

Chapter 45: Biblical Truths Need No Defense
Life Application Verses:

Romans 12:19: Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord; **2 Timothy 3:16-17:** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Several times a week, I read our local newspaper, *The Montgomery Advertiser*¹. A particular section, *Letters to the Editor*, holds a special place for me because I often times write a response to an article or I sometimes write about matters of concern for the City of Montgomery, and even other sundry issues. On the occasion that is noted on the next page, it was more than was within me to not write a response. It not only infuriated me, but I was incensed at the cavalier attitude of the writer; in fact, it was A Fist in the face of The Author of the Bible, God Almighty. As you will note in 2 Timothy 3: 16, "All Scripture is inspired by God..." Well, if you read the original article below, titled, *Sort biblical texts with humility*, you will take particular note of what the reader said about scripture: "The Good Book is one good book among many. It is filled with sublime wisdom, and no small amount of nonsense." Right about here is where I 'lost it.'

I made a mad dash to my keyboard and typed as fast as my aging fingers could roam over the keys. You will see my response, titled, *Biblical truths need no defense*. If I refer to the Life Application Verses, my response was a form of vengeance or defense of God's Word. I apologize to the Lord and to you, but I had to do something! I just couldn't let it be said that God's Word, which is/are my and millions of others Words of Living Faith, was trodden under foot as if The Holy Bible were filled with "sublime wisdom, and no small amount of nonsense." What I should have done first, was to Pray for Mr. Smith (name changed to protect his identity). I should have Prayed that he would understand that his comment falls under the Auspices of God's Law in Romans 12: 19: "Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, 'VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,' says the Lord." I wonder if the writer has ever heard of Hebrews 10: 31: "It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Read below and then let's talk some more...

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Biblical truths need no defense, (Rebuttal to the ©*Montgomery Advertiser*, 27 May 2013)

The *Advertiser's* Memorial Day letter, 'Sort biblical texts with humility', was a most bizarre misspeak—even more bizarre than Lois Lerner's opening statement, then cowering behind the Fifth to 'act-all-innocent.' The writer opined: "The Good Book is one good book among many. It is filled with sublime wisdom, and no small amount of nonsense."

The only nonsense was that this writer considers his opinion as replacement value for the Bible. Personally, I believe that God will provide recompense to us all at the appointed time, even those who consider it nonsense. The Bible speaks of how people will find its Truths foolishness. Those of us who believe in it as Truth and Love don't condemn others as some would assume. We prefer to offer hope and prayer for those who consider it foolishness.

If you want to believe that the world is billions of years old, I have no proof other than what I believe. Do you? Carbon-dating is man-made and everything made by the hand of man is subject to discrepancy. Everything—period. If you believe that the Bible contains 'no small amount of nonsense' you have that right as we celebrate Memorial Day. As a Veteran, I have faithfully served so that this writer can state his opinion. He has the right to say what he wants.

My military service—alongside millions of others—gives us the right to believe in God—and the Bible.

Ken Scott: Montgomery, Alabama

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Sort biblical texts with humility (Printed in ©*Montgomery Advertiser*, 27 May 2013)

Readers of letters to the editor will readily see a recurring pattern of argument advanced by Biblical literalists: The Bible is the unchanging, true word of God. It states that (insert cherry-picked passage here). So, none can deny that (insert writer's pet opinions here). That formula has been used to support ideas both smart and stupid, and practices both compassionate and vile, for centuries.

Loading our popguns with favorite passages from preferred scriptures is a very bad strategy. Absolutists in other religious and philosophical traditions, from Islam to Zionism to communism and beyond, have done the same. It shouldn't be hard to stand back and see the folly, futility and destructiveness of sticking totally to one's guns, both metaphorically and literally.

The Good Book is one good book among many. It is filled with sublime wisdom, and no small amount of nonsense. 'Doctrinists' who buy into it all, literally, offer no basis for discussion with those who disagree with them. This guarantees isolation not only from non-Christians but also from fellow Christians who are locked into other interpretations of the same texts.

The issue isn't whether the Bible and other powerful texts offer good or poor guidance. They contain both. The task for our species is to sort it all out with humility, and to make use of whatever inclines toward the spiritual and physical health of humanity and our planet. Let's work on it in genuine community.

Mr. Smith (Name changed): Montgomery, Alabama

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Now, in all fairness, I am not going to define-for, defend-from, or dissuade-you from further personal analysis; rather, you can determine if my rebuttal was over-the-top, or was Mr. Smith justified in his comments? What I am going to do is reflect on my belief that Biblical Truths need no defense in the Holiness and Power of God’s Domain (Heavenly Minded), but we should defend Biblical Truths when they are attacked in the Christian Domain (Earthly Good). Biblical Truths need study and application in our lives and in the lives of those who defy God (they either don’t know they are defying God or they refuse to accept it as Truth, even though they DO know it). An example of this is found in one of the most often quoted verses in the entire Bible: “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” Immediately, what comes to mind in the context of this topic is the sum-total of individuals, groups, nations, or religions that find no reality in this Holy Verse. I want to scream at every single one of them and slam my fists on the table and ‘get in their face’ to explain the Eternal error of their ways. But is this attitude I have just described what God tells us to do? In His Own Words, he tells us: “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). One of the keys to this lesson is ‘the man of God’: stated differently, the man of God applies to *The Children of God*. It is our job to be equipped to Testify of Jesus when and where we have been placed to present Jesus Christ to a dying and lost world. I also believe that if the situation calls for ‘hell-fire and brimstone’, God will add this emphasis by moving those individuals in the Spirit who deliver His word to use a ‘harsh’ method of emphasis. As Heavenly Minded, Earthly Good, Extraordinary Christians, our job is to walk-our-walk as we have been instructed from God in the Spirit and defend Biblical Truths in this Earthly Good Christian Domain.

When I read the words of the writer, “sublime wisdom, and no small amount of nonsense”, I thought about the Blessings God has given to my family. Then, if you expand those Blessings to the many families around the world, and the nations in which God has protected from destruction, including our own, and the idea that sublime wisdom was intended as sarcastic, hyperbole, it turns into an unintended correct Character of God! With sublime to mean exalted or heavenly, the two words combined mean Exalted, Heavenly Wisdom of God.

IN fact, if you ‘thesaurus’ the word sublime, here is what you discover in Microsoft Word: beautiful, inspiring, inspirational, uplifting, awe-inspiring, moving, transcendent, magnificent, exalted, heavenly, excellent, superb, splendid, marvelous, wonderful, great, and terrific. Now, use those words in front of wisdom, and you can see that Sublime Wisdom defines the Wisdom of God to the nth degree! Thus, the writer did Honor to God in spite of the intent to ‘kick against the thorns’ of Biblical Truth in the Earthly Good Christian Domain. As God has said, He will not be mocked! I am 10% above 100% positive that this writer had not one iota of comprehension that God was already using his or her Letter to the Editor to bring Honor to Himself! Do not those who accuse God or say there is no God or that Jesus Christ never walked this Earth, do they not understand WHO GOD IS? The Creator God is not going to be the unholy and accusatory topic of unbelievers! It may seem so, but it just SEEMS that way! God will NOT be mocked! Unbelievers need our Prayers! Imagine what it will be like to stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ—unsaved, but accusatory of Christ while they had opportunity to be saved! Woe!

The remainder of the statement was the crux of the anger that I felt: “no small amount of nonsense.” My response is this: when a lost person arrives in Heaven and their name is not found written in the Book of Life, will they then say that “The Good Book is one good book among many. It is filled with sublime wisdom, and no small amount of nonsense.” I suppose Hell is nonsense? Jesus Himself didn’t describe Hell as nonsense, but as a place of Fire and Torment and Separation from God and wailing and gnashing of teeth. That doesn’t sound like a place that is descriptive of “no small amount of nonsense.” It sounds like a place I would rather NOT go, and a place that I fear because I decided to tell a Holy God that “Your Words” are nonsense? God forgive this man for he does not know what he is doing: “The Good Book is one good book among many. It is filled with sublime wisdom, and no small amount of nonsense!?” Even as outrageous as this statement is, there are so many issues and threats and hatred of The One True God, and even more so of The One and Only Son of God, Christ Jesus. If you think about it, to say Biblical Truths need no defense applies to God in Christ Jesus because no matter what our world says to God or to Christ Jesus, the Biblical Truths set at the Foundation of our

World remain as pure as the day God created them. Thus, He wants us to defend Biblical Truths as a witness to His Glory. Before I continue, let me return to my last thought...

To me, not being allowed to spend Eternity with Jesus seated at the Right Hand of the Father is Hell—plain and simple Hell! In this life on Earth, we can say and do as we please within the prescribed laws of the land; however, we can say and do as we please in our Spirit because—as I have noted numerous times—God gave us Free Will to say what we choose. It doesn't make it right, accurate, or even wise. I would venture to guess that if I had you take a sheet of blank paper and make two columns, you could fill up one column on what you have heard, seen, or experienced that is Anti-God, or Anti-Jesus. My hope is that you can also fill up the other column in ways that Christians have, in fact, defended the Truths of the Bible. Now, Ken, you just did a 180 on what you have been talking about and the title of this chapter, right? Sort of...

Let me define what I mean by Biblical Truths or Absolutes. These are the Laws of God that have been placed into motion by Our Creator and no matter what we do, say, or threaten, these Biblical Truths or Absolutes do not change. For example, and I may have used this before: several years ago, my daughter was mugged as she came home from work. She was knocked down to the concrete, but she would not give up her purse. The attacker screamed at her to let go in words that I cannot use here, but she refused. To make his point, he pulled her by the strap until she could no longer tolerate the pain of losing skin to the barbarous dragging on the sidewalk. She had no choice but to let go before he did something more serious to her. After the incident, she was bruised, skinless in several places, and she had a fear of where she lived. This barbaric perpetrator was later arrested and charged with this and other crimes, including breaking into a home with a knife. The Biblical Truth or Absolute in this is that if you harm someone, that harm does not go away as it will last for all Earth-bound time; however, the Truth is that if you want to be treated in a humane manner, you must also treat others in a humane manner. When I think of what the writer said, “The Good Book is one good book among many. It is filled with sublime wisdom and no small amount of nonsense”, I think of the totality of God's Word for our lives. The Biblical Truth is that God and Jesus Christ speak to the absolute that for our world to be a better place, we should love one another as God in Christ

Jesus Loved us. God doesn't need to defend that Biblical Truth, but we surely need to defend it by living as He has instructed us to live. I fear that this world will never adhere to this Biblical Truth, because there are so many that love only self, or only a religion, or only money, or only intent to hurt others, and so forth. Therefore, the Biblical Truth that we should love one another must be defended by those in the Earthly Good Christian Domain—or in simple terms, you and I—those of us who do believe in God and have given our lives to Christ. There's no fence-sitting in this. Is there?

I feel so inadequate to explain this topic or chapter material. I want us to understand that we as Christians are under attack on all fronts. We say that when this happens, it is Politically Correct to remove Jesus or God from our schools, our public prayer lives, and so forth. The Biblical Truth—and one God will not defend in words—but He will defend in His Timing, is that He will one day (and I Pray soon) appease—God forgive me if that is the incorrect word usage—those who hate Him no longer (every knee will bow, every tongue will confess...). He will cause the world to take notice in such a way that all people everywhere cannot escape His Wrath. Our job as Christians is to fight the good fight until God makes that decision. I think the time is close at hand, and we Christians must defend God's Biblical Truths that we live by every day. We must choose to serve God first, to take a stand for Christ first, and to Pray without ceasing.

Let me close this chapter by saying that if I have confused you, I ask for forgiveness. If I have given you a challenge to live by, give God the Glory. I am but the vessel by which He speaks and I hope that His Name has been Lifted Up. I further Pray that Jesus Christ has been Lifted Up so that if you are someone who has not yet made that Eternal decision, you would do so—right where you are! Call out to Christ to save you and then live for Him for the remainder of your life by defending the Biblical Truths of God and the Salvation Truths of Christ Jesus.

A Question of Curiosity:

What is worth defending in this life? Family, property, your life? I believe that if we as Christians are Faithful in defending Biblical Truth for God in Christ Jesus, we will discover that God will be our Defender in this life. And you say...

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Truth is defined by one source as *“sincerity in action, character, and utterance.”* Perhaps the most famous verse about truth in the Bible is what Jesus said *“... I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”* (John 14:6). So Jesus is truth and Jesus is also the Word (John 1:1, 14). As Christians we believe that every word in the Bible is true; this is the foundation upon which we live our lives. Knowing what the Bible says about truth and hiding God’s word in our heart helps us to know when we are listening to the Voice of Truth.²

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My Prayer For You:

Creator God, I have tried to be true to Your Word in this writing. I want it to speak for You, not for me. I am but a Follower of Christ in Your Service as I live in a world that wants to remove Your Name from its nation and from the world. I believe that You need no defense as our Holy and All Powerful God, because You hold even our very Lives and Death in Your Hands. Yet, while we live in this world, it is our responsibility to Stand Our Ground in Faith to defend Biblical Truths that show the world we believe in a Holy God, who gave His only Son that anyone who calls on the Name of Jesus as Lord and Savior will be Saved. That is the promise we have from You in John 3: 16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” This scripture is Absolute and from Heaven, needs no defense of its Truth; yet, in our world, we have so many people who refuse the Truth or they need the Truth, and it is our Duty as Christians, to defend the Truth of Jesus before a world that finds it better to side with Political Correctness than side with God. God, I Pray that as a nation we would come to our senses before You, for every nation before us has fallen that has turned its collective back on the God of All Things. I fear that our nation is on the brink of catastrophe, because we have allowed our nation to become a nation of anti-God, anti-Truth, and anti-Jesus Christ. I offer this Prayer and ask that others join me in offering our Prayers to You, asking that You might take these Prayers as an Offering of Repentance, while the Christian community across America become motivated to defend Biblical Truths for the sake of every Christian, lost-but-searching-Soul, and our future generations. In Christ, Amen!

**Defending Our Faith Is Not
Surrendering...
It Is Presenting Christ Jesus To
The Blind, Deaf, and Lost World...
Biblical Truth IS I Am Who I Am.
Woe To Those Who Will Not Listen.**

² <http://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/bible-verses-about-truth-20-great-scripture-quotes/>