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THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE AS SEEN THROUGH PROPHECIES

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.” (Matthew 24:35)

Objectives

Knowledge of God’s Will

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. God’s words are absolute.

Knowledge of God

God is omniscient, everlasting, and faithful.

Good Works

Seek spiritual growth and the spiritual wisdom to discern. Do not grow weary in love.

A. What Is a Prophecy?

A prophecy is a verbal or written expression of an event or events that will occur in the future, any time after the prophecy is given. They serve as a witness to God’s omniscient nature, and declare God’s plan and will to all men.

B. The Purpose of Prophecies

1. *To explain and declare things of the future (Isa 42:9)*

God uses prophecies to explain what will happen, so that His people understand His will.

2. *To manifest God’s authority*

The life and death of every person and nation is under God’s control. His prophecies are a manifestation of His complete authority over yesterday, today, and forever.

3. *To edify and exhort*

God’s prophecies edify His people and give us the strength to grow in faith. They serve to guide our lives, and also serve as a way for God to reveal how His people need to change in order to restore their relationship with Him.

4. *To comfort*

God’s prophecies bring hope in times of despair, so that His people can have faith for the future.

C. Types of Prophecies and Their Fulfillment

1. *Prophecies Concerning the Messiah:* There are more than forty prophecies in the Bible concerning the Messiah, made over a period spanning hundreds of years.

2. *Prophecies Concerning the Holy Spirit:* The Bible prophesies the coming of the former and the latter rain – the Holy Spirit that worked among the apostolic church, and the Holy Spirit of today.

3. *Prophecies Concerning Israel:* The Bible’s prophecies concerning the Israelite nation are historically accurate. Only God can predict what can happen to anyone or any place in the future.

4. *Prophecies Concerning the End Days:* There are various prophecies in the Bible that repeatedly remind us of God’s judgment day, and of signs to look for as we draw closer to it.

Life Application: How Can We Live a Godly Life?

The prophecies of the Bible are evidence that God’s word is the truth and will not fail. With this understanding in mind, we can be certain that Jesus Christ will return on judgment day.

1. *Resist temptations:* We must determine not to follow the lives of those with no hope for eternity, knowing that God will bring everything we do into judgment (Eccl 12:14).

2. *Stand firm in hope:* We will encounter trials and tribulations in life, but God’s words and promises will never fail. Diligently pursue what is right in the sight of the Lord.

3. *Live for Christ:* We must not grow weary in doing good or showing love to those in need.

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Lesson 3 Homework Assignment

The Truth of the Bible as Seen Through Prophecies

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Matthew 24:35):

1. What characteristics of God can we learn from this verse?
2. What are the four purposes of the prophecies?
3. Pick one of the purposes and explain it in your own words, with an example from the Bible.
4. Under what four subjects can we categorize the Bible's prophecies?
5. What are three ways to live a godly life?
6. Choose one of the above ways to live a godly life. Which do you need to improve on, and how?