



Knowing the Bible – Hosea 4:6

Class Day #3

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Introduction:

1. Some amazing facts about the Bible:
 - a. 66 Books
 - b. 39 Old Testament Books
 - c. 27 New Testament Books
 - d. About 40 different writers
 - e. One Divine Author through the Holy Spirit
 - f. 1,189 Chapters
 - g. Psalm 119 – longest chapter in the Bible
 - h. Psalm 117 – shortest chapter in the Bible and also the middle chapter of the Bible.
2. The Bible is divided up into sections:
 - a. Old Testament
 - i. 5 Books of Law: Genesis - Deuteronomy
 - ii. 12 Books of History: Joshua – Esther
 - iii. 5 Books of Poetry: Job – Song of Solomon
 - iv. 5 Books called the Major Prophets: Isaiah – Daniel
 - v. 12 Books called the Minor Prophets: Hosea – Malachi

- b. New Testament
 - i. 4 Gospels: Matthew – John
 - ii. 1 Book of History: Acts
 - iii. 14 Epistles written by the Apostle Paul: Romans - Hebrews
 - iv. 7 General Epistles: James – Jude
 - v. 1 Book of Prophecy: Revelation

LESSON

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children” (Hosea 4:6).

- A. Let us break down this verse:
 1. “destroyed” = to cease, cause to cease, cut off, destroy.
 2. “lack” = a wearing out, like that of wearing out of a garment
 3. “knowledge” = to know in the highest sense, this word means the knowledge of God. It does not mean that we don’t know Math, History, Science or the like.
 4. “rejected knowledge” = to refuse on the highest level. To reject the knowledge of God.
 5. “reject you” = God will reject us because we have rejected or refused to know Him.
- B. How many of us really know the Bible? How many of us are really reading and studying the Bible?
- C. If you look around our country then you will see the effects of not knowing the word of God. These sins are condemned in the Bible.
 - Murder – Romans 1:29
 - Homosexual Marriages – Matthew 19:5; Romans 1:26-27
 - Lying – Ephesians 4:25
 - Stealing – Ephesians 4:28
 - Bullying – Ephesians 4:32
 - Hate – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
 - Division – 1 Corinthians 1:10

These are but a few that are mentioned in the Bible.

Did You Know?

The Bible contains undeniable scientific facts:

Sanitation Practices

1. Between 1832 and 1866 London, England suffered four major outbreaks of Cholera which killed tens of thousands of people.
2. Many whom contacted the disease would die within hours of the first symptoms.
3. The root cause of the outbreak was the fact that most of those living in London would cast out their waste into the streets.
4. People would then walk through the streets of filth and disease thus contracting Cholera.
5. This filth ultimately got into some of the drinking water.
6. Does the Bible have a remedy that could have prevented this enormous loss of life?
7. Moses was given instructions and wrote, “Also you shall have a place outside the camp, where you may go out; and you shall have an implement among your equipment, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and turn and cover your refuse” (Deuteronomy 23:12-13).
8. The children of Israel did not have the same problems London, England had.

Understanding Germs

1. In 1846, a doctor by the name of Ignaz Phillip Semmelweis had just started his new job at the maternity clinic at Vienna General Hospital.
2. At this time, women were dying at a staggering rate in hospitals shortly after giving birth.
3. The disease was called “childbed fever” or puerperal fever.
4. Semmelweis, a man of science, wanted to understand why so many women were dying in his clinic.
5. He began to study two different maternity wards in the hospital – one staffed by doctors and medical student, and the other by midwives. He would record the number of deaths from each ward.
6. His initial results were astonishing. He found that women died at a rate nearly five times higher in the ward staffed by doctors and medical students.
7. But why? You would think the midwives would have more of a mortality rate.
8. The reason was that the doctors and medical students would perform autopsies before delivering the babies.
9. These doctors were getting a certain type of bacteria on their hands and without washing their hands would go and deliver children.
10. These bacteria would be transferred to the women and they would become infected and some would die.
11. The midwives never performed any autopsies.

12. It was concluded that doctors must wash their hands after an autopsy and before delivering babies. The mortality rate dropped after this practice was instituted.
13. But does the Bible give us any information that would have helped these doctors and medical students?
14. Numbers 19:11-12, "**He who touches the dead body of anyone** shall be unclean seven days. **He shall purify himself with the water** on the third day and on the seventh day; then he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not be clean."

Quarantine

1. With the fear of the Corona Virus, the USA has taken the enormous step to quarantine people coming in from infected countries.
2. But why take someone that could be infected and quarantine them?
3. Science knows that certain diseases are airborne and therefore people need to be separated in order to eliminate the spread.
4. So, does the Bible say anything about this?
5. It sure does. Leviticus 13:46, "He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp."
6. The problem in Moses day was leprosy. Leprosy is a very contagious disease. Therefore, God knew that if infected people were allowed to stay in close proximity to others then the disease would spread.

The Earth is Round

1. This is not a new fact.
2. But there is even some today that seemingly have decided to disregard the Bible and say that the Earth is not round but flat.
3. God shared with Isaiah this undeniable fact, "It is He who sits above **the circle of the earth**, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in" (Isaiah 40:22).

The Bible is full of prophecies which came true:

Messianic Prophecy

1. There are over 300 prophecies about Jesus Christ in the Old Testament.
2. And the wonderful fact is that every one of these prophecies came true in the Messiah.

3. These prophecies were written somewhere between 400-1000 years before Christ came to the earth.
4. Luke wrote about Jesus, "And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all Scriptures the things concerning Himself" (Luke 24:27).
5. The word "prophecy" means, "where one foretells of a future event or is inspired to forthtell of events."
6. "Foretelling" is that which does tell of something that will happen sometime in the future.
7. "Forthtelling" is that which is done through teaching of an event that already happened.
8. Here are a few examples of the prophecies of Jesus hundreds of years before he walked the earth:
 - "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting" (Micah 5:2). **Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1)**
 - "For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;" (Psalms 22:16). **Christ being crucified on the cross with nails going into His hands and feet (John 20:25; Colossians 2:14)**
 - "They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." (Psalms 22:18). **The Romans guards casting lots for Jesus' clothing (Matthew 27:35)**

The Fall of Babylon

1. Babylon was one of the richest cities in the modern world.
2. The city was fortified with walls 75ft thick and 300ft tall.
3. It was also surrounded by a moat.
4. These made the residents and its king think it could not fall.
5. But God said it would fall.
6. "For behold, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country, and they shall array themselves against her; from there she shall be captured. Their arrows shall be like those of an expert warrior; none shall return in vain." (Jeremiah 50:9).
7. "In their excitement I will prepare their feasts; I will make them drunk, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep and not wake," says the Lord." (Jeremiah 51:39).
8. The Medes and Persians were the ones that overthrew the mighty Babylonian city.

9. In fact, the city was overthrown at a time when the people had just finished a great feast of drinking and celebration. They were sleeping off their drunkenness when the Medes attacked. The people never woke up but were killed where they slept.
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CONCLUSION

1. The Bible is an amazing book that has never been discredited.
2. Archaeologist have continued to use the Bible to find long forgotten cities.
3. It is a book that must be known and studied.
4. It has the way unto heaven.
5. Plan of Salvation (Memorize):
 - a. **Believe the gospel (death, burial and resurrection of Christ – 1 Cor. 15:1-4)** – “And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:15-16)
 - b. **Repent or separate from the world** – “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’ (Acts 2:38). “Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?” (Romans 6:2).
 - c. **Confess that you believe Jesus is the Son of God** – “Then Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’” (Acts 8:37).
 - d. **Be Baptized for the remission of sins** – “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” (Acts 22:16). “There is also an antitype which now saves us – baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,” (1 Peter 3:21).
 - e. **Remain faithful until death** – “Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.” (1 Timothy 4:16).