

Does God need our Help?

Text--2 Tim. 3: 16-17

Introduction

- A. How important is God's word
 - 1. Talk, fruit, garden of Eden
 - a. Apple
 - b. Pear
 - c. Peach
 - 2. Forbidden Fruit
 - a. God didn't reveal to us—Deut. 29: 29
 - b. Not for us to answer
- B. God's word is perfect, adding to it makes problems
 - 1. Abraham and Sarah
 - 2. Helping God with a son—Gen. 16: 1-4
 - a. Hagar, handmaiden
 - b. A good plan, Ishmael
 - c. Problems

I. Warnings from the NT.

- A. Paul—God's word is perfect (2 Tim. 3: 16-17)
- B. Peter—2 Pet. 1: 3
- C. Paul warns--some will depart from faith—1 Tim. 4: 1
 - People say, "God needs our help"*
 - 1. God's way is good but we have an idea.
 - 2. I know this isn't in the bible, but...
 - 3. God's not wise enough to give us everything.
 - 4. Consequences
 - a. Divisions
 - b. Jealousy
 - c. Contention

II. Some problems within the church

A. Organization of Local church

- 1. Overseers of congregation
 - a. Peter—1 Pet. 5: 2
 - b. Paul—Act 20: 28, oversee
 - c. Acts 14: 23—appointed elders in every church
- 2. But, men say 'let's create differently.'
 - a. Bishops oversee multiple congregations
 - b. Shepherding many churches.
 - c. Central focus of one location, headquarters.
 - d. One man to oversee everything—Pope, President.

B. Organization of the worship service

- 1. Jesus is unapproachable, too holy and righteous.
- 2. Need to find a Christian is who like me
- 3. Pray to that saints and then approach God.

C. Work of the local church

1. The true work
 - a. Edification of members—Eph. 4: 16; 1 Thess. 5: 11
 - b. Encourage those to teach others
2. But that's not enough
 - c. Education of all, Universities
 - d. Help physically, hospitals
3. Sincere enough about the work
 - a. Give God the credit—Matt. 7: 22-23
 - b. Do for the purpose of Christ
 - c. American Style Christianity

Limit ourselves to the Wisdom of God, which is limitless. Let's not add anything ourselves but abide by what God gives us in the bible.

III. When we limit ourselves to God's teaching...

- A. ...Showing who we trust—Rom. 10: 17
 2. Doctor—prescription
 - a. Have pills, but don't take
 - b. Instead hold breath for 3 min. at a time.
 - c. Trust my doctor that I'll get better
 2. Can't have faith in Doctor, if you don't do what he says.
 3. Faith in Jesus, do what he says in scriptures.
 4. Example, Uzziah, 2 Chron. 26: 16-21
 - a. Did what was right according to God
 - b. But wanted to offer a sacrifice in the temple.
 - c. Told to leave, no honor
 - d. For the priests of Aaron only.
 - e. Uzziah does it anyway and becomes a leper.
 - f. God had a plan, when it's messed up—consequences.
- B. Shows who we love
 1. Example—birthday party for a woman.
 - a. show up with gift in hand
 - b. when you open it, it's a nice new necktie
 - c. thinking about what I want and not what you want.
 2. People treat God the same way
 - a. God would be pleased if we did this or that.
 - b. Jesus said, Jn. 14: 15
 3. We don't know what God thinks, unless he's revealed it.
 - a. Isa. 55: 8-9
 - b. Mind of Christ
 4. When we think, "I think I know what God wants..." remember who we are loving.
 - a. Obedience to his word and his will
 - b. Show who we love and who we trust.
- C. Shows who we really fear—Heb. 12: 28
 1. Cain and Able
 - a. Cain's offering of the ground, that's what he does
 - b. Able's offering of firstlings, that's what he does
 - c. Cain's offering unaccepted.
 2. David and the Ox cart
 - a. Ark all the way down the hill, bring it back up.
 - b. Labor dispute, tell priests to carry it up.

- c. Instead make a new cart; shiny, well-made, take pride in construction
- d. A man dies because of the cart, David weeps for doing wrong.

- D. Shows who's family we are a part of.
 - 1. Jesus—Jn. 17: 20, prays for apostles and everyone!
 - 2. Listen to the Father
 - a. we become one
 - b. knows who sent Jesus
 - 3. John--1 Jn. 4: 1, Test the spirits, return to the beginning
 - a. 1 Jn. 4: 1
 - b. 2: 7
 - c. 2: 24
 - d. 3: 11
 - e. 2 Jn. 5-6
 - f. Find error in religion by going back to the beginning
 - 4. Do that through obedience to his word.
 - a. Col. 3: 17
 - b. 2 Jn. 9
 - c. 1 Cor. 4: 6

Three reasons why to be excited to do God's Word

IV. When we respect God's will...

- A. It will keep us from Religious Fads
 - 1. Marketing
 - a. Eph. 4 “swept to and fro”
 - 2. Follow what the bible teaches, doctrine of demons.
- B. Help us from becoming religious frauds
 - 1. “This is right, because this is the way we've always done it.”
 - 2. An Unbalance Emphasis
 - a. Strong in one teaching
 - b. Don't love your enemy
 - c. Loose on materialism
 - d. Not firm in the MDR question.
 - 3. We become a fraud, don't return to the scriptures
- C. Allow us to become really fruitful
 - 1. Number of people and size of treasure
 - 2. John 15, word abide in us.
 - 3. Gal. 5—fruit of spirit

Conclusion

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God doesn't need our help. He is our authority. Matt. 28: 18