laws!' "

²⁴ Mark 7:1-13 CEV Some Pharisees and several teachers of the Law of Moses from Jerusalem came and gathered around Jesus. (2) They noticed that some of his disciples ate without first washing their hands. (3) The Pharisees and many other Jewish people obey the teachings of their ancestors. They always wash their hands in the proper way before eating. (4) None of them will eat anything they buy in the market until it is washed. They also follow a lot of other teachings, such as washing cups, pitchers, and bowls. (5) The Pharisees and teachers asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples obey what our ancestors taught us to do? Why do they eat without washing their hands?" (6) Jesus replied: You are nothing but show-offs! The prophet Isaiah was right when he wrote that God had said, "All of you praise me with your words, but you never really think about me. (7) It is useless for you to

followed their traditions instead of Jesus. Modern religion does exactly the same.²⁵ They are all looking at the blue square, or red square, or whatever few scriptures they have selected to build their faith on.

Look past the sectarian beliefs of men. Can you see how the Bible reveals our gaining hope and life has been a simple and consistent process for all those 6000 years of Bible record? Jehovah's eyes have always been roving about in the earth to find every single person of goodwill; every person who desires to be a part of Jehovah's good creation (when given that opportunity).²⁶ Every righteously inclined person Jehovah has found, has been helped by him. For the first 4000 years, He led them to hope in and look forward to, the coming Messiah. Those who died before Jesus's arrival died in the hope of a resurrection.²⁷ Starting 2000 years ago, instead of hoping in a coming Messiah, Jehovah has been leading upright individuals to the teachings of his son.²⁸ There was no more looking forward to the coming Messiah. God had the teachings of the Christ recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke

worship me, when you teach rules made up by humans." (8) You disobey God's commands in order to obey what humans have taught. (9) You are good at rejecting God's commands so that you can follow your own teachings! (10) Didn't Moses command you to respect your father and mother? Didn't he tell you to put to death all who curse their parents? (11) But you let people get by without helping their parents when they should. You let them say that what they own has been offered to God. (12) You won't let those people help their parents. (13) And you ignore God's commands in order to follow your own teaching. You do a lot of other things that are just as bad.

²⁵ Ecclesiastes 1:9 ESV What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.

²⁶ 2 Chronicles 16:9a MWT For the eyes of Jehovah go this way and that, through all the earth, letting it be seen that he is the strong support of those whose hearts are true to him...

²⁷ John 11:24 ESV Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

²⁸ John 6:44a BBE No man is able to come to me if the Father who sent me does not give him the desire to come...

and the apostle John.²⁹ God now leads all sincere people to the teachings of Jesus. When any one of us turns to Jesus in faith, Jesus teaches us about his Father Jehovah from the Gospels.³⁰ Jesus said our very life depends on knowing both he and his Father.³¹ When Jesus finally and fully submits to his Father Jehovah, his doing so will make him the exact opposite of Satan and Adam and Eve. By his unwavering and everlasting obedience, Jesus provides the eternal solution to all of creation's problems.³² All faithful creation will worship Jehovah forever, in paradise and peace, with the faithfulness of the Christ resting as a shield over us forever.³³ Every action ever taken by Jehovah has been

²⁹ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/biblejohn.pdf>

³⁰ Matthew 11:27 GNB "My Father has given me all things. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

³¹ John 17:3 GNB And eternal life means to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, whom you sent.

³² 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 CEV (20) But Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life. (21) Just as we will die because of Adam, we will be raised to life because of Christ. (22) Adam brought death to all of us, and Christ will bring life to all of us. (23) But we must each wait our turn. Christ was the first to be raised to life, and his people will be raised to life when he returns. (24) Then after Christ has destroyed all powers and forces, the end will come, and he will give the kingdom to God the Father. (25) Christ will rule until he puts all his enemies under his power, (26) and the last enemy he destroys will be death. (27) When the Scriptures say that he will put everything under his power, they don't include God. It was God who put everything under the power of Christ. (28) After everything is under the power of God's Son, he will put himself under the power of God, who put everything under his Son's power. Then God will mean everything to everyone.

³³ Isaiah 9:6-7 ASV For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this.~

perfect. Any rebellion or course of action against his will causes harm. We have what has happened over these 6000 years as the eternal witness to that fact. Rebellion against Jehovah's perfect ways is what brought all this pain and suffering and death. Never again will Jehovah have any reason to tolerate any rebellion against him. Those who have been judged by him to be upright will never rebel. God knows those who love him.³⁴ When he judges them upright, they are eternally so.

Isaiah 11:1-10 Darby And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall be fruitful; (2) and the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah. (3) And his delight will be in the fear of Jehovah; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears; (4) but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. (5) And righteousness shall be the girdle of his reins, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. (6) The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatted beast together, and a little child shall lead them. (7) And the cow and the she-bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. (8) And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the adder, and the weaned child shall put forth its hand to the viper's den. (9) They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea. (10) And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, standing as a banner of the peoples: the nations shall seek it; and his resting-place shall be glory.

³⁴ Romans 8:28 ESV And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.~

1 Corinthians 8:3 ESV But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.~

Zephaniah 3:9 Darby For then will I turn to the peoples a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of Jehovah, to serve him with one consent.~

Jesus Christ proved that to be true. Jehovah said his firstborn son would prove faithful³⁵ and would fix the mess caused by Satan. It was Jesus's choice to do exactly that!³⁶ It was Jesus's choice to be faithful⁽¹³⁾ because it is right and good. Join him! Direct others to the Gospels.

2 Timothy 2:19 MWT But the foundation that God has laid is solid. On it is written, "God knows those who love him. So let everyone who calls on the name of God turn away from evil."

³⁵ Acts 2:25-32 MWT ²⁵ For David says respecting him [*the Messiah*], 'I had Jehovah constantly before my eyes; [*Ps 16:8*] because he is at my right hand that I may never be shaken. ²⁶ On this account my heart became cheerful and my tongue rejoiced greatly. Moreover, even my flesh will reside in hope; ²⁷ because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow your loyal one to see corruption. ²⁸ You have made life's ways known to me, you will fill me with good cheer with your face.' ²⁹ "Men, brothers, it is allowable to speak with freeness of speech to you concerning the family head David, that he both deceased and was buried and his tomb is among us to this day. ³⁰ Therefore, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one from the fruitage of his loins upon his throne, ³¹ he saw beforehand and spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he forsaken in Hades nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God resurrected, of which fact we are all witnesses.~

Psalms 16:8 MWT ⁸ I have placed Jehovah in front of me constantly. Because [he] is at my right hand, I shall not be made to totter.

³⁶ Psalms 40:6-10 GNB You do not want sacrifices and offerings; you do not ask for animals burned whole on the altar or for sacrifices to take away sins. Instead, you have given me ears to hear you, (7) and so I answered, "Here I am; your instructions for me are in the book of the Law. (8) How I love to do your will, my God! I keep your teaching in my heart." (9) In the assembly of all your people, LORD, I told the good news that you save us. You know that I will never stop telling it. (10) I have not kept the news of salvation to myself; I have always spoken of your faithfulness and help. In the assembly of all your people I have not been silent about your loyalty and constant love.

The purpose of justbibletruth.com, then, is to help all people see how very easy it is to understand the Bible.^{(2) & 37} It is also our intent to share Jesus's warning about the danger of being misled by what often turns out to be well-meaning but confused individuals and groups.⁽¹⁾ Note the Bible says some of those false prophets, whether ignorant or malicious, would perform great signs in their imagined support of their lies. It

³⁷ Proverbs 4:1-27 GNB My children, listen to what your father teaches you. Pay attention, and you will have understanding. (2) What I am teaching you is good, so remember it all. (3) When I was only a little boy, my parents' only son, (4) my father would teach me. He would say, "Remember what I say and never forget it. Do as I tell you, and you will live. (5) Get wisdom and insight! Do not forget or ignore what I say. (6) Do not abandon wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will keep you safe. (7) Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do. Whatever else you get, get insight. (8) Love wisdom, and she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will bring you honor. (9) She will be your crowning glory." (10) Listen to me, my child. Take seriously what I am telling you, and you will live a long life. (11) I have taught you wisdom and the right way to live. (12) Nothing will stand in your way if you walk wisely, and you will not stumble when you run. (13) Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life---guard it well. (14) Do not go where evil people go. Do not follow the example of the wicked. (15) Don't do it! Keep away from evil! Refuse it and go on your way. (16) Wicked people cannot sleep unless they have done something wrong. They lie awake unless they have hurt someone. (17) Wickedness and violence are like food and drink to them. (18) The road the righteous travel is like the sunrise, getting brighter and brighter until daylight has come. (19) The road of the wicked, however, is dark as night. They fall, but cannot see what they have stumbled over. (20) My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen to my words. (21) Never let them get away from you. Remember them and keep them in your heart. (22) They will give life and health to anyone who understands them. (23) Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts. (24) Never say anything that isn't true. Have nothing to do with lies and misleading words. (25) Look straight ahead with honest confidence; don't hang your head in shame. (26) Plan carefully what you do, and whatever you do will turn out right. (27) Avoid evil and walk straight ahead. Don't go one step off the right way.

seems their “great signs” mostly amount to the great cloud of people they have been able to mislead so they will follow after *them*. Many of these sects have large followings and are well accredited by mankind. Do not be deceived. Reading your Bible is your simple protection. You can know false prophets by whether they are actually learning and teaching what Jesus Christ taught.³⁸ In the interest of helping people recognize the Bible to be simple and easy to understand, we try to gain and share different viewpoints so as to avoid becoming sectarian and judgmental. That said, however, you should always demand scriptural support for what is taught, by anyone and everyone you listen to. That is the oh-so-simple way you can know you are not being deceived by us, or by any other person or sect. Use the Bible to verify everything you are told. God himself refers to individuals who do so as noble minded.⁽⁴⁾

Religion only amounts to a badge you wear in the form of your membership in any one of the many religious sects. You give your worship to the group in the form of your time, energy and resources; and they are anxious to provide you with their promise and assurance you are on the road to salvation or paradise. Their blessing is based on your approved membership, and in your performing the works they give you to do. (Those works can range from sitting in attendance at group meetings, to volunteering to help with building projects or to do evangelizing work. Some of them actually do harm to other people while they imagine they are serving God.) Christianity is very different from that. It is based on your personal faith in your personal knowledge of the teachings of Christ Jesus. It is what you are inside, and is always reflected in your love for Jehovah and other humans. You are able to

³⁸ [Matthew 7:15-20 GNB](#) "Be on your guard against false prophets; they come to you looking like sheep on the outside, but on the inside they are really like wild wolves. (16) You will know them by what they do. Thorn bushes do not bear grapes, and briars do not bear figs. (17) A healthy tree bears good fruit, but a poor tree bears bad fruit. (18) A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a poor tree cannot bear good fruit. (19) And any tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown in the fire. (20) So then, you will know the false prophets by what they do.

express such love by means of your faith in Jesus Christ and in what he is doing.³⁹

Remain in the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. Read the Gospels every day of your life. It will set you free!⁴⁰ It will make you happy!⁴¹

³⁹ John 8:31b-32 YLT Jesus, therefore, said... `If ye may remain in my word, truly my disciples ye are, and ye shall know the truth, (32) and the truth shall make you free.'

⁴⁰ Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 CEV (13) Everything you were taught can be put into a few words: Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about. (14) God will judge everything we do, even what is done in secret, whether good or bad.~

Revelation 14:7 GNB He said in a loud voice, "Honor God and praise his greatness! For the time has come for him to judge all people. Worship him who made heaven, earth, sea, and the springs of water!"

⁴¹ James 1:22-25 MWT Now continue becoming doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves with false reasoning. (23) Because if anyone hears the word and does not do it, this one has been likened to a man observing his natural face in a mirror, (24) for he observed himself and off he goes, and immediately he forgets what kind of person he is. (25) But the one having looked into the perfect law of liberty, and having continued in it, this person—not having become a forgetful hearer but a doer of work—this one will be happy in his doing.

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Luke 17:30 & 37



*All who come to God must believe that He exists,
and that He is good. Heb 11:6*

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