

LESSONNOTES

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TRUTH IN
TROUBLED
TIMES

“What is truth?”

Pilate in John 18:38

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2

“You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

Jesus in John 8:32

1. **God establishes the truth.**

The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.

Genesis 2:15 – 17

But the Lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

Genesis 2:16 – 17

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

Genesis 2:24 – 25

They are only comparing themselves with each other, using themselves as the standard of measurement. How ignorant!

2 Corinthians 10:12

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.”

Jesus in John 14:6

Make them holy by Your truth; teach them Your word, which is truth.”

Jesus in John 17:17

2. **Satan attacks the truth.**

Satan questions God's Word.

One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?” “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. “It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”

Genesis 3:1 – 3

Satan denies God's Word.

“You won't die!” the serpent replied to the woman.”

Genesis 3:4

Satan reverses God's Word.

"God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." *Genesis 3:5*

"He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies." *Jesus in John 8:44*

3. Adam and Eve reject the truth.

The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. *Genesis 3:6 - 7*

The man replied, "It was the woman You gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it." *Genesis 3:12*

We have disorder in the family.

We have disorder in government.

"Don't you realize that I have the power to release You or crucify You?" Then Jesus said, "You would have no power over Me at all unless it were given to you from above." *John 19:10 - 11*

We have disorder in education.

Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. *Romans 1:22*

We have disorder in the church.

"I have been given all authority in Heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." *Jesus in Matthew 28:18 - 20*

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. *Hebrews 13:8*

The foundations of law and order have collapsed. What can the righteous do? *Psalms 11:3*

We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, Who is the head of His body, the church. *Ephesians 4:15*