

You Do Err - continued

trines taught today because people do not know the true power of God. Take for example, the power of God to create (Romans 1:20), the power of God to work miracles like the resurrection (Romans 1:4), the power of God in the gospel to save mankind from sin (Romans 1:16), the power of God to live (2 Timothy 3:5), etc.

Regarding God's power, people would do well to remember a few things. Remember we are not the Creator (Romans 1:25). Remember we do not guide ourselves (Jeremiah 10:23). Remember with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26). And, remember there is nothing too hard for God (Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:17).

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Man, not God, is the cause of error. It is true that God allow ones to err who does not love the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). But, it is man who makes the choice to believe a lie instead of the truth. Yes, even Christians can err from the truth (James 5:19-20) and the spirit of error is opposed to the Apostles' teaching (1 John 4:6). Friend, will you obey truth today and leave behind any error that is keeping you from God? - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- Some of the best learning in life is not from a book, but learning from your mistakes.
- Be grateful for what you have, not regretful for what you don't have.
- To serve God faithfully, you must bend your will as well as your knees.
- Obey God today because there may not be a tomorrow to obey.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

*But Jesus answered and said unto them,
Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor
the power of God.
- Matthew 22:30 -*

When Jesus was teaching in the temple during the last week of his ministry before going to the cross, he was questioned by some Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection and they wanted to know what Jesus thought or taught about that subject (Matthew 22:23-33).

Jesus said to the Sadducees that they were in error concerning their beliefs on the resurrection. They were religious people who believed part of the Law of Moses and they worshipped the one true God in the temple, but they were wrong. Unlike many today, Jesus was willing to point out the error of others and he said that they erred for two reasons: 1) they did not truly know the scriptures, and 2) they did not truly know the power of God.

The same problem exists today. Many religious people are in error about a number of Bible doctrines because they do not truly know the scriptures, nor the power of God. They need to change this.

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Think about it. How does error come about? When people take away the knowledge of the scriptures from themselves and others, and they will walk in the darkness of error (Psalm 119:105, 130). When people take away God's power, they will limit God to a measure of their own small ideas (Isaiah 55:8-9).

The Sadducees thought they had Jesus trapped with their common-sense wisdom and argument. They presented to him a scenario about a woman who married several brothers (they referenced Deuteronomy 25:5), but they in fact were the ones that were wrong about the resurrection. Why did they so "greatly err" (Mark 12:27)? Well, let's see.

Not Knowing the Scriptures

The Sadducees were Jews who studied and taught the Law, but did not believe or understand it fully (Acts 23:7-8). Today, much religious error is due to the same cause.

There are several erroneous doctrines taught today because people do not fully understand the word of God. Take for example, salvation by faith alone (James 2:24), one cannot fall from grace (Galatians 5:4),

there are many churches (Ephesians 4:4), there are many causes for divorce (Matthew 19:9), etc. These erroneous doctrines come about because people do not fully understand the word of God.

This problem can be solved if everyone would properly understand their Bible. It is important to demand scripture for all that we do in religion and place scripture over human tradition. We need to desire to know the truth of scripture. We need to understand the meanings of the original words in a scripture. We need to keep a scripture in its context. We need to take all the scriptures together that are related to a particular doctrine and understand them before drawing a conclusion about what the Bible teaches.

Nor the Power of God

The second problem the Sadducees had was that they did not truly know the power of God. They were Jews who believed in God, but did not believe in the power of God to raise people from the dead (Acts 26:8). Today, much religious error is due to the same cause.

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