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"HE THAT IS OF GOD"

Introduction: From the days of Adam and Eve unto the present time we discover that the greatest attacks have been against God's Word. You see the creation of doubt and the twisting of the Scriptures in the Garden of Eden:

Genesis 3:1, "... Yea, hath God said...?"

Genesis 3:4, "Ye shall not surely die."

John 8:47, "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."

First: The Scriptures And Salvation. I Peter 1:23

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

I cannot emphasize too much the importance of God's Word in salvation. The Bible itself makes it abundantly clear. *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Romans 10:17

Illustration: A man told me that he was a Christian and that he got saved after he saw lightning dancing on his bed. The interesting thing is that he did not believe the Bible. According to the Bible, that man is not saved.

Second: The Scriptures And Society. Leviticus 25:10

On November 1, 1751, a letter was sent to have a bell made to be placed in "Independence Hall." The instructions were to make a bell and inscribe on the bell a specific Bible reference. The inscription was to read, *"Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."* Our forefathers knew that liberty depended upon a Bible believing people. Remove the Bible from society and confusion will follow.

Third: The Scriptures And Service. II Timothy 2:5

"...he is not crowned, except he strive lawfully."

Everywhere I go I meet people doing what they consider service for the Lord. Yet if you examine what they are doing in light of the Scriptures you then discover it is not lawful with God. "Flea markets" - "food pantries" - "clothing closets."

I know of one church that when it has it's food giveaways and clothing closets open, on that day approximately 2,000 people are there. Yet not one person is saved and not one message preached that could tear open a wet paper bag.

I am not against feeding the poor, nor putting clothes on the back of the needy. What is interesting is that none of the people present needed the clothing. They were just looking for a handout, or a good deal.

If one person would get saved, it would be worth it. But just to smile over bread, cheese, and clothes given to people who would not work if they could work is ridiculous.

Fourth: The Scriptures And Sanity. Mark 5:15

"... sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind..."

Just because a person can quote Bible verses that does not mean he or she is sane. What they do with the Scriptures reveals their sanity. The truth of the matter is that nothing reveals a bent mind like twisting the Word of God.

Illustration: "Judge not, lest ye be judged." Heathen and nutty people use this verse, not the whole passage, to justify what they are doing wrong. Yet that same person will not accept clear Bible instructions on issues which God totally condemns.

I Thessalonians 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

If it even appears to others that something we are doing is wrong, then we are not to do it.

Fifth: The Scriptures And Standards. James 1:22

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only..."

Every standard you need is clearly revealed in God's Word.

- **Appropriate Clothing.** Deuteronomy 22:5, *"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment:"*
- **Hair.** I Corinthians 11:14, *"Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?"*
- **Associations.** I Corinthians 5:11, *"... if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, ... with such an one no not to eat." II Thessalonians 3:14, "... note that man, and have no company with him..."*
- **Doctrine.** Romans 16:17, *"... mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."*

The Bible truly does have the answers to our problems and concerns.

Conclusion: We here at Heritage Baptist Church could include, **"THE SCRIPTURES COMPARED TO SCRIPTURES."** We have studied for a year and a half just on the accuracy of the King James Bible. When compared to all others, it stands supreme.