

**Gospel Meeting
Brett Heglund**

This will be the third time Brett has conducted a series of lessons from the Bible for us. We should all remember the quality of the lessons in the past and the titles for this meeting portend of good spiritual food for us all. The meeting begins Sunday, September 12 and runs thru the following Friday.

Now is our turn to be like Andrew who brought his brother to Christ saying, "We have found the Messiah." John 1:41



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**IS THE BIBLE UNDERSTANDABLE #1
Tommy Hodge**

I believe I have in past articles presented sufficient evidence to prove the Bible is an inspired book of God.

This being true, then it would be a great tragedy if the contents of this book have been presented unto us in a way so as to place them beyond our capability of comprehension. Personally I do not believe this is true. So I invite you to read and consider with me carefully some facts which I believe will show God has given unto us a book which can be understood.

In the first place we know God is all knowing. So, if the Bible is a book which cannot be understood, then it necessarily follows that in giving us the Bible, He was well aware that He was giving us a book which we could not understand. However, if this be the case, then why did He bother to give it? This would make no sense at all.

Then, too, we know that with God nothing is impossible. So if He did not give us a bible which we can understand, it was not because such would have been an impossible task for Him. Therefore, again I ask why didn't He? Why did He object to our understanding what He said He wanted us to know?

Oh, yes, my readers, the fact that God saw fit to give us the Bible is enough to convince me He knew we would be able to understand it.

Again, if God gave us a book which is incomprehensible, then He is not a God of love and mercy, but to the contrary, He is a mean, unmerciful and cruel God.

Now why do I say this? Because He selected a group of men and charged them with the responsibility of teaching the message of the Bible to every creature in the world. Now keep in mind He placed this responsibility upon them, knowing that they in

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so doing would have to make many sacrifices and suffer many hardships. Yes, He knew many of them would even be put to death.

Tradition has it, that all the apostles were put to death, except John.

Tell me, dear reader, if you had written a book which you knew people were not capable of understanding, would you be mean enough to demand of others, that they (at great personal cost), go and teach its contents to every creature in the world?

Now all of us know that God is not cruel and unmerciful. So, I submit to you that since He gave unto us the Bible, and then demanded many men (at a great cost to themselves) to go teach its message to others, well He knew He had given us a message which we were capable of understanding.

Also, if the Bible is a book which cannot be understood, then it makes many false claims for itself, a few of which I will call to your attention.

John 17:17 says that the word of God is truth. Then John 8:32 says a knowledge of the truth (the word of God) will make us free.

John 20:30-31 and Romans 10:13-17 say one may become a believer by reading or hearing the written word of God.

2 Timothy 3:14-15 says the holy Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation.

Acts 17:10-12 says a knowledge of the scriptures will enable us to discern between the true and false teachers.

Romans 1:15-17 says the word of God is His power of salvation.

Acts 20:32 says the word of God is able to build us up and give us an inheritance.

Matthew 7:24 says hearing and doing the teachings of Jesus (or the teachings of the New Testament) will result in our becoming like unto a wise man who built his house upon a rock. James 1:21 says the word of God is able to save our souls.

James in James 1:25 wrote "but whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deeds"

John 6:45 says hearing and learning the word of God will enable people to come unto Jesus. Paul in 2 Timothy 2:2 said to the young preacher Timothy "And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

Yes, the Bible claims to be capable of doing all these things. However, if it is a book which we are unable to understand, then these claims are indeed false.

However, those of us who believe that the Bible is a book given unto us by God, know there are no false claims to be found in it.

Therefore, the passages we have considered in this article serves to assure us

God has given us a great and wonderful book, which we can understand.

The following article is presented in the wisdom of scripture that warns us about the contamination of false teachers. We usually associate Mat. 7:15 with people who teach in the church, but frankly any teachers our children are subject to must be held to the same standard. I do not present this with political goals in mind but rather to enable us to protect our children from those who would prey on them with the influence of Satan.

Beware Any Homosexual Agendas In Public Schools! by Wayne Goff

Homosexual activist groups are trying to make inroads to our public schools in order to teach children a pro homosexual lifestyle at the earliest age possible. Most parents would be opposed to their children being taught such things, therefore they disguise their doctrine under such titles as "safe school initiatives" or "anti-bullying programs." Under these titles, homosexual lessons are being taught and sometimes even include graphic information. If you find your public school is teaching these things, then schedule a meeting with your child's teacher to explain what the New Testament teaches, and also meet with the school principal to complain about these things. Public education should not be advocating immoral teaching, but should be focusing on the three R's. Also, if you run into this problem at your school, let me know and I will provide you with more information about how to deal with this issue.

Parents, you must be proactive in your child's education. Discuss with them regularly the things being taught. Meet with the teachers on teacher's night and do not be afraid to discuss these moral issues and why you are opposed to them. Respect those who believe and teach contrary to Christianity, but do not compromise.

For home schoolers, be sure you learn and educate your children on what is going on morally in our society today and begin preparing your children for adulthood and the coming work place.

It is shocking to see and hear what is going on in our country today, and Christians cannot afford to take a back seat while some in our country are using every means to destroy moral values. Pray for our country. Pray for our society. Pray that something will be said or done to change the current environment in which we live!

Always speak the truth in love, Eph. 4:15.