

The Way of Truth

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*“I have chosen the way of **truth**;
I have set my heart on your laws.”
(Psalm 119:30 NIV)*

In the Book of Judges, we are told, “*Another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel*” (2:10b). Furthermore, it was described as a time when “*everyone did as he saw fit*” (21:25) or, as the King James Version puts it, “*every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*” It would appear that we too find ourselves living in such a time.

Because that generation did not know the Lord, they did not know truth, for to know the Lord is to know truth. In fact, to know the Lord is to embrace truth – to love truth. Several times through the Scriptures, God gives Himself the title “God of Truth.” Jesus states in John 14:6: “*I am the way and **the truth** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*” Apart from the Lord, there is no truth.

Sadly, we live in an age where the truth of God is being systematically removed from our way of thought and society. This should not surprise us, given the tactics of our ancient foe, Satan. Way back in the Garden of Eden with Eve, Satan began his first encounter with mankind with the words “*Did God really say ...?*” (Genesis 3:1) From the very beginning, Satan has been attempting to lead mankind away from truth. It is understandable why Jesus described Satan as the father of lies (John 8:44).

It may be expected that the world at large has grown cold towards truth, but it is outright distressing how the Church itself has drifted from the truth. The Apostle Paul warned us of this in 2 Timothy chapters 3 and 4. Paul begins this section of Scripture with this warning: “*But mark this; There will be terrible times in the last days*” (3:1). He goes on to describe this generation in the following ways: “*[They] will be...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – having a form of godliness but denying its power*” (3:4b-5a) and they will be “*always learning but never able to acknowledge the **truth***” (3:7). He goes on to say, “*For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the **truth** and turn aside to myths*” (4:3-4). When men will not put up with sound doctrine, they will not put up with truth.

Many of us are grieved as we see these things taking place around us, but we do not need to be overwhelmed. Great men in Scripture such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel were grieved by the departure from truth around them, but they stood firm. God described their nation as follows: “*This is the nation that has not obeyed the LORD its God or responded to correction. **Truth** has perished; it has vanished from their lips*” (Jeremiah 7:28). These men and others obeyed their calling, leaving the results to God. They set good examples for us. We do not need to lose heart or become faint. God has not been caught off guard. He foretold of these very times so that we could be prepared.

We need to be actively strengthening ourselves in the Word of God so that we will know the truth; we must be in prayer, seeking wisdom from God; we need to be active in the Body of Christ so that we might encourage one another; and we must be sober-minded so that we will not become distracted from our calling. Jesus encouraged the disciples with these words: “*I have*

*told you these things, so that **in me** you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).*