

Message 1 Introduction: The Basis of Error

TEXT: Mark 12:24 And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?

- err = to stray, to fall away from the truth; to be in error & sin (used of heretics)
- know = to see to perceive to experience

I. These are times of great error

A. 2 Tim 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous (*difficult; dangerous*) times shall come.

1. 2 Tim 3:13-16 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
2. Matt 24:4-5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

II. Jesus gives us two important elements on how not to go into error (in a particular order)

A. **One must know the scriptures** (& Must know the power of God)

1. Jn 8:32 if ye continue in my word
 - a. truly Be a disciple (vs 31 “disciple indeed”)
 - b. truly Be made free (with vs 36 “free indeed”)
 - (1) Vs 34 free from sin
 - (2) If son makes you free... how does he do this? **Thru the word** (if ye continue in my word)
 - (3) This freedom is dependent upon your knowledge of truth (“my word”; i.e. scripture) (See also Jn 17:17)

B. **One must know the power of God**

1. You will come to “know” the power of God, by coming to know the God of power.
2. You will **come to know God in part by coming to know his word**
 - a. John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: **and they are they which testify of me.**
 - (1) Eph 4:20-21 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 **if** so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:
 - (a) He **thru his Holy Spirit & holy word** will teach you...
 - (b) Some have been taught incorrectly

III. Purpose of this series:

A. **not to teach** “**only we have the truth & everyone else is off**”

B. **But to teach** from scripture, so that you may be able to discern the difference between...

1. The teachings of scripture in which it is acceptable for sincere Christians to have differing interpretations vs...

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2. The indisputable teachings of scripture which are fundamental to the faith and must be embraced by all true Christians.
 - a. Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

IV. Other verses used in message:

- A. Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
- B. 2 Pet 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
- C. Luke 6:47-49 ⁴⁷ Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: ⁴⁸ He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. ⁴⁹ But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.
- D. 1 Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
- E. Jude 4: Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.
- F. Deuteronomy 13:1-4 ¹ If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, ² And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; ³ Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴ Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.
- G. Matthew 7:22-25 ²² Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. ²⁴ Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: ²⁵ And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.