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Bible Study..... 9:30 A..M.
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WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE THE BIBLE? BECAUSE IT TELLS ME THAT JESUS LOVES ME.

Barry M. Grider

[Editor's Note: The Southaven church of Christ hosted their annual Power Lectures this week. Brother B.J. Clarke is the capable director of the program. The timely theme "Why Should I Believe The bible" has been a marvelous study. The following article was my contribution to the lectureship. If you would like to purchase the book with all the lectures, please call (662) 393-2690. It would be a great addition to your biblical library.]

Introduction

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.

Jesus, take this heart of mine,
Make it pure and wholly Thine;
Thou hast bled and died for me;
I will henceforth live for Thee.

[Chorus]

Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me;
The Bible tells me so.

Anne B. Warner

This little song has been cherished by untold thousands since the time of their youth. No faithful child of God ever grows too old to moisten his lips with its sweet lyrics. In fact, rarely does the day go by that this song is not sung in our family's household. I want each of my children to understand the most basic, marvelous lesson of life—Jesus loves them. Even though it is important that children know the love of Jesus, it is, likewise, essential that children know why they believe this. The last line of the refrain answers – "The Bible tells me so."

A faithful lectureship is always determined by its respect for the Bible as the all sufficient, all authoritative Word of the living God. There has never been any question as to the faithfulness and soundness of the Southaven congregation, which conducts a spiritual feast each year called the Power lectures. Every sermon is always preached with a "Thus saith the Lord." This year, the entire program is dedicated to the Bible and why one should believe it. Since others have taken upon themselves the tremendous responsibility of proving the inspiration of the Bible and the inerrancy of the Scriptures, consider in this study the marvelous message revealed in the precious Book divine.

What Does The Bible Tell Us About The Love Of Jesus

Some have suggested that the Bible is the unfolding of a beautiful love story. No doubt, the Holy Scriptures reveal the world's greatest lover –God.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have
everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn

the world; but that the world through him might be saved (John 3:16,17).

Jesus Christ was the demonstration of the Father's love for lost humanity. Keep in mind that Jesus Christ was not forced by the Father to love man. He did not go to the cross against His will.

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father (John 10:17,18).

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13).

Hymn writer James G. Dailey captured the mission of Jesus as well as any other human author, I suppose, when he penned the following:

Why did my Savior come to earth,
And to the humble go?
Why did he choose a lowly birth?
Because He loved me so!

Why did he drink the bitter cup
Of sorrow, pain and woe?
Why on the cross be lifted up?
Because He loved me so!

[Chorus]
He loved me so,
He loved me so,
He gave His precious life for me,
Because He loved me so.

Saul of Tarsus came face to face with the loving Lord on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:3ff). Once he became a Christian by following the instructions of Ananias (Acts 22:16), Saul, later Paul, proclaimed the message of Christ to the Gentiles, compelled to do so by the love of Christ (2 Cor. 5:14). What motivates preachers today? If anything other than the love of Christ, he is misguided, misinformed, and mistaken. Notice the apostle's prayer for the Ephesians in the following passage:

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph. 3: 17-19).

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Brother Tany Castaneda, who has served as our local minister to the Hispanic community for several years, recently informed our elders of his decision to return to his home in Las Vegas, closer to family. We appreciate the work of brother and sister Castaneda and wish them well in their departure. The Hispanic congregation meets regularly at the Getwell building. They average about 35 in attendance each Lord's day. It is our prayer that the congregation will continue to grow and many souls will be saved through this effort. Our elders have already employed brother Douglas Alvarenga, to follow brother Castaneda in this good work. Brother Alvarenga, is 29 years of age and a graduate of Brown Trail School of Preaching. Most recently he has been working with the Cockrell Hill church of Christ in Dallas and teaching in Brown Trail School of Preaching's Hispanic Department. We welcome brother Alvarenga to Memphis and look forward to working alongside of him. He will begin preaching for the congregation Sunday, August 7.

GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK

We are so very excited about the prospect of presenting our worship to a viewing audience on the Gospel Broadcasting Network. Cameras are being installed this week in the auditorium. As of now, GBN plans to begin its satellite broadcasting in November. Let us pray that this enormous undertaking for the cause of Christ will soon come to fruition.

REQUEST FROM ELDERS

Since this is mid year, our elders recently wrote the members and commended the congregation for their continued sacrificial giving. At the beginning of the year, with complete trust in God and our membership, the elders raised the 2005 weekly budget substantially. The congregation has done well in meeting this budget. Let us not falter in this area, knowing God will bless us when we let go of what rightfully belongs to Him. The good works mentioned above, along with countless others, come about through sacrificial giving. Keep up the good you are doing!

Barry Grider

