

BLIND LEADERS

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I once read of an 81 year old pilot who died of a heart attack during a flight. His passenger took over and landed the plane. The amazing thing was, this passenger was blind.

Would you board a flight if you knew the pilot was blind? Would you allow your children to ride a bus driven by a blind driver? Obviously not! If we wouldn't entrust our precious children to a blind driver, why would we trust our precious souls to those who are blind to God's truths? Jesus spoke of some who trusted man-made doctrines over the word of God, "Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch" (Matthew 15:14).

Many ignore several of the Lord's commands because they are following a parent or grandparents who were blind to some of God's essential truths. I've had folks, after having been shown from the Bible the necessity of baptism for salvation (Mark 16:16), say things like, "My parents didn't believe that, so I don't believe it." If that's so, their parents were following blind leaders, and so are they. Don't fall into the ditch, Open your eyes and follow the Lord. ☞

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

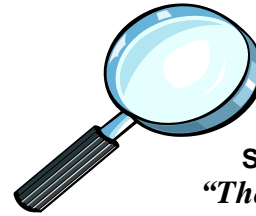
- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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PROBLEMS WITH THE BIBLE

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I'm not speaking about problems within the Bible itself, I'm talking about problems people have with the word of God. Among men, there's a problem with....

Subtraction. There are some who want to subtract many things from God's word. Baptism, for example. The Lord said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). I once heard a story about a woman who told the preacher that Mark 16:16 wasn't in her bible. When he looked, sure enough, she had literally taken scissors and cut it out of her bible. Most do not literally clip it out, but they subtract it nevertheless, because they refuse to accept it as truth. "If anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the book of life..." (Revelation 22:19). Beware of those who subtract things from God's word!

Supplementation. There are many who are not satisfied with the truths God has recorded in His book – the Bible, so they add to it, they supplement it. For example, The New testament commands Christians to sing in their worship services. Music in churches is to be spoken, not played on mechanical instruments. "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:19). It took almost one thousand years after the Lord built His church for the Catholic church to add the organ, and most protestant denominations did not have them in their beginnings, but they too eventually supplemented God's word with the mechanical instruments. The wise man wrote long ago, "Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar" (Proverbs 30:5-6). When one supplements God's word he is showing that he really doesn't trust in God.

Separation. We must handle aright the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). Many fail to understand the basic distinction between the Old and New Testaments, not separating the two. It is wrong to appeal to the Old Testament for religious authority. It has much to teach us about obedience and disobedience, but when it comes to it being an authority in religion, it has become "Obsolete" and has passed away (Hebrews 8:13). The Old Testament was a specific covenant between God and the physical nation of Israel. The New Testament is what God has given us for obedience to Him (2 John 9). ☞

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\$14 MILLION DOLLAR WOMAN

Mike Thomas

The third most expensive piece of jewelry in the world is worth 14 million dollars. It is the 40 carat Heart-shaped Burma Ruby Necklace that is mounted in 155 carat worth of diamonds. The Bible says a godly woman is worth more than that ring! “Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies” (Prov. 31:10).

The godly woman is more valuable than all the jewelry in the world because of the contribution she makes to her family, society, and to the Lord’s church. “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness” (vv. 26, 27). The world is a better place for having her soft, gentle, godly, quiet, strong, uncompromising spirit. Her wisdom and kindness inspire those who know her to live a better life.

The same cannot be said of an immoral woman. Complimenting an ungodly woman is like placing diamonds on a pig — so inappropriate and unbecoming. Respect is reserved for the woman who is faithful to her husband, loyal to her family, upright in character and conduct; whose presence alone is a great contribution to the local church. Not so with the ungodly, unfaithful woman. The world is dark and empty when women act without virtue.

A godly woman helps her husband rise above his weaknesses, insecurities, and failures. “She does him good and not evil all the days of her life” (v. 12). She creates a home for her children that is a safe haven from the world because “strength and honor are her clothing” (v. 25). She shows the world what it means to walk with faith in Christ and conviction in His word because she “trusts in God” (1 Tim. 5:5).

Where would we be without women who take us aside and explain the way of God more accurately (Acts 18:26)? What hope would we have were it not for godly women who are “full of good works and charitable deeds” (Acts 9:36)? Thank God for godly women! Without their aid we would not have elders or deacons to serve in the Lord’s kingdom (1 Tim. 3:11). Without their genuine faith we would not have mothers and grandmothers who teach children the word of God (2 Tim. 3:15). Indeed, “Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised” (Pro. 31:30). -

Thank You!

A Big thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our Gospel Meeting a success. For those who diligently attended and invited others to attend!

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

Famous Last Words

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Ben Green
- Scripture Reading...Frank Anderson
Reading: Acts 24:22-25
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Lord’s Table.....Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Eli Todd

GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

Thank You For Serving!

Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!