

**Learn What God
Wants You to Know**

GOD IS REAL!

Part 7

How did God tell us His
BIBLE PROPHECIES?



OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Since September, we've been studying our King James Bible to find out some of the VERY IMPORTANT FACTS that God wants all mankind to know about Him and about ourselves and about life. So far we have learned that:

1. God put us on earth so that we would seek Him.

Read Acts 17:24-27 KJB

2. God wants all of us to LEARN that HE IS REAL!

We have learned that God has given us lots of EVIDENCE & PROOFS that He is REAL!

Did you know that God does NOT have to PROVE He's real! But God knows that it is VITALLY important that we KNOW that God is REAL! That word VITALLY means "EXTREMELY IMPORTANT"—so important that our very lives depend upon it! God knows that it is VITALLY IMPORTANT that we KNOW that He is REAL! Because once we know that He is REAL, then we are more apt to search out the other VITALLY IMPORTANT FACTS that He wants us to know! We'll learn some of those FACTS in later lessons.

And so, because He loves us all, God has told us & shown us that He is REAL! In the very FIRST VERSE of God's written letter to mankind, God DECLARES that HE IS REAL & that everything that exists, exists because HE CREATED IT!



"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Genesis 1:1 KJB

I don't know about you, but I think it's **AWESOME** that the **SUPREME GOD** of all the universe, the **CREATOR** of **HEAVEN & EARTH**, wants to and **HAS** communicated with us to tell us that He is **REAL! !!!!!** It's too bad so many people **IGNORE HIM!!!!**

He has shown us His supreme intelligence, power, authority & faithfulness in all of **NATURE** and even by the way He made our human bodies. We've seen a little about how **TRUE SCIENCE** confirms that **GOD IS REAL!!!**

Did you know that if our universe shifted even one tiny hair off course, we would **NEVER** be able to exist here on planet earth. Did you ever stop to really think about **HOW** our planet earth is kept at **EXACTLY** the **RIGHT DISTANCE** from the sun & the moon so we don't either **BURN UP** or **FREEZE UP**?

Maybe if you have never thought about all these things, you **SHOULD** start thinking about all these things! You see, God has **CLEARLY TOLD US** right there in His written letter to mankind—the bible—just **EXACTLY** how our little planet earth & all the stars, the sun, the moon, the planets, the oceans, the heavens etc. etc. are kept in just the **RIGHT SPOT**. Here is what God says:



“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power,"

Hebrews 1:1-3a-b KJB

There it is! This verse tells us that Jesus Christ, WHO IS GOD, CREATED THIS WORLD & He is the ONE PERSON who is HOLDING IT ALL TOGETHER!!!! We sure do hope that YOU believe from the PROOFS in creation & true science that God is REAL! We hope this next statement from the Lord does NOT describe YOU!

"The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God.*"

Psalms 14:1KJB



And so in today's lesson we will continue with learning about a THIRD PROOF which God has given us that He is REAL! What is that PROOF?

BIBLE PROPHECY!

We began learning some facts about BIBLE PROPHECY 2 weeks ago. We learned that in BIBLE PROPHECY, God declares that certain things will happen in a certain way at a certain time; and then, the things happen EXACTLY as God said they would which of course PROVES that God is REAL! In part of our study of Bible Prophecy, we are answering 3 questions.

1. Why is Bible prophecy so important?
2. How does God tell us His prophecies?
3. What was the test of a REAL PROPHET?

(Note the word WAS in that question!)

In our lessons from November 9th & 16th, we found out many important things which God tells us in answer to that first question. We found out that Jesus gave the MOST IMPORTANT REASON FOR BIBLE PROPHECIES when He was talking to His disciples one day. Here is what Jesus told them:

“Now I tell you before it come, that when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.”

John 13:19 KJB



Jesus said that He PREDICTED or PROPHECIED or TOLD BEFORE HAND or PROMISED certain things so that when those things happened exactly as He PREDICTED or PROPHECIED or TOLD BEFORE HAND or PROMISED, people would KNOW that He IS who He said He is—GOD, OUR SAVIOR! God’s MAIN REASON for BIBLE PROPHECY is to PROVE that JESUS IS GOD, THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD! If you are NOT sure WHY this is so VITALLY IMPORTANT to KNOW & BELIEVE, read John 3:16-18, 36; Acts 16:31 and 1John5:11-13 in the King James Bible. Also, get our lessons from November 9 & 16 to help you.

Today we will answer questions 2 & 3.

2. How does God tell us His prophecies?

As we have learned, God has ALREADY clearly told us EVERYTHING that He wants us to know! Now

He has NOT told us EVERYTHING there is to know; but He HAS told us everything that He DOES want us to know. And He's also told us HOW He's told us! The answer is in Hebrews 1:1-2 KJB.

Let's read it:

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

There! God HAS COMMUNICATED with us. He's spoken to us in lots of ways. He spoke to man through PROPHETS! And then, finally, God spoke to man through His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ, who IS God & the greatest prophet of all! Other passages, tell us that sometimes God even used angels to send His message to man!



As you read your bible every day, will learn about all the prophets & angels you that God used as messengers to tell mankind all His prophecies & promises, especially His prophecies & promises about Jesus Christ! And so, because of all His PROOFS, those who CHOOSE not to believe God is REAL, those who CHOOSE not to believe in Jesus Christ that HE is GOD THEIR SAVIOR, are

"without excuse"!

See Romans 1:20 KJB

No one will have an acceptable excuse for NOT believing that God is real! No one will have an accept-

able excuse for NOT believing in Jesus as God their Savior!

Now we have just learned that one of the ways in which God spoke His prophecies to man was through prophets. These prophets were certain men whom GOD had chosen. God told these men to tell certain future events to the people. But now that sets us to wondering how would the people KNOW that these men were GOD'S PROPHETS? As we learned in an earlier lesson, God tells us CLEARLY that we are NOT to seek out fortune tellers or people like that. So HOW were people to KNOW that these prophets were TRULY from God? Well, as ALWAYS, when God wants us to believe Him, He GIVES US PROOF & EVIDENCE that what He says is so! And so, God gave the people a TEST which they could use to see if a prophet was really from God & not a fake! This fact brings us to our 3rd question:

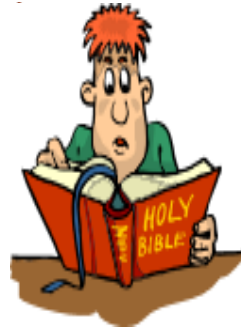
3. What was the test of a REAL PROPHET?



First of all, note the word WAS in that question! At this time in history, there are NO prophets from God. In fact, there have NOT been any since the Bible was completed about 2000 years ago. 1Cor 13:8 KJB Why not? Because God has NOTHING LEFT to say to us for now while we are on earth. Everything God wants to tell us for now is written right there in the King James Bible of 1611. He's given us ALL His warnings &

prediction now completely saved for us to read in that book! But in ancient times before the Bible was completed, God spoke to man. Many times God used prophets to give the people warnings & predictions. The Lord also told the people that there was a TEST which they could use to make SURE that the person telling them about the future was a TRUE PROPHET from God.

“When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.” Deuteronomy 18:22 KJB



The Lord said that if a person claimed to be a prophet of God but not everything that person predicted came true EXACTLY as he said it would, then that person was NOT a TRUE PROPHET! God’s TRUE PROPHETS did not miss even one tiny point about the prophecy. These prophets from God would NEVER make even one tiny mistake! EVERYTHING God’s prophets predicted CAME TRUE exactly as they said it would, because GOD is the one who told them what to say!

In 2 weeks, we will learn about a few of God’s AMAZING prophecies that have ALREADY COME TRUE! Bible prophecy shows us that we can be ABSOLUTELY SURE that **GOD IS REAL!**

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- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
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