

Why WE Believe God (Part 2)

1. **We Have Been Discussing Three Persons:**

- a) Abraham (and his faith in God)
- b) David (and his faith in God)
- c) Me (my faith in God)

2. **Paul Gives Us Abraham & David As Examples In Romans 4 To Believe In God**

- a) Primarily, in today's lesson, we will discuss Abraham. At the End of Romans 4:24 and 25; we are to believe in the same God that Abraham and David believed.
- b) The prophets of the Old Testament could not see the Gentiles coming into salvation. But the Apostle Paul did. The prophets saw it, but did not understand (perhaps because of their Judaism).
- c) Abraham believed God for things he saw in types and shadows.
 - a. We do not have types and shadows today.
 - b. We do not have to search or try to get a new vision or new revelation about who God is or who Jesus is.
 - c. We know what the bible says about who they are.
- d) When people try to search out the names of all the angels, more than what information the bible gives to us (like the Mormon religion) this is discrediting the bible. The Mormons have their own bible.

3. **What We Believe In Does Not Exclude Others**

- a) Paul said everything we have about Jesus is open. We don't want a religion that is exclusive.
 - a. Why does God condemn? He does not choose to condemn. You condemn yourself (St John 3:16-21. You have to accept Jesus.
- b) Genesis 15:6 – Abraham believed God.
- c) Romans 4: 24-25; says Abraham's God must be my (our) God. Question, Why?
 - a. Because there are so many views and opinions of who God is and so many versions, we must rely on the Word of God to tell us who He [God] is and who Jesus is.
- d) The scriptures are very important to believing. Romans 1:16.
- e) The Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses have differing opinions from the bible about who God is and who His Son Jesus is. There are also other religions who teach that God and Jesus are the same person.

4. **In The Book of Acts, The Central Theme Is The Resurrection.**

- a) It was known that they killed Jesus throughout the Roman Empire which was the known world at that time (which was not as vast as the United states)
- b) They said those Jews killed one of the prophets. It was known among the Jews that He died.
- c) One of the things known – but not believed – was that Jesus was resurrected.
- d) In leading people to Christ we leave out 50% of the salvation story.
 - a. Jesus' death is an intellectual fact because people die every day.
 - b. It was well known that he died but his resurrection was not believed.

e) **An intellectual fact of his death is what we go along with.**

5. **Salvation Is More Than Intellectual – It Is A Spiritual Experience!**

- a) It is a good thing to have never been “high” or intoxicated from drugs or alcohol. In our minds it is like taking a car out of gear: You are not in control of yourself.
 - a. Evil spirits gain control. Have to have a strong gospel because the individual who has experimented with drugs and alcohol will need deliverance.
 - b. LSD is a drug that can remain in a person’s system.
- b) The clarity of the Gospel must be preached because there may be evil spirits within that person who has experimented with drugs, etc.
 - a) Evil spirits within that person opposes the Gospel. It is difficult for this type of individual to love the Lord. They are in need of a full deliverance.
 - i. When on a high the devil steals their heart away from the Lord and they are unable to truly love the Lord.
 - ii. The laying on of hands may need to be utilized to drive that Spirit out.
 - iii. Strong deliverance is needed.
 - b) Romans 4: 24-25??

Comment [PW1]: Is there a reason for the question marks here?

6. **We Believe That God Is A Man**

- a) Some people think that God is: a spirit, nature, or in their mind.
- b) If you bring up God – three in one is a theory which is unexplainable or that God is a personality.
 - a. This belief is a danger because it goes back to Darwin and his theory of evolution. It has been reported that there was some mental illness in Darwin’s entire family.
 - b. If God is not a man, then you evolved. How did the female evolve? This theory has holes in it.

7. **Abraham’s God**

- a) We will talk about Abraham’s God and all that transpired from being in Ur in Genesis 12:1 to Genesis 15:6 and further.
- b) Abraham believed God from the beginning, taking a long time to move from Southern Iraq which was then called Ur of Chaldees. Abraham travelled from this great distance, thousands of miles.
- c) He believed God in going to a place that only God had told him about. They had no maps, no satellites.
- d) God did not come to Abraham in a dream. God physically appeared to Abraham. His appearance alone must have been impressive.
- e) What God? Which God? Whose God? Dream/Vision? The God we are discussing had to have appeared to Abraham.
- f) In these days and times, we have many versions of Jesus. Did Abraham’s God appear to him in Southern Iraq? Is Abraham’s God your God? You will not receive the Holy Spirit unless you believe in the God of Abraham.

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- g) The Holy Spirit only appears in truth. The Holy Spirit will come to you if you believe in the version of Abraham's God. (Romans 4:24 and 25.)

8. **God Appeared To Abraham At Least Ten Times**

- a) The God of Romans the fourth chapter is the God of Abraham. God appeared to Abraham at least ten times.
- b) When a sinner tries to open his/her heart to God he/she opens their heart to whatever God they believe.
- c) God appeared to Abraham personally because no one would have believed Abraham.
- d) He had a great following of people; family members, servants, livestock and personal belongings.
- e) The United States of America, China and Russia are termed great nations. God said, in number and in his sight, "I'll make of thee a great nation." Great because all believe in God.
- f) Genesis 12:2 – God told him these things, personally.
- g) There was something about God that impressed Abraham. When God has spoken to you, people will follow you. You have to have faith in Abraham's God.
- h) Genesis 12:7 – God appeared again, after many months. Abraham still believed although he did not see God every day.
- i) Abraham did not disbelieve God in the famine. He went to Egypt to escape the famine. We do not read anywhere that God rebuked him for going to Egypt.
- j) Before Abraham left Ur, there must have been persecution from the idolaters in Ur. The Apostle Paul said that Abraham was strong in faith.
- k) Abraham's God – was a man – not a spirit.
- l) In Romans 4:24 and 25 Abraham's God must be the same.
- m) The Holy Spirit will not perform in an environment unless what you say about God is the truth. The Holy Spirit confirms by performing. We must have faith in His word.

9. **David Firmly Believed in God's Forgiveness (Of Sins)**

- a) The burdens of your past are revealed in your behavior.
- b) David will tell you that you can be freed from your past (2 Corinthians 5:17).
 - a. You can become a nice person, very pleasant and agreeable, a lovely person and be able to comprehend what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height (Ephesians 3:18),
- c) Good ambassadors **must be equipped according to the country** wherein they are assigned. District Superintendents of the CLGI must be like good ambassadors for your church.