

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Lannie Key

Opening Prayer: Greg Lowery

On the Table: Head - Josh Berryhill
Servers - Charles Berryhill
David Key
Bradley Box

Closing Prayer: Ralph Burleson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Katie Berryhill

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Evidence & The Law of Rationality

By Kevin Cauley

The religion of Christ is unlike the many other religions in the world in that it purports to be a religion that is based in and upon actual historical events. The Bible sets forth God as the One who literally is the historical origin of all things. This Book gives a historical account of man’s creation, initial fellowship with God, and subsequent fall. It tells about the destruction of the world by a global flood. This Tome speaks of the historical figure Abraham, his family, and God’s relationship with them as His chosen people. The Bible chronicles the development of this relationship in the growth of this family, their establishment as a nation, and their subsequent failures. At the apex of its story, God Himself enters the world in the Person of Jesus and sets Him forth as the Christ. His death, burial, and resurrection, become the central theme of God’s New Covenant with the world.

All of these events, the Bible sets forth to have occurred in history. This makes these events subject to investigation and the process of reason. In this respect, the religion of the Bible is rational – that is, one may reason about it much as he would reason about any other historical event. Christianity in particular exhorts those who investigate it to reason correctly and honestly about the evidence, weigh it in the crucible of the human mind, and conclude that what it is setting forth is, in fact, God’s truth.

This is consistent with the Law of Rationality: one ought to justify his conclusions by adequate evidence. Were an individual to simply give up on justifying his conclusions by evidence, then he may make quite literally anything the object of our devotion. That is to say, if one is not going to justify his conclusions by adequate evidence, one may “conclude” anything he desires with no evidence at all to support it. This is simple irrationality. Under such a scenario, “conclusions” do not require evidence at all, and one is thus “justified” in drawing a myriad number of “conclusions” that may or may not be related at all to what actually happens in the real world. If one wants to “conclude,” for example, that the moon is made of green cheese, one is “warranted” to believe such.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin’s Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge’s Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Josh Berryhill: dealing with back trouble, please pray that with proper medical treatment that he will improve

Ruth Addison: ongoing health problems, please keep her in your prayers

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Nelle Fraizer (Lellie’s Sister); she has some ongoing health problems

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Jamie Long: has an upcoming hernia surgery, please be praying for a successful surgery

Susie Sims (Whitehouse): has taken radiation treatments to stop a benign tumor from growing on the auditory nerve in her right ear, please pray that the treatments will be successful

Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy) in March. Doctors have suggested that they go to Italy for gene replacement treatment that hasn't been approved in the U.S. Treatments will take 4 months; please pray that these treatments will be successful

Boone Bozeman: (infant son of Alicia and Cory Bozeman) is home from having surgery for a disease in his intestines, please pray that he will have a successful recovery

Tony Lawrence: is in UAB with critical injuries from a car wreck, please pray that he will be able to recover without any serious complications

Virgie McMillan (mother of Ann Box: dealing with complications from a recent stroke, please keep her in your prayers

Upcoming Events

September 20th Fellowship Meal

September 27th Missionary Report {Stacy Ferguson} 10:00 am

In stark contrast to such thinking, the Bible declares, “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21). It exhorts believers in its message to “give an answer,” or “make a defense” regarding those things that are believed as true (1 Peter 3:15). The authors of the Bible assert that they did not follow “cunningly devised fables,” but were “eyewitnesses” of these events (2 Peter 1:16). Moreover, they consistently set forth this evidence “explaining and proving” the facts undergirding their beliefs (Acts 17:3 ESV). Those who doubted were given tangible evidence to assuage their doubts and foster belief (John 4:42, John 9:1-41, John 20:26-31). Those who proclaimed these things were men and women willing to suffer and die in ardent support of their truthfulness. Enemies who heard the message, and evaluated the evidence were convinced and converted (Acts 6:7, Acts 8:13, Acts 9:1-31). What is clear, however, is that in each one of these opportunities, the law of rationality was being applied. Men and women were seeking to justify their conclusions by adequate evidence, and they were given that evidence in abundance!

Those who today proclaim a Christianity eviscerated of the need for their conclusions to be warranted by evidence have abandoned one of Christianity’s fundamental truths. They have substituted the genius of what it means to be Christian for the message of the remaining world religions, namely, that it doesn’t matter what you believe as long as you believe something –any old “belief” will do. The gospel calls men to accept, first and foremost, the law of rationality, and thereby to draw only such conclusions as are warranted by the evidence. The very resurrection of Jesus demands nothing less. Without such a foundation, “we are of all men most pitiable” (1 Corinthians 15:19).

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More Evidence that God will not Forsake You – Just Ask Joseph

By Dan Jenkins

The next time you read Genesis take time to notice how God was always with Joseph. Look at the following list of all the times God was with him. He was with him:

- .. When his dreams were misunderstood, yet later proved to be right.
- .. When he receive a coat of many colors and he didn't ask for it—and the coat became a source of trouble.
- .. When his brothers talked about killing him.
- .. When his brothers put him in a pit with no intention of ever releasing him.
- .. When he was sold by his brothers for only 20 pieces of silver.
- .. When he became a servant in Egypt, where he went from being a favorite son to being a common slave.
- .. When his father did not come immediately to buy him back.
- .. When he stood for right, refused the advances of an evil woman and got in trouble.
- .. When he was in prison where we are reminded “God was with him” (Gen. 39:2, 3, 21, 23).
- .. When he interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer.
- .. When the cupbearer forgot to keep his promise to remember Joseph when he returned to the palace.
- .. When years later he stood before Pharaoh. He had been in Egypt 13 years, yet His faith was still strong.

- .. When his brothers first came and he hid his identity from them.
- .. When his brothers returned.
- .. When he used wisdom in dealing so wisely with his brothers.
- .. When he revealed himself to his brothers.
- .. When he first saw his father.
- .. When Goshen became the Israelites' land.
- .. When his father blessed his sons.
- .. When his father died.
- .. When he returned to Egypt after burying his father.
- .. When he asked for his bones to be some day returned to the promised land.

Child of God, take time to meditate of God's promise to never forsake us and how His providence is illustrated in Joseph's life. Then take time to see His presence in your life. God, who cannot lie, will always be with you!

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