

Soul Winning: The Christian's Business

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Chapter 5

Bible Belief

"I don't believe the Bible," Oil said in a condescending manner to his friend, Ben, who was trying to persuade him to receive CHRIST as Saviour.

"What don't you believe in it?" Ben asked.

"I don't know," Oil answered, taken back.

"Do you believe this?" Ben opened his Bible and read, "**Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood**" (Proverbs 30:33).

Oil laughed, "Enough so I won't ask you to prove it."

"Do you believe this?" Ben persisted and read, "**All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again**" (Ecclesiastes 1:7).

"No, it isn't verses like those that I don't believe," Oil admitted.

"I can tell you what you don't believe. You don't believe verses like '**And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal**' " (Matthew 25:46).

"I guess you've got me there," Oil admitted.

Oil is typical of those who claim that they do not believe the Bible. They do not believe the verses which say they are sinners and which warn of judgment.

Discussing the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures can take hours and hours of time. If you feel the person has a closed mind and will not believe anything you tell him, then it is of little profit to

continue. If, however, he seems interested, here are a few simple proofs that the Bible is inspired.

1) *The Bible claims to be inspired.*

- "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:21) and
- "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16).

2) *It is scientifically correct.*

Though the Book of Job was written at least 3400 years ago, and there was no scientific proof that the north was an empty place until the nineteenth century, it states, "**He stretched out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing**" (Job 26:7).

3) *It contains remarkably fulfilled prophecy about the life of CHRIST.*

The exact manner of CHRIST's birth was foretold; compare Isaiah 7:14 with Matthew 1:23.

- He was to be betrayed by His own familiar friend; comp. Psalm 41:9 and Zechariah 13:6 with Matthew 26:47-49.
- His hands and feet were to be pierced; comp. Psalm 22:16 with Luke 23:33.

4) *However, the supreme proof of the inspiration of the Scripture is that JESUS CHRIST believed it was inspired.*

Everyone, at least, respects Him as the best man who ever walked the earth. The world honors Him by dating the years from His birth. Surely His opinion on the Bible should be sufficient reason for anyone to believe. He said, "**Scripture cannot be broken**" (John 10:35). He quoted Scripture (Matthew 4:4). He warned, "**If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead**" (Luke 16:31).

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