

## **What is Truth?**

*Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?... – John 18:38*

As the incarnate Son of God stood before him, the Roman procurator, Pontius Pilate, failed to grasp his eternal opportunity. In answer to Pilate's interrogation, Jesus had directly and honestly attested to His mission to the governor – to bear witness to the truth. Instead of extending the dialogue and humbling himself to receive it, Pilate cut the interview short by playing philosophical games founded in the constructs of the intellectual sophistry for which the Greeks were famous, and about which the Romans were pretentious. To this day, it is likely that Pilate rues not being more serious about his question, "What is truth?"

Over thirty-five Hebrew and Greek cognates are translated into some form of the word "truth" at least three hundred and fifty times in our English Bibles. The Spirit of God was not sparing in His utilization of this most vital of concepts, and permeated His Word such that we could not miss it. Yes, when we open our Bibles, we have the answer to Pilate's question. God has given mankind "the truth" and He will hold us each and every one accountable for it.

As believers in a world where truth is fallen in the street, we must earnestly revere God's truth above all other knowledge. A quick review of but a handful of passages should serve to energize us to a rekindling of our love for this truth that our Lord has vouchsafed to all who identify as His children...

John 8:31-32 – It is the truth that set us free. Oh, the freedom of being bound no more by the world's dictates or the devil's lies! Are you thankful for the freedom that comes with knowing the truth?

Jeremiah 5:1 – God is looking for men who seek the truth. Is this our posture? Are we seeking God's eternal truth earnestly for all matters pertaining to life and godliness?

Proverbs 23:23 exhorts us to buy the truth and sell it not. What have we spent in order to possess God's truth? Have we sold all and bought this pearl of great price?

Psalms 15:1-2 tells us that we cannot approach God until we speak the truth in our hearts. Is our inward man of such a disposition that we are honest about who we are, and about how God sees us? We dare not try to deceive Him.

Ephesians 4:25 reminds us to speak truth to our neighbors. Are we honest people? Are we witnessing to the gospel? What we permit to pass through our lips should always be true and life-giving.

1 Timothy 3:15 sends us to church to further establish ourselves in the truth. Yes, as Christians, we build ourselves up in the truth by attending the assembly of the saints, for it is this organism, the church of Jesus Christ, that is the pillar and ground of the truth.

3 John 1:4 examines our walk. Do we walk in truth? Is God's truth the light and life of our daily living?

John 14:6 presents us with the truth incarnate. Our Lord Jesus is the embodiment of God's eternal truth.

Today, as we tread more miles of our pilgrimage, let us resolve to be valiant for the truth (Jer. 9:3), until He Who is Faithful and True returns to establish His kingdom and reign in truth and righteousness!

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