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be ye **reconciled** to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

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from the pastor's heart

THE WORD OF GOD - THE FINAL AUTHORITY



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Written by: Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

John 12:48

The Lord Jesus' ministry can be characterized by conflicting receptions: some believed on Him, some did not. Some welcomed Him and His teachings at the expense of their own lives. Many lost their lives because they believed in the Lord Jesus. Yet others welcomed Him but kept their faith secret. Nicodemus was one man who kept his faith hidden. Yet there were others who outrightly (either passively or actively) rejected the Saviour of this world. The Lord Jesus made it clear that He did not condemn sinners when they rejected Him, but the words that they spoke condemned them.

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from the pastor's heart

When the word of God is spoken, there is life to be received, blessing to be obtained, and strength to be increased. Conversely, death, cursing and weakness await anyone who rejects the word of God. Notice three important lessons about the nature of the Word of God.

The Word of God has inherent authority

The word inherent means an inseparable and permanent quality. Authority is in the word of God and the Word of God is authority. When it is spoken, it The Word of God is is the "voice of Him that sitteth on the throne of Heaven." It is similar to a rule that is enacted in a country or a rule ordered by a king. Likewise, the message in Scripture is the power and therefore, it demands compliance to it because the words and the message bear the will of God.

The Word of God has the authority to be the judge of men.

The Lord Jesus says this, "The words that I have spoken, the same shall judge him." Men will have to stand before the Word of God and have their works, attitudes and

character judged (to be discerned and discriminated). One may ask, "How does the Word of God have the authority to judge men, since it is only but paper and ink?" The reason that the word of God has authority is because they are the very words that came from the breath and being of God. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (2

Timothy 3:16). Therefore, what is spoken, is authoritative.

> The Word of God will be the final judge.

> The Lord Jesus said in this verse that His word will be the judge at the end of this world, or the last day. In Jewish thought, the last day is

an important day whereby everyone will pass before God the

Judge, and the fate of the wicked will be decided. In Jewish teachings, books which record the deeds of people that will be reviewed will be opened and judgment will be passed. God's Word will be the standard by which the sentence will be meted out at that day.

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thought for the week

Are we a help to the will of God or we a hindrance?

memory verse

authority

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Jeremiah 15:16

sermon notes: Sermon guide
Sunday Worship Service 8 January 2012 "Am I an Offence The Will of God"
I. The title for today's message is
II. The passage for today's message is
III. God wants us to know that we can be an to Him in carrying out His will for us, and in this world.
IV. Some scenarios regarding the will of God
A. When God has shown us His will
How do we know clearly the will of God today? From the
B. When we are unsure of God's will, but there is nothing questionable about what we are doing. Some important questions to consider:
1. Does it violate scripture?
2. Does it have the potential of stumbling a brother?
3. Does it honour the Lord?
V. When we are unsure of the will of God, and there are questionable issues about what we are doing, then we are to do it.
A. How was Peter a hindrance to the will of God?
1. By his
2. By his

sermon notes: verse list

Sunday Worship Service 8 January 2012 "Am I an Offence The Will of God"

Turn to: **Matthew 16:21 - 23**

Turn to: Acts 21:10 - 14

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- **1 Corinthians 7:1** Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.
- **1 John 3:23** And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

2 Samuel 6:6-7 And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.

John 18:10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus

Acts 10:12-14 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Turn to: Luke 9:59 - 62

- **1 Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
- **1 Corinthians 4:3-4** But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

POOR TEMPORARY ATHEISTS



The following is by Pastor Buddy Smith, Malenda, Queensland, A u s t r a l i a , smiletex@bigpond.net.au -- "Christopher Hitchens, one of the most militant atheists of our generation, died recently. Another poor temporary atheist. Somebody needs to tell the modern crop of infidels that there are no atheists in the cemetery. Why? Because whichever viewpoint you hold eliminates atheists after they die. Consider how a Christian views

the death of an atheist. According to the Bible, atheists go to hell when they die to wait in torment for the judgment of the Great White Throne and the Lake of Fire. In hell the atheist knows that the God of the Bible is real and that he is accountable to him for his angry rejection of Christ. A man who knows that God has put him in hell for his sins is no longer an atheist. He may still hate God and rail against Him, but he can no longer deny the existence of God! There are no atheists in Hell. Universalists, Unitarians, and muddle-headed modernists would like us to believe that atheists go to Heaven, like everybody else (they think), but there are no atheists in Heaven. No man comes to the

Father but by Christ, so there are no atheists in Heaven. Don't believe the Bible? Well consider how the atheist views his own death, and you will still see that atheism is temporary. The atheist believes that there is no life after death. He believes he ceases to exist the moment he dies. So if he ceases to exist at death, then his atheism ceases the instant his conscious existence ceases. By his own admission, death makes him a non-existent atheist, and non-existent atheists are not atheists! It's a fact that there are no atheists in eternity. And there are no atheists in the cemetery. So where are the atheists? They are here on earth for a little while, angrily denying the existence of the compassionate God who gives them their every breath and every good thing that they enjoy every day of their lives, foolishly rejecting His gracious offer of eternal salvation. And then death comes knocking, and they cease to be atheists. Poor temporary

atheists. Voltaire, Robert Ingersoll, Christopher Hitchens, and a host of others called themselves atheists while they were alive, but the moment they died, they ceased being atheists. We Christians should put markers on their graves that say, 'No longer an atheist!'"

"CHRISTIAN" PRIESTS FIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

It happened again last year. A fight broke out in December in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem between rival groups of Greek Orthodox and Armenian priests and monks who fought over boundaries of jurisdiction. Armed with brooms and fists, the 100 or so "clerics" went at it until police could restore order. This has happened repeatedly at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Unbelievers mockingly say, "See how those Christians act!" What they



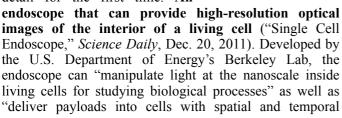
Palestinian police officers intervene in a fight that erupted between Greek Orthodox and Armenian clergymen during the cleaning of the Church of the Nativity in the West Bank town of Bethlehem.

don't understand is that these aren't true Christians. They are followers of a Christianized religion that is built on human tradition rather than the Bible. Further, their actions prove that the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God, because the Bible prophesied about the rise of false teachers who would come in the name of Christ but would bring reproach upon Christ by their unchristian deeds. "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of" (2 Peter 2:1-2).

KNOWLEDGE SHALL INCREASE

Last year's inventions include the following: An optical microscope that can see objects of 50 nanometers, which is 20 times smaller than the

previous record of 0.001 millimeters ("World's Most Powerful Optical Microscope," Science Daily, Mar. 2011). This is beyond the theoretical limit of optical microscopy, which only reminds us that modern science knows very little actually and that theories are not facts. The new microscope, which has advantages over the electron microscope, can potentially view inside human cells and examine live viruses in great detail for the first time. An



specificity." A trillion-frame-per-second video camera which is fast enough to produce a slow-motion video of a burst of light traveling the length of a one-liter bottle, bouncing off the cap and reflecting back to the bottle's bottom ("Trillion-Frame," *Science Daily*, Dec. 13, 2011).

Micro-generators that harvest electro-mechanical energy from the wings of insects to power onboard microsurveillance equipment ("Government Eyes Turning Bugs into Spies, WorldNetDaily, Dec. 3, 2011). Tiny probes near the base of an insect's antennae or implanted in the central nervous systems also allow government researchers to control the creature's brain. About 2,500 years ago, during the Medo-Persian Empire, an angel told the prophet Daniel,

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4). The Psalmist said, "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever" (Psalms 119:160).



In December 2011, a seal associated with ritual purification rites in the Second Temple was found. The seal was discovered during excavations under the Robinson's Arch in the western wall of the Temple Mount. The seal, which is inscribed with the Aramaic words "Pure for God," was found in soil dating to or just prior to the first century A.D. Archaeologist Eli Shukron of the Israel Antiquities Authority and Professor Ronny Reich of the University of Haifa said: "It constitutes direct archaeological evidence of the activity on the Temple Mount and the workings of the Temple during the Second Temple period" ("Seal Found in Temple Mount Excavation," Jewish Press, Dec. 26, 2011).



MUSLIMS THROW ACID ON CHURCH LEADER

On Christmas Eve, Muslims threw acid on Umar Mulinde, pastor of Gospel Life Church in Manasuba, Uganda, and a convert from Islam. The vicious attack left him with severe burns that have blinded one eye and threatened sight in the other. "From his hospital bed in Kampala, he told Compass that he was on his way back to the site for a party with the entire congregation and hundreds of new converts to Christianity when a man who claimed to be a Christian approached him. 'I heard him say in a loud voice, Pastor, Pastor, and as I made a turn and looked at him, he poured the liquid onto my face as others poured more liquid on my back and then fled away shouting, Allahu akbar [Allah is greater],' Mulinde said, still visibly traumatized two days after the assault. ... 'The burn caused by the acid is so severe that there is an urgent need for specialized treatment,' said area Christian Musa Baluku Symutsangira. ... 'I have been receiving several threats for a long time, and this last one is the worst of all,' Mulinde said. Mulinde is known for debates

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locally and internationally in which he often challenges Muslims regarding their religion. His extensive knowledge and quotation of the Quran in his preaching has won him enemies and friends. Often criticizing Islam, he has relied on police protection during revival campaigns throughout Uganda. 'Mulinde poses a big threat to those who cannot take the challenge as he engages the Muslims in debate,' said Dr. Joseph Serwadda, an area church leader. Mulinde is married and has six children ages 14, 12, 8, 6 and twins who are 3. Mulinde has faced several injuries and attacks from Muslims since his conversion to Christianity in 1993" ("Muslim Extremists in Uganda" *Christian Post*, Dec. 28, 2011).



PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY SAYS ISRAEL MUST BE DESTROYED

The following is excerpted from "Israel Must Be Destroyed," Strategy Page, Nov. 7, 2011: "The Palestinian Authority (which actually only represents 60 percent of Palestinians, who live in the West Bank) is in trouble again. Palestinian Authority (PA) leader, Mahmoud Abbas, was recently seen in an Egyptian TV interview stating flatly that the PA would never recognize the state of Israel and was determined to destroy Israel. While anyone who follows Palestinian Arab language media (especially TV) knows this, the PA represents itself to the UN and the non-Moslem world as receptive to peace with Israel, and with the establishment of a Palestinian state that would coexist with Israel. Yet Palestinian TV and newspapers constantly depict Israel as, well, not existing. Maps of the area show Israel as part of a greater Palestine. This

is all done in a matter-of-fact way, especially in schools. The other 40 percent of Palestinians are in Gaza, a n d controlled by a m a s (recognized worldwide as a terrorist organization). Hamas is more direct about its goal of destroying Israel, and does not pretend to be negotiating a twostate solution.'



CHOOK AND THE CHOOK-PREACHER

Chook, the Adelaide Zoo's acclaimed lyrebird, has died. In the new book Seeing the Non-Existent: Evolution's Myths and Hoaxes, we wrote the following: "Some birds can even recreate other non-bird sounds in nature and manmade noises. The Australian lyrebird, the king of feathered mimics, can imitate such things as the whirring of a camera's motor drive and shutter, car engines and alarms, rifle-shots, explosions, a baby's cry, a dog's bark, and the screech of a

chainsaw. There is a sound clip online of Chook, a lyrebird at the Adelaide Zoo, imitating construction equipment (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WeQjkQpeJwY). See also http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/life/Superb_Lyrebird. These amazing feats require not only a wonderfully-



designed voice box but also marvelous intelligence, not only to control the voice apparatus but also to identify and recall sounds." A pastor friend likened Chook to a preacher who merely repeats what his "crowd" believes. The Chook-preacher can imitate with amazing accuracy the position of the good old boy's network, but he doesn't think for himself with the Bible truly as his sole authority and Christ truly as his only Lord. I guess this isn't fair to Chook,

though, since he was only a bird, designed by the Creator to entertain humans, and had no wisdom with which interpret the meaning of the sounds he reproduced. The Chookpreacher has no such an excuse.

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ANOTHER ENTERTAINER MAKING A MOCKERY OF MARRIAGE

Foul-mouthed rocker Sinead O'Connor's fourth marriage, to Barry Herridge, lasted only 16 days. She says that one of her friends observed, "Well, at least you got married in Vegas in a pink Cadillac! Can't get more Rock n Roll than that" ("Website Says Sinead O'Connor's Marriage Over," KHOU.com, Houston, Texas, Dec. 28, 2011). O'Connor has described herself as "three-quarters heterosexual and a quarter gay" (Entertainment Weekly, May 2005). Few things if any have done more than rock & roll to destroy biblical morality in Western society. Rock & roll is the soundtrack of end-time apostasy. "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision" (Psalm 2:1-4).



ISTHISTHEYEAR?

The following is by John Ecob, editor of *Herald of Hope* magazine in Australia, jrecob@sharpdsi.com --

2012 - Is this the year?
The year of the upward call
The year the Church will see her Lord
When tears will cease to fall?

Is this the year, the crowning year When all around the throne, The year when saints of every age Join praise to Him alone

Is this the year, the final year Life's journey now complete The year we rise, in glad surprise And sit at Jesus' feet

Is this the year when saints will meet With those who've gone before? The lonely days will all be past No parting there for evermore.

Is this the year with terror filled The year the world will see The "man of sin" rise on the scene With beastly claims of deity

Is this the year when chosen men From every tribe of Israel's race Are sealed by God to tell the world: Prepare to stand before God's face.

Is this the year - the Father's choice When He will send His Son To snatch away His lovely Bride Which He by grace has won?

Come quickly, Lord, we cannot wait Thy lovely face to see Is this the year? How soon t'will be? Together, all, at home with thee.

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sermon notes: personal notes

Matthew 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

Luke 11:23 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

Philippians 3:17-19 ¶ Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1 Kings 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Proverbs 28:26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

sermon notes: Sermon guide	
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(c) Surrendered Christians: these are those who	
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THE WORD OF GOD

the final authority in our lives and faith

God's spoken Word created the world measure and standard for our lives and set this universe in motion. It has and the practice of our faith. calmed storms and raised the dead.

life. It is given to us that we may how it can truly be the final authority know God intimately. It is also given in our lives and faith. to us so that we have an authoritative

This month we look at how God Through the knowledge of this Word, wants this faith to be genuinely we have eternal life and abundant evident in the life of His children, and

coming up • lessons • church news

LESSONS IN JANUARY

New Series for a New Year

Ambassador is thrilled to announce several new series of messages and lessons which will begin this year. The new series will be introduced in Friday Nights' "Rivers in a

Dry Place" and Sundays' Bible Hour. The lessons aim to provide a holistic and sustained presentation of Bible principles to attendees.

IN BRIEF | Weekly Activities

Certain weekly activities are resuming this week. Check page 8 for details.

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LESSON SERIES: THE FAMILY

Rivers in a Dry Place

- Foundation of the Family
- The Family Altar
- Raising Children
- Raising Teenagers
- When Conflicts Occur
- Education
- Influences
- Family and the Church

THE VISION AND **MISSION OF AMBASSADOR**

"To win the north of Singapore for Christ and a thousand souls for Christ in five years."

THEME FOR THE MONTH:

The Word of God THE FINAL AUTHORITY

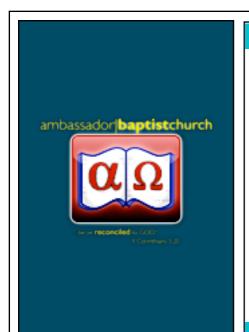
LESSON SERIES: THE BIBLE

Sunday Bible Hour

- The Importance of the Bible
- What is Quiet Time?
- Studying the Bible
- Biblical Worship
- The Gifts we bring to Worship the Lord
- Worship and Service

"GET THE MOST OUT OF THIS!"

"Don't just sit there; make sure you bring back as much information as you can! Bring a notebook or tablet computer and make extensive notes of the lessons. It will not only benefit you but can also be an excellent source of reference when you need to encourage somebody else!"



the week at a glance

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monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
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timings

Sunday Services

Children's Bible Hour 09:30AM Sunday Bible Hour 09:30AM Mandarin Service 03:30PM English Worship Service 11:00AM

Routine Weekly Activities

Faith Bible Institute - TERM BREAK Mondays, 07:45PM

"Rivers in a Dry Place" Fridays, 08:00PM

Ambassador Youth Saturdays, 10:30AM

Outreach Efforts

SEMBAWANG Person-in-Charge: Bro. Robert Tuesdays, 08:15PM

YISHUN

Person-in-Charge: We need one. Wednesdays, 08:15PM

For more information on our weekly activities, visit our website at www.ambassador-baptist.org

prayer list

- Our new facility
- The various ministries
- Growth of Ambassador and its members
- New direction for Ambassador Baptist Church
- Souls to be saved, baptized and added to the church in 2012
- · Salvation of loved ones

from the pastor's heart - continued

Dear Christian, do you realise that your works will be judged too, not at the Great White Throne but at the Judgment seat of Christ? The Judge will not be your pastor, parents, teachers or government officials but God Who will use His Word as the final standard. May we make the Bible our guide, principle, life and living and may we truly

have the mind of Christ. Christian, the Word of God is our final judge, therefore read it, love it, obey it and treasure it.

Lord, may I cherish Thy Word this year and beyond, and may its precious words be my light in this darkened world of sin.