

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Bible Can Be Understood

We often hear supposedly educated people say, "I cannot understand the Bible. Then with an indifferent shrug of the shoulders they dismiss any further effort in coming to a knowledge of saving truth. Is it really so that the Bible cannot be understood?"

Those who contend the Bible cannot be understood have not logically considered their contention that either: 1) God could have given us a revelation of His Will we could understand but chose not to do so; or 2) God desired to give us a clear and understandable revelation but was unable to do so. The first reflects on God's goodness. The second is a reflection on His power and wisdom. Thus, those who contend that the Bible cannot be understood cast serious reflections either upon God's goodness or the combination of His power and wisdom. The truth is, God desired to give us a clear revelation. He was able to do so and He performed this needed action for lost humanity. The Bible can be understood.

Those who contend the Book of God cannot be understood makes its giver significantly the inferior of man. Man can reveal himself to others in a clear and understandable manner. This is evidenced every time a parent commands a child, an employer issues a directive to an employee, a teacher directs an assignment to a student or lawmakers enact into law a decree for a nation or a state. If man, who is greatly the inferior of God, can communicate effectively with other people, then the Almighty can certainly do so. That He has done so is demonstrated by millions who have believed and understood the Bible.

Note some Scriptures which bear up this point. "So, they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading" (Nehemiah 8:9). Paul and Silas preached in Berea. Luke affirms that the Bereans "Searched the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so (Acts 17:11). The Bereans not only could understand the apostolic message delivered orally by Paul but could also search the Scriptures and understand that they fully supported Paul's message. In Luke 10:25 a lawyer asked Jesus what to do "to inherit eternal life?" Jesus responded, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" (Luke 10:26). Could the lawyer understand the Scriptures? Most assuredly or else Jesus would have directed him to a source for an answer he could understand. The inquirer then lifted from Scripture the answer to his own question (Luke 10:27). Jesus told him he had answered right: this do and thou shalt live" (Luke 10:28). Following this Jesus related to him the story of the Good Samaritan which became part of New Testament Scripture (Luke 10:3-37). Luke 10:36-37 informs us that he understood Jesus' message. Jesus commanded him to "Go and do thou likewise." This implies that he understood what Jesus told him. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 3:12 that "we use great plainness of speech." In 1 Timothy 4:1, he said, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly..." This means the Spirit speaks his message openly and plainly. This He does in the Scriptures for the Bible is the only way He speaks to men today. Paul again wrote, "Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ" (Ephesians 3:4). The Ephesians could read what he wrote and understand it. So can we today.

Did you know that about 85% of all Jesus said in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John is couched in one syllable words. About 14% is composed of two syllable terms. Jesus did not use big words. He spoke

plainly and simply. Today's man may not believe what He said nor obey it but he cannot justifiably declare its impossibility of comprehension. Except for names and places most of the words of the Bible are in one and two syllables. The Bible can be understood

—Robert R. Taylor, Jr.

Response

Jose Daniel Reyes came forward last Sunday morning requesting prayers of the congregation. He is struggling with hard to control desires and wants to be redeemed from them. He also, wants to be more obedient to God's will instead of his own. Keep Daniel in your daily prayers.

Prayer Request

LaDonna Chism was taken to the ER at Medical Center three times last week due to a ruptured ear drum which was complicated by shingles. She has been having severe pain. Please keep LaDonna in your prayers that she gets to feeling better soon.

Tausha Perkins was taken to the hospital on Thursday, September 15th with double pneumonia. She was treated with antibiotics and breathing treatments. Tausha went home on Tuesday with oxygen. She was feeling so much better the next day and had a follow up appointment with her doctor.

Joshua Weakland has requested prayers. He is worried and troubled about certain issues that is facing him right now. He wants to make the right decision. Please keep him in your daily prayers.

Concerns Update

Elaine Huntington is in Room #313-A at Madison Medical Resort for rehab. Since she is still testing positive for Covid, visits are discouraged. Keep Elaine in your prayers.

Both **Bill and Vickie Ryan** had small cancerous spots surgically removed on September 12th. The procedures were a success and they are fine. No further treatment is needed.

Mireya Garcia, Tommy and Mirta's daughter, was fitted with a cast on the arm with the fractured wrist. She is doing very well.

Prayer List

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; Mario Carmona; LaDonna Chism; Debbie Cox; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Mark Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Elaine Huntington; Mildred Lee; Deysi Lopez; Arely Martinez; Chloe Maass; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Zulema Morales; Juan & Estella Morolez; Richard Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Darryl Williamson; Bill Wood; Charles Wood; John Wood, Aaron York, Julia York.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Hillis; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Events

Watch *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

There will be a **"Singing Night"** today after our evening service. Please bring finger foods.

A **"Family Cookout and Devotional"** is being hosted by Virgie Barte and Gloria Craig on Saturday, October 1st at 4:00 p.m. Please check with Virgie and Gloria as to what side dishes or items are needed.

Our Ladies have been invited to the “**Lamesa Church of Christ Ladies Night**” on Monday, October 10th. Registration begins at 5:30 pm. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm. A copy of their flyer is posted on the bulletin board with all the information.

There will be a “**Trunk or Treat**” night for all ages on Saturday, October 29th at 6:00 pm in the church parking lot. Please join us for this family-friendly event. There will be candy, food, fellowship, fun and games.

Youth

Bible Knowledge “Some More Threes”

Noah’s three sons were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Genesis 7:13)

Daniel had three friends—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. (Daniel 1:6)

Office News

The items requested for our “**Food Pantry**” for September 18th and 25th are: Canned Fruit, Soups (any kind) and 1 Gallon jugs of water.

Congratulations to:

Ramiro and Tiffany Rangel on the birth of their baby boy, **Emmet Joel** who was born September 14th and weighed 5 lbs. Emmet Joel was 3 weeks early. Both mom and baby are doing fine.

Why I Attend the Sunday Evening Services

- I want to go, and I am wanted.
- I need to go and I am needed.
- I had rather be there than anywhere else.
- I am encouraged by others and others are encouraged by me.
- My children are watching me and will follow my example.
- My soul is strengthened by the teachings..
- My heart is warmed by the spiritual songs.
- I am better prepared to meet in discussion.
- I hunger and thirst after righteousness.

--Bulletin Digest

September 25th, 2022 A.M.

Announcements	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland
Scripture	David Ryan
Second Prayer	Jon Roemisch
Closing Prayer	Gary Loving

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Oliver Hernandez
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Isaiah Armendarez
Josh Wells
Cody Wesson

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading

Larry May
Don Easlon
Phil Halbert
Scot Straw

Bill Ryan
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland—254-8209 *Deacon:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 *Pulpit:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332—*Table:* Bill Ryan 352--4871—*Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 —
Recording Sermons: Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 *Collections:* Tommy Garcia

Sunday AM

“A Man’s Courage”
(Judges 3:12-15)

Sunday PM

“Power of Faith”
(Hebrews 11:11-12)

Our Records

Bible Class... 71
Morning Worship...105
Evening Worship ...57
Wednesday...47
Contribution...\$5,292.00