

International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

The Logic of God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it (John 1:1-5).

The Book of Genesis reveals the beginning and the creation by God of the heavens and the earth and all that exists within them. In Genesis, we learn the words God spoke. We learn that everything God spoke and created came into being exactly as God intended. We learn that from the beginning all that God created was good. God evaluated creation and declared that all He had said and done was good. Among other realities, God's first spoken words and creative acts reveal God's perfect divine nature, perfect moral character, and perfect power. Generations later, God revealed these and other truths to those God inspired to write what has become the Holy Bible, truths people need to know, believe, and trust. In the Bible and for the good of everyone, God has revealed to us essential truths about the nature and character of God and creation and God's Way to bless everyone.

The Gospel of John reveals more about the source of God's spoken words and actions when God began creating. God created by the Word of God and the Word of God was God. Everything God created came into being by and through the Word of God. All life and light in the world came by the Word of God. By reading John's gospel, we learn that the Word of God is the Son of God, and God the Father sent the Son of God, Jesus, into our world in human flesh—like God made us in human flesh. Knowing He was the Son of God and a fully human man, Jesus humbly and truthfully called himself the Son of Man. Jesus came full of the grace and truth of God as the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world. Through John's gospel, we learn that everything Jesus said and did reveals truths about God, God's love for the

world, God's love for us, and God's good and saving purposes for God's children. Jesus used His perfect divine character and nature, His perfect words, actions, and power for our good, for our benefit, just as He did when He created all that exists in the very beginning of the world.

The Book of Genesis also reveals that the Spirit of God was with the Word of God when God created the heavens and the earth. From the Bible as a whole, we learn that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit created the heavens and the earth. The New Testament reveals that the Spirit of God is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit indwells, guides, empowers, and helps the followers of Jesus, the children of God, even as Jesus walked with His disciples and helped them as they followed Him.

The Greek language, the ancient language in which the New Testament was written, shows that the word "Word" means more than communication, for there are many ways to communicate. The meaning of the word "Word" includes the concepts and meanings of "sound reason" and "true logic." True logical reasoning corresponds to reality, to what really is, to what exists, the way God's creation exists, and to God's revelation to us in and through the Bible. Sound reason and truly logical conclusions cannot be false, or untrue, or inconsistent with reality, or contradictory of the Bible's teachings rightly interpreted. If a communication or statement is false or untrue, it is not reasonable or logical.

God the Word gave us Life. God the Word also gave us Light. The Light is reasonable and logical and enables us to live a Life that is reasonable and logical. Light reveals the truth about our surroundings, both material and spiritual. The Light helps us live and move and have our being in the physical realm and most importantly in God's spiritual realm. The Light of God helps us see the differences true Light and darkness make in the world. The Light is the Truth of God that helps us distinguish the difference between truth and error, fact and falsehood, right and wrong, good and evil. Because Jesus is the Light of Life and the Light of all those who follow Him, Jesus can help God's children walk in the darkness of this world and not be overpowered by the darkness. Spiritual darkness is evil and full of error, falsehood, lies, and deception. The darkness is spiritual evil; therefore, darkness cannot comprehend or overcome the Light. Through the power and presence of Jesus, those who believe in Jesus will not be overcome by darkness and they will comprehend the nature of reality and learn to think

reasonably and logically. Though they may be deceived sometimes, Jesus will bring His followers back into the Light. Those living in darkness cannot comprehend reality or reason or use sound logic; therefore, they are lost in darkness. Jesus came to lead those who live in darkness into the Light. When we receive Him as He is and believe in Him as revealed in the Bible, we begin walking in the Light and have His power to overcome darkness.

Looking at the Greek meaning and use of the Greek "word" more closely, properly defined, the word "theology" means "reason or logic about God." By dividing the word "theology" into two parts, we learn that "theo" is the Greek word for God, "Theos." "Logy" is the Greek word for "Word," "Logos." We might say that theology is the "Science of God," but not all theology is the true science of God, for much theology is darkness and error and intentional falsehood and deception. As another example, we can divide the word "biology" and find the word comes from joining the two Greek words "Bios" and "Logos;" which means "Science of Life." But not all biology is the true science of life. In the world today, we can distinguish between the biology of Light and Life and the biology of darkness and death. The biology of Light is reasonable and logical and corresponds to reality, to the creation of God as explained in the Bible. The biology of darkness is unreasonable and illogical and refuses to acknowledge the truth about nature and reality as revealed by observation and the Bible.

Believers in the Word of God, Jesus, and believers in the Word of God written, the Holy Bible, should not be surprised when unbelievers cannot comprehend the truth and refuse to turn from long-established and obvious truths (even scientific truths). Whatever unbelievers say or do, they live in darkness and cannot comprehend or overcome the Light and Life. As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we trust Jesus' promise in John 8:12, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Recommended Reading: Genesis 1 and John 1 and the whole Bible.

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