



*But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. -*

**Matthew 15:9**

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## **I Think And Then I Sometimes Share**

Recently I received a message from someone who wasn't thrilled with my article on hell which I had posted a few weeks ago. I was accused of demanding that people believe what I tell them and sending them to hell if they didn't. Those weren't the exact words used but that is the message I received.

Since that message was sent to me I thought perhaps this would be a good time for me to restate what the focus and aim of this website is. The articles that are written and posted are the opinions of myself and my husband. While we have Biblical documentation as well as other resources, the things that are posted here are our ideas and thoughts. We believe that the Holy Spirit guides us in our studies and has made it possible for us to share with others what we find and we do it through this website.

It is not our purpose now, nor has it ever been our purpose, to be telling people what they must believe. We are not your conscience. We are not the Holy Spirit. We are not you. God has gifted most of us with brains that are fully functional and he expects us to use them.

When I came to the realization that I needed to be doing my own thinking, I began studying into what I had been taught by the church and those who are somehow involved with the church and I came to the conclusion that I had been brainwashed. What I found was a God who is so much more loving that what I had been taught and I felt I just had to share my newlyfound God with others.

With that desire to share what I was learning about God I started a group on Facebook that led to me starting this website. Here I have placed the articles I've written along with the book I wrote that exposed many of the problems I

found with the teachings of the church I had been raised in.

As for telling you what to believe, this isn't my intention. I'm simply telling you what I have found and encouraging you to stop believing something because you've been told to believe it. And I'm seriously recommending that you question any teaching that has a threat attached to that. My focus and goal has been to present to you a God that we weren't taught about and to encourage you to think for yourself.

Apparently I have failed in my attempts. There are people out there who choose to not believe what I write. That's OK. They have a right to do that. If we have been taught that a refrigerator is 18 feet tall and that we have to believe it or else, then someone comes along with a tape measure and shows you that the refrigerator is NOT 18 feet tall, you are still free to believe in an 18 foot tall refrigerator. I won't try to take that from you.

But I can't just let it go at that. I was concerned that I might be coming across as insisting that I do your thinking for you so I went to the website and began reading the articles going down. I only read the first few that I wrote. Those Elkanah wrote I didn't bother with because I didn't write them. Following is what I found in just the first few, I didn't read them all.

*SENT ME AN EMAIL FROM HER AND IT WAS A LIST OF BIBLE TEXTS.*

I told him I would look at it and respond which I have done. This was an interesting study for me and I've decided to share it with you. These texts she sent are a list that support the teaching of everlasting hellfire. The list from her is on top and my response is below. Sorry, but it's kinda long. Grab yourself something to drink, a cookie or two, kick your shoes off and put your feet up. Say a prayer and put on your thinking caps. As you read this decide for yourself if you believe that God will burn people for any length of time.

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Tonight I'm going to talk about one of those overlooked gems that is staring us in the face, hidden in plain sight so we don't see it. And I will admit I saw this on a meme that was loaded with animosity toward the church. Despite my own feelings toward the church this is a meme I won't be sharing because my take on the subject is a bit different than the intent on the meme. But I will pass along the message because it was insightful. Keep reading and at the end you can decide for yourself if this makes any sense.

Let me ask you a few questions.

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**6 Jesus answered "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. – John 14:6**

Who are you going to follow? Will you believe Mrs. White and place your trust in an old covenant or will you believe Jesus and place your trust in him? It's your choice. As for me and my house, we will follow Jesus.

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also. Do I dare to share this with you?

One of my goals in having this website is to encourage you to think for yourself. Don't believe what you are told simply because you have been told to believe it. And that especially holds true if it is coming from a preacher. And I'm not wanting to call preachers bald-faced liars, but I am convinced that they aren't thinking for themselves. They have been just as brainwashed as we have and need just as much help as we do in overcoming the fallacies.

With that said, preachers need to stop and think through their doctrine before presenting it to the public. A couple days ago I saw something posted that someone had commented on. It was too bizarre and I thought it unreal so I did some searching and found it for myself.

A well-known "theologian" (for lack of a better word) has a website where he has posted some really odd theology. When you think it through logically, well,

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While listening to the music that is being played the memory of that song at the Bible study returned. Now I have a challenge for you. Pay attention to the music that is being passed off as religious. Listen to the lyrics and ask yourself "where is the focus of this song?" I'm finding that much of the music I'm hearing is focused on self rather than God.

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As for me and my house, we serve the Jesus who will be filled with love when he comes on his rescue mission. And we also serve his/our Father who is just like Jesus. And when you place aside all preconceived ideas and teachings, you'll find the teaching that God is angry and wanting to destroy us is nothing more than a doctrine that has been taken out of context or misinterpreted. This is the deception we were warned about. Please, use your brains and don't fall for it.

After writing the above I called Elkanah at work for something unrelated to this post, but since I had him on the phone I shared with him the above texts that I had found but I only shared the partial text. Our conversation went something like this:

Me: I found this interesting text. Listen to this. "Now for the matters you wrote about: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman."

Him: Huh?

Me: Or how about this one: "From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not;"

Him: Are you reading Paul?

Me: Yes.

Him: You need to read the whole thing.

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So, here I sit with writer's block. Elkanah is also having writer's block and it appears that nothing uplifting will be coming from either of us tonight. Despite our writer's funk, keep looking Up. Keep your focus on Jesus. Search the scriptures for yourself and do it with your eyes open. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and think for yourself. You'll find there are all sorts of things hidden in the

pages of that Book that you aren't aware of. It never fails us.

Love to all,

Hannah

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