

God's Words & God's Will

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Revelation Given in Way to Cause Us to Look..

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and
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**But to God
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⁶ However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, ⁸ which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

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⁶We speak wisdom, however, among them that are fullgrown: yet a wisdom not of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who are coming to nought: ⁷but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, even the wisdom that hath been hidden, which God foreordained before the worlds unto our glory: ⁸which none of the rulers of this world hath known: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory: ⁹but as it is written, Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, And which entered not into the heart of man, Whatsoever things God prepared for them that

Revelation Spoken in Way to Show It Came...

**Not from Man
and
Man's Wisdom**

**But from God
Showing
His Wisdom**

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¹⁰ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. ¹³ These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual [words].

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Words of Scripture Reveal Thoughts and Will...

Not of Man

But of God

Understanding the Process of INSPIRATION

- God had a practice in mind (His will)
- God gave words to express that will to man
- Every practice God wanted men to do, He expressed with words of His choosing (*2 Tim. 3:16-17*)
- Men get in trouble when they have desires or practices for which there are no Bible words
- **Human desire or practice was not in the mind of God (not His will)**
- Man must speak only as oracles of God (*1 Pet. 4:11*)

Human Practices Not Revealed in Bible Words

Acceptance of Denominations

- “Join the church of your choice”
- **Matthew 16:18-19**
 - ◆ *Jesus built the church (*singular*) of His choice*
- **Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23**
 - ◆ *There is only one church with Jesus as Head*
 - ◆ *He put all things in subjection under His (Christ's) feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that fills all in all*
- **Colossians 1:18**
 - ◆ *He is the head of the body, the church... that in all things He might have the preeminence*

Instrumental Music in Worship

- “Instrumental music is acceptable in worship to God”
- God knew the words & gave the words to command instruments in O.T. (*Psa. 150*)
- We are no longer under the Old Testament law
 - ◆ *Gal. 3:24-27* Law was tutor that brought us to Christ
 - ◆ *2 Cor. 3:14* Old covenant “is done away in Christ”
- “Singing” is word to express NT music for worship
 - ◆ *Eph. 5:19* “Speaking one to another in psalms, hymns...”
 - ◆ *Col. 3:16* “Singing with grace in your hearts unto God”
- Must act only by God’s authority (*Col. 3:17*)
 - ◆ *2 John 9* No going beyond the word of doctrine
 - ◆ *Rev. 22:18-19* No addition and no subtraction

Social Drinking – Use of Intoxicants

- “It’s okay to drink intoxicants as long as not drunk”
- **Proverbs 23:31-32**
 - ◆ *Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it swirls around smoothly; at the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper.*
- **1 Peter 4:3**
 - ◆ Drunkenness – *oinophlugia*
 - ◆ Revelries – *komos*
 - ◆ Drinking parties - *potos*
- **1 Thessalonians 5:21-22**
 - ◆ *Prove all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from...*
 - ◆ *No words given of God to approve “social drinking”*

Tolerance for All Beliefs & Practices

- “As long as you are sincere, it doesn’t matter what you believe or practice”
- **Proverbs 14:12; 16:25**
 - ◆ *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*
- **1 Corinthians 1:10**
 - ◆ “...speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment”
 - ◆ Same thing taught in every church (**1 Cor. 4:16-17**)
 - ◆ Must contend earnestly for the faith (**Jude 3**)
- **2 Timothy 1:13**
 - ◆ *Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus*

Let Us Be Sure That...

*Our Desires
& Practices*

Are Found Within...

**The Words of
God's Revealed
Will**