

Seeking to Justify Our Opinion

All Scriptures from The Old and New King James Versions

Everyone has an opinion. We all seek for our opinion to be the correct one. Diversity of opinions is a fact of life. We should not try to put someone down because theirs is different than ours. Having said that, we also can see that everyone can not be right about everything. Looking to people we respect is often what forms our opinions. We listen to arguments on opinions and weigh them with our own experience. We respect the right of others to form their opinions, even if we disagree. God gave us the right to choose either right or wrong. We only argue to try to change others opinions, if we think they are going to a destructive path. Becoming mad about this is unreasonable. At the same time, we see some destructive people try to change others opinions for their own gain or for meanness. We must be wise to discern this. Wisdom only comes with knowledge and careful experience. We should pray to God for wisdom.

Jas 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Now I will tell you how I form my own opinions. I know at the first I can be wrong, and I recognize this. As a result, I seek to find those wiser than me. This has led me to the Bible, because I have found no one's opinion better than this. I have found no greater source than this. The wisdom in scriptures has totally convinced me of its inspiration. God did inspire the Bible. Please read it for yourselves, not haphazardly but consider every thing said and how to apply it to your life. When you get to parts you find difficult or hard to understand continue on anyway. The scripture will explain itself if you study it all of it several times. This is time consuming, but is well worth your time. Each time I read or listen to it I gain a new insight. Try reading it without letting your own opinion overcome its teachings. Try starting with an easy to read translation as the New King James or the American Standard or the New International version. I recommend this because our language has changed so much since the first printing of the Bible. The Bible hasn't changed but our language has. Start with the New Testament first then go to the Old Testament to see how all was fulfilled. If you have reading problems use an audio Bible. Don't let anyone tell you, that you must read it only. Remember the most people of Biblical times had no Bible. They had to listen to the reading of the bible in the Synagogue or someone else reading it to them.

If you see that the physical world is God's creation, then consider there is no greater opinion to learn from than God. Consider the following Scriptures;

Pro 14:5 A faithful witness does not lie, But a false witness will utter lies. 6 A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it, But knowledge is easy to him who understands. 7

Go from the presence of a foolish man, When you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge. **8** The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit. **9** Fools mock at sin, But among the upright there is favor. **10** The heart knows its own bitterness, And a stranger does not share its joy. **11** The house of the wicked will be overthrown, But the tent of the upright will flourish. **12** There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Job 33:12 "Look, in this you are not righteous. I will answer you, For God is greater than man. **13** Why do you contend with Him? For He does not give an accounting of any of His words. **14** For God may speak in one way, or in another, Yet man does not perceive it.

1Co 2:7 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." **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.

Heb 6:13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself.

People of our day don't respect God's opinions. This is obvious because of the way they live. God has always favored the right to choose. This is obvious in the whole Bible. But he has always warned the consequences of making the wrong decisions. People who are religious even show a lack of knowledge or regard for God's teachings.

Luk 6:43 "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. **44** For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. **45** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. **46** "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

We must be careful. Observe and obey God in everything. People are not careful enough with Scriptures.

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Gal 3:22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

2Ti 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Watch how men are very careless in discussing prophecy.

2Pe 1:19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Rev 22:18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Does this scripture scare you about people's interpolation of prophecy? Isn't stating that "this is what scripture means" adding to scriptures? Only God can give these answers. Are they not asking for a curse? Don't they use prophetic scriptures, which infer they would be fulfilled in Bible times, as if they are in some

future event? Do you not see people using only parts of scripture, make a false doctrine seem correct? Don't these same people ignore scriptures which contradict their teaching? All scripture must be use for doctrine. If our opinion contradicts scripture then our opinion is wrong. Scripture does not contradict scripture in teaching. All alleged contradictions are explainable by careful study and using other scriptures. God's opinion is greater than ours.

Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

A respected man can not and should not be looked at as an authority. Only God is the final authority.

2Co 10:12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Luk 4:32 And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

Please consider the things, I have written only by the scripture I have given. My opinion or any man's opinion is nothing. Consider only the opinion of God.

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