

# GOD'S WAYS

Asking questions are important. It brings understanding.

Proverbs 4:7 "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

How many animals did God tell Noah to bring onto the Ark? \_\_\_\_\_

How many wise men came to see Jesus at the manger in Bethlehem? \_\_\_\_\_

What is an idea? An idea is a thought or suggestion as to a possible course of action. The aim or purpose. What is a tradition? A tradition is the transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation. The fact of being passed on in this way. A doctrine believed to have Devine authority though NOT in the scriptures.

What is a culture? A culture is the shared beliefs, values, behaviors, and practices of a group of people.

2 Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

What is his (Satan's) devices? How does he work?

Jesus said, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly." John 10:10

The question now needs to be asked, "How does the thief steal from you?"

Jesus gave us the answer, "... When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44

The thief steals from you by lying. When you believe his lies, you allow him to take what belongs to you away. An example of this we find in Genesis chapter 3. This is when the serpent twist God's words.

Twisting the word of God makes it a lie. He twist the words God spoke. When Eve believed the serpent, she THEN saw the "tree was good for food and it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desired to make one wise." In other words, to make one wise instead of bringing one to death.

Do we have any of these examples in our world today? YES! Remember the questions I asked you earlier? How many animals did God tell Noah to bring onto the ark? In Many books around the world, the answer is 2, male and female. That is. What our culture teaches. But take a look at Genesis 7:1-3.

1. And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.
2. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female.
3. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

Now let us take a look at the next question. How many wise men came to see Jesus at the manger in Bethlehem? In our culture, many teach that there were three wise men. But the Bible does not say how many came to see Jesus. We know the wise men brought three gifts. They also did not come to see Jesus at the manger. They came into the HOUSE where the mother and the YOUNG LAD was at. These wise men told King Herod that the star was seen 2 years prior. That is why King Herod sent soldiers to kill all children 2 years old and younger. Matt 2:1, 11, 16

The enemy is using the same tactics he has used from the very beginning. Another method that he uses is evident in our world today. Think about it.

"If thou be the Son of God.." Matt 4:3

"If thou be the Son of God.." Matt 4:6

The enemy questioned the identity of Jesus Christ.

Today, we have men saying that God created them wrong. They were suppose to be in a woman's body. And a woman is saying the same thing. God created them wrong. They were suppose to be men. WE have people calling themselves dogs, cats, and worms.

Here is my question to you. Do you think that the enemy would not even question your identity?

The enemy brought into question the identity of the children of Israel in Exodus 1. A people that were stronger and more in number. The enemy, who was a spiritual people. Yes, Pharaoh was called a god. The priest also threw down their rods and they turned into serpents also. They spoke to the children of Israel and made them believe they were slaves. Which took them into slavery for 400 years.

This type of mindset is even in our churches today. How you may ask? If someone is sick, who do people call or go to? The pastor of the church. WHY? When scripture is plan.

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17-18

Every believer has the ability to lay hands on the sick and they recover. BUT Satan has brought these lies into the body of Christ. And we allow it. WE teach these things. WE tell people they can't.

Please read this carefully. Revelation 2

19. I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to *be* more than the first.

20. Notwithstanding I have a **few things against thee**, because thou sufferest (**allows**) that woman Jezebel, which **calleth herself a prophetess, to teach** and to **seduce my servants** to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

21. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

22. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, **except they repent of their deeds.**

23. And **I will kill her children with death**; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

24. But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, **as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan**, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

25. But that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.

26. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, **to him will I give power over the nations:**

Here are a few questions we must ask ourselves.

1. How does one become children of Jezebel?
2. What is this doctrine of Jezebel?

Let us think about this for a moment. By the principles of scripture. If you lie, Satan is your father. John 8:44. If you are LED by the Spirit of God, you are a SON of God. Romans 8:14. SO then children of Jezebel are those that receive, believe, and act upon the doctrines of Jezebel.

What does Jezebel teach? We do not have any set out scriptures that show us this doctrine. But we can see from the old and new testament of how she acted. Her principles. Her response to things. Lets us take a look at these.

In 1 Kings 18:19, Jezebel pushed the idol worship of Baal. She manipulated King Ahab bending his heart towards sin, idolatry, and compromise. 1 Kings 21:25 Her purpose was to manipulate, bring in the spirit of fear for the purpose of control.

Jezebel refuses to repent. Revelation 2:21

Let us now look at the matters of OUR heart.

Do we pervert the word of God by teaching Traditions and Culture?

Do we want the people to focus on US? Our ministry? They can't hear from God unless WE tell them they did? Making us Gods in their eyes. Making us an idol.

Do we manipulate the saints to make them do what we want them to do? For the purpose of controlling them. Making them do what WE want them to do. If they do not do as we tell them to do, then they are not welcome in our churches. WE send them out.

If they operate in the prophetic and we DO NOT like the words coming from them. WHY? Because it calls US OUT. WE tell them that they are not hearing from God. They do not have the gift of the prophetic working in them. So we set them down. Do not let them speak. Do not let them minister. We shut them down. We give them NO value.

We need to ask ourselves these questions.

1. What is God's message?
2. What is God's ways?
3. What is God's method?

We have the Apostolic Message. Oneness of God, Born again to see and enter into the kingdom through repentance, water baptism in Jesus name, and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost.

We need to understand God's ways.

God's thoughts and ways are not like OUR thoughts and OUR ways. Isaiah 55:8-9

God created everyone with Value. Genesis 1:27 God created man in HIS image and in HIS likeness.

God has given EVERY man a measure of Faith. Romans 12:3

God gives to EVERY man or woman serval gifts as HE wills. NOT us. 1 Corinthians 12:11

These SIGNS shall follow them that believe. NOT they might follow just a few believers. Mark 16:17-18

God's method as we read in the New Testament. Jesus taught the disciples and then he sent them out to do what he taught them. He did not hold them. Reprimand them to stay until they are good enough. He did not say that they had to meet certain requirements. He taught them. Then he sent them. Luke 10