

# The Fellowship Room

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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

## **4-17-2017 Work and Salvation**

In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter leads only to poverty. The crown of the wise is their riches, But the foolishness of fools is folly (**Proverbs 14:23-24**).

Since God established the "work ethic," where there is no "labor," there is no "profit" (earnings). In the Garden of Eden, God gave man a job, "to tend and keep it" (**Genesis 2:15**). After Adam sinned, God expelled him with a job:

"In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread" (**Genesis 3:19**).

A welfare state, which takes from the workers and re-distributes to non-workers, promotes slothfulness:

The desire of the lazy man kills him, For his hands refuse to labor. He covets greedily all day long (**Proverbs 21:25-26**).

Salvation is not a guarantee of some spiritual "welfare state."

Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead (**James 2:17**).

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## **4-18-2017 Work of Creation**

Everything on earth had a beginning. Every effect must have an adequate cause.

For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God (**Hebrews 3:4**),

It's an inescapable conclusion of common sense.

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (**Hebrews 11:3**).

What we "see" is material substance, but it was not made from itself! All scientific evidence and fact prove that matter is not eternal and must have had a beginning.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (**Genesis 1:1**).

Thus, the Bible begins with one of the strongest proofs possible that there had to have been The Creator: from nothing came something caused by The Power ("God") who is the uncaused First Cause!

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#### **4-19-2017 What God Still Requires**

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good? (**Deuteronomy 10:12-13**).

Before God sent Israel into the Promised Land, He gave Moses this summary of what their part of the covenant required. They were to fear God and keep His commandments, almost what Solomon later said in **Ecclesiastes 12:13**, and Peter would say in **Acts 10:35**. Doing this with all our heart and soul has always been the core value of God's Law, whether through Moses' or now, through Jesus Christ. Before God accepts us into Heaven, He still requires this!

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#### **4-20-2017 God Has No Future Land Promise**

There is no prophecy of Scripture about the Jews returning to their Promised Land that has not already been fulfilled! Jerusalem was destroyed in the Old Testament, it was:

... To fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years (**2 Chronicles 36:21**).

God used Babylonians to remove His people for 70 years. That time ended,

... In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing (**2 Chronicles 36:22**).

No New Testament prophecy promises the Jews that land, again.

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## 4-21-2017 Who Has Seen Jesus?

Jesus is revealed in the Bible – not on an iron, foil on a bottle of cider, a drainpipe, a tortilla, the side of a freezer, a potted asparagus fern, or a shroud of Turin! But, there is NO physical description of Jesus Christ anywhere in Scripture! Every depiction of Jesus, whether as a baby or on a cross, is totally without Scriptural fact, and entirely made-up by someone's imagination! To Thomas, who had trouble believing that Jesus was raised from the dead:

Jesus said to him, 'Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed' (**John 20:29**).

We are to be looking in the Scriptures for Jesus Christ, not imagining Him in any other place!

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