



## Biblical Missionaries 3Q 2015 Lesson 8

### Cross Cultural Missions

#### SABBATH

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Read Memory Text: “Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He will declare justice to the Gentiles.” (MT 12:18 NKJV)

To what is this passage referring? Who is the One speaking? Who is the Servant spoken of?

What will He declare to the Gentiles?

What is justice?

When you think of justice, what comes to mind?

Which law lens do you understand this word through?

What law is human justice based upon? Imposed rules.

How does human justice function? Coercive enforcement, externally inflicted punishments upon law breakers.

What law is God’s justice based upon? Design law, the law of love, the principle of giving, Freedom, Truth.

How does God’s justice function? By seeking to deliver, save and heal those who are breaking the law

- Defend the poor and fatherless; **Do justice to the afflicted and needy.** (Psalms 82:3)
- Wash yourselves clean. Stop all this evil that I see you doing. Yes, stop doing evil and learn to do right. **See that justice is done — help those who are oppressed, give orphans their rights, and defend widows.** (Isaiah 1:16-17 GNT)
- **The Lord longs to be gracious** to you; he rises to show you **compassion.** The **Lord is a God of justice.** (Isaiah 30:18 NIV)
- This is what the Lord says to the dynasty of David: ‘Give **justice** each morning to the people you judge! **Help those who have been robbed; rescue them from their oppressors.**’ (Jeremiah 21:12 NLT)

From an article by Christianity Today on Biblical Justice:

Biblical justice involves making individuals, communities, and the cosmos whole, by



upholding both goodness and impartiality. It stands at the center of true religion, according to James, who says that the kind of "religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" ([James 1:27](#)). Earlier Scripture says, "The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern" ([Prov. 29:7](#)). <http://www.christianitytoday.com/le/2010/summer/biblicaljustice.html>

Biblical justice is delivering and restoring the oppressed not punishing the oppressor!

Then if *justice* is restoring the oppressed what is *justification*? Would it not be restoring the sinner to a state of being just or right? This is exactly what justification is; it is reality; it is not legal fiction. The species human was justified, or made right, healed to perfection in the humanity of Jesus Christ. We as individuals are set right, made right, justified, restored to rightness when we trust God, our heart of distrust is changed to trust and in trust the Holy Spirit takes what Christ achieved and reproduces it in us!

So, what is the significance of Jesus bringing justice to the Gentiles?

That God is the Creator of humanity and all human beings are members of one species, and that God's plan to save is for the entire human race, not just one subgroup of that race.

Rom 11:32 (The Remedy):

from God's perspective, all humanity is infected with the same illness of distrust and selfishness, and the entire human race is dying and in need of the same Remedy; and God mercifully offers full healing and restoration to all who trust him.

## SUNDAY

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The lesson asks us to read John 4:4-30, from *The Remedy*:

John 4:4 On his way to Galilee, he had to pass through Samaria, <sup>5</sup> and came to a town called Sychar, near the parcel of land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> This is where Jacob's well was located. Jesus was tired from his journey and sat down by the well. It was about noon.

John 4:7 While Jesus was resting at the well, a Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus asked her, "Would you be kind enough to give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (Jesus was alone because his disciples had gone to town to buy food.)

John 4:9 The Samaritan woman was momentarily stunned by Jesus' request because Jews were notorious for discriminating against Samaritans (women in particular), and wouldn't even talk to them. Once she recovered from her shock, she said to Jesus, "What's going on that you, a Jew, would ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"



John 4:10 Jesus, with courtesy and respect, said, “If you knew the gift that God has provided for all humanity, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask me and I would give you the water of eternal life.”

John 4:11 “Sir,” the woman replied, “the well is deep and you have nothing with which to draw the water. So, where do you propose to get this water of eternal life? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it himself, as did all of his family and their flocks and herds?”

John 4:13 Jesus patiently answered, “Everyone who drinks of the water from this well, in just a short time becomes thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water of life I give him will never thirst again. In fact, the water of life I give will actually become a new fountain inside him that will overflow to eternal life.”

John 4:15 Upon hearing what Jesus said, the woman eagerly requested, “Sir, please give me this water so that I won’t ever get thirsty again and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

John 4:16 Jesus told her, “Go, get your husband and come back.”

John 4:17 She replied, “I don’t have a husband.” Jesus gently said to her, “You are right when you say that you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you now live with is not your husband. So, when you said you don’t have a husband, that was quite true.”

John 4:19 Shocked and somewhat uncomfortable with such a personal revelation, the woman said, “Sir, to know such things you must certainly be a prophet. <sup>20</sup> So please help me with a problem. Our people have always worshiped God here on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place we must worship God is in Jerusalem; so, which is it?”

John 4:21 Jesus declared, “Believe me, dear woman, the place where one worships God is not important; it is the condition of the heart of the worshiper that matters. Very soon you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship a confusing tradition of rituals that doesn’t enlighten the mind and has no ability to heal the worshiper; we worship the Creator God and our minds are enlightened and healed by him because all that he asks of us is sensible and reasonable. The plan to heal humanity from the infection of selfishness and sin is provided through the Jews. <sup>23</sup> The time has now come that all true worshipers will worship the Father with an intelligent, reasonable understanding of who he is—loving, admiring and respecting the truth about his nature, character, and methods. These understanding worshipers are the kind the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is intelligent and reasonable, and his worshipers must worship him intelligently and reasonably, appreciating and valuing the truth of God’s methods and principles.”



John 4:25 The woman said thoughtfully, “I know that the Savior of the world (called Christ) is coming. When he comes, he will make plain the truth about God and untwist all the confusing ideas about the Father. He will destroy the lies of Satan that prevent us from knowing God. He will explain the real problem regarding the infection of selfishness and sin within mankind, and he will reveal God’s plan to heal and restore mankind to God’s original ideal.”

John 4:26 Then Jesus proclaimed, “I, who stand before you and am speaking with you, am he.”

John 4:27 Just as Jesus said this, his disciples returned and were shocked to find him talking with a woman, and not just any woman, but a Samaritan. They were too insecure to ask, “Why are you talking with her?” or “What do you want with her?”

John 4:28 After hearing what Jesus had just told her, the woman forgot all about her water jar, rushed back to town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who knew everything about me. Could this be the Savior we have been waiting for – the Christ?” <sup>30</sup> The townspeople were so intrigued by the woman’s testimony that they made their way toward Jesus.

What do you think about this woman’s current living situation? What do you think about her relationship history?

If a woman came to church today who had been married five times and was now living with someone who wasn’t her husband would you ask her to be a missionary for your church?

Did Jesus invite her to be a missionary for Him? How could He?

- Didn’t Jesus worry, living as she was, that if she told people about Him that some people might think He condoned living together before marriage?
- Did Jesus have a different standard in selecting who can be a gospel worker than churches do today?
- Should we tell people, in their current situation, about Jesus? Should we share the water of life with them? The cohabitor, the alcoholic, the prostitute, the homosexual, the criminal – should we share Jesus with them and ask them to share with others or should we require them to change their situation first?
- Did Jesus restrict Mary Magdalene from association with Him? Was she a member of his “group”? Why was she permitted?
- Why was the rich young ruler not instantly admitted to Jesus group?
- What was the difference?
  - Jesus was looking for people who were humble, teachable, and loved others
- Who would have been first to be accepted to our church board?
- Do we focus too much on behavior and not enough on character?

Read the last paragraph, “Also, we shouldn’t...” Did Jesus follow Jewish customs when in Israel? Or, did Jesus follow Jewish customs only when they didn’t interfere with His mission?



- Was it customary to heal on Sabbath? Did Jesus?
- Was it customary to pick grain on Sabbath? Did the disciples?
- Was it customary to instruct people to carry their mat on Sabbath? Did Jesus give such instructions?
- Was it customary to drive moneychangers out of the Temple? Did Jesus?
- Was it customary for religious leaders to visit homes of tax collectors? Did Jesus?

Jesus didn't let custom interfere with His mission, but He also didn't purposely violate customs that had no bearing on His mission. He didn't seek to antagonize.

## MONDAY

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The lesson talks about the Roman centurion who asked Christ to heal his servant, and had faith he only needed to command and it would be done. It points out the large cultural divide and how the centurion was sensitive to the Jewish custom of not going into a Gentile home.

How does culture play in our witnessing today? Do we allow cultural differences to interfere with sharing Christ?

Think about the treatment of blacks in America, particularly the southern states, after the end of slavery up through the 1960s—by white Christians.

Have you ever seen some historical films with southern white leaders speaking about integration?

What about today? Do we have cultural barriers today?

What about witnessing to Muslims? How would you approach one?

Do we have biases toward Christians of other denominations? Do we see other Christians as part of the body of Christ or do we see them as needing conversion?

How much of our practices are cultural versus God directed?

- Sabbath practices? (Not recognition of Sabbath sacredness, but the actual practices of what one does on Sabbath)
- Dress
- Music
- Worship
  - Liturgy – is this God directed or cultural
  - Holidays – God directed or cultural
  - Tithes – God directed or cultural
  - Diet – God directed or cultural
    - This week I received the newsletter from LLU regarding the Adventist



Health Study. As many of you know, and some who might be in it, they have been following several hundred thousand Adventists for years monitoring disease in association with which diet they practice.

- In this newsletter, they focused on colorectal cancer, which kills more people in the US each year than any cancer besides lung.
- The diet groups are non-vegetarians, semi-veg, pesco-veg, lacto ova veg, and vegan.
- All veggie groups had lower colorectal cancer rates than the non-vegetarian group – but which had the lowest?
- Here were the four group's reduced risk percent, as compared to non-veggie group:
  - 8%
  - 16%
  - 18%
  - 43%

Can you guess which group had their risk reduced by 43% ?

- 8% - Semi-vegetarian
- 16% - Vegan
- 18% - lacto ova vegetarian
- 43% - pesco-vegetarian

All groups of vegetarians had more plant fiber in their diet than the non vegetarians, which is a significant factor, but not the only factor as the vegan group had more plant fiber than any group, but didn't have the lowest risk. But the authors noted that other factors included the differences in the pesco group of omega 3 fatty acids, Vit D and arachidonic acid.

## TUESDAY

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The lesson asks us to read Luke 8:26-39 (from *The Remedy*):

LK 8:26 They sailed on to the region of Gerasenes, across the lake from Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus went ashore, a man from the town, whose mind was controlled by evil angels, confronted him. The man had not worn clothes or lived in a house for a long time, but lived in the graveyard. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down at his feet and began shouting as loud as he could, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Please don't torture me!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus commanded the evil intelligence to leave the man's mind. Many times through the years it had taken control of his mind and, though he was chained hand and foot and guarded, had broken the chains and driven the man into desolate places.

LK 8:30 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many evil intelligences had taken control of his mind.



<sup>31</sup> They begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them into isolation from living beings.

LK 8:32 There was a large herd of pigs feeding on the hill nearby. The evil angels begged Jesus for permission to take control of the pigs, and he gave it. <sup>33</sup> The fallen angels left the mind of the man and went into the minds of the pigs; the herd went berserk and stampeded down a steep bank into the lake and drowned.

LK 8:34 When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran into town and told everyone, <sup>35</sup> and the people came out to see it for themselves. When they came to Jesus, they found the man, whose mind had been freed from demons, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed, calm and coherent; and this frightened them. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen all that transpired told the new arrivals how the man had been freed from the evil agencies. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people from the region of Gerasenes were so terrified, that they asked Jesus to leave, so he got in the boat and left.

LK 8:38 The man whose mind had been freed from demons begged to go with Jesus, but Jesus had another mission for him. He told him, <sup>39</sup> "Go home and tell everyone how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told everyone he encountered how much Jesus had done for him.

While I believe this story literally happened, does it also serve as an object lesson? How?

- What is our condition separated from Christ?
- What would our minds be like without Jesus?
- Here is a quote from one of the founders of the SDA church:
  - The Lord says, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman." The **enmity does not exist as a natural fact**. As soon as Adam sinned, he was in harmony with the first great apostate, and at war with God; and **if God had not interfered in man's behalf, Satan and man would have formed a confederacy against heaven**, and carried on united opposition against the God of hosts. **There is no natural enmity between evil angels and evil men**; both are evil through transgression of the law of God, and evil will always league against good. Fallen men and fallen angels enter into a desperate companionship. {ST, July 11, 1895 par. 5}
  - thoughts? So, what would be the condition of our mind without the intervention of God? We would be like the demoniac!
- Where did the demoniac stay? In a graveyard, what is our condition without Christ? Dead in trespass and sin (Col 2:13)
  - Deviation from God's design law is always terminal!
- When the demoniac came into Christ's presence what happened?
  - Protestations, acting out, fear, attempt to avoid, redirect focus, attack the other, "What are you doing here, have you come to torture."
  - What happens when the truth first comes to our awareness – conviction, fear, protestations, externalization, attempt to redirect attention away onto others.





- What did Jesus do? He freed the man and restored his soul!
  - What happens to us when we come to Jesus? We are freed!
- Where did the evil angels go?
  - Into the pigs – which symbolically represents what?
  - Brute beasts, those who are no longer in God's image or under the influence of God's Spirit – and such individuals run headlong into self-destruction, just as the pigs did: "The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction;" Gal 6:8

What about the question of demonic activity versus insanity? What is insanity? being insane, which means what?

Dictionary definition:

1. not sane; not of sound mind; mentally deranged.
2. relating to, or characteristic of a person who is mentally deranged
3. utterly senseless

What determines whether an action is sane, rational, reasonable, sensible or insane, irrational, unreasonable, senseless?

Isn't it the understanding of reality one holds?

Through what lens do you use to determine reality, whether something is wise or foolish?

- Is it wise or foolish to, when you are behind in your bills, to give tithes and offerings? Does the motive matter?
- Is it wise or foolish to give with the idea and reason that God has promised if I give He will return more to me, so it is the best financial investment. And if I don't give I break my contract with God and He won't give back to me? This is level two maturity, making a deal, and the motive is selfish.
- But, if one loves God and others, and recognizes the importance of the gospel going to the world, and one gives regardless because they value their love for God and His mission over their own situation, then is this wise or foolish?

From the Remedy:

<sup>1</sup>Cor 1:9 For the Scriptures reveal that God's method of self-sacrificing love will destroy the world's wisdom of promoting self first; the apparent logic of working for self-exaltation, fame, personal advancement or financial wealth, rather than bringing healing and restoration, will be shown to actually accelerate the damage to one's mind and character.<sup>20</sup> So then, what value is there in the wisdom of the selfish man? Or the agnostic professor? Or the atheistic scientist? Or the psychologist of the New Age? God has shown that all "wisdom" based on the principles of this world is in reality foolishness, silliness, nonsense!<sup>21</sup> For after those who value the methods of the world rejected God and denied his





existence, God joyfully revealed his wisdom by actually healing and transforming all those who trust him on the basis of the simple message of God's selfless love revealed by Jesus.<sup>22</sup> The Jews, and many like them, demand supernatural signs and wonders, which (they fail to realize) can be counterfeited, and the Greeks look only for intellectual explanations,<sup>23</sup> but we preach God's self-sacrificing character of love revealed by Christ crucified. It's a roadblock to the egocentric Jews, and utter nonsense to the self-seeking Gentiles,<sup>24</sup> but to all those who respond to God's call, whether Jew or Gentile, Christ is the embodiment of the character, wisdom and power of God!<sup>25</sup> For the simple love of God is wiser than all humankind's self-centered scheming; God's love literally heals and restores. And this love of God, which appears weak to the world, is stronger than all the strength of selfish humanity.

What is insanity? Believing reality works like the world says it does, choosing to diverge from God's design law and claim one gets healthier in the process:

Here is one historic view:

“Today the world is mad: an **insanity** is upon men and women, and is hurrying them on to eternal ruin. **Every species of indulgence** prevails, and men have become so infatuated with vice that they will not listen to warnings or appeals.” {Mar 108.1}

**All sin is selfishness.** [what is sin? deviation from the law, lawlessness, which is failure to love, or selfishness] Satan's first sin was a manifestation of selfishness. He sought to grasp power, to exalt self. **A species of insanity** led him to seek to supersede God. [what does this mean? Why was this insane? Because it was like saying, I will stop breathing so I can live longer] And the temptation that led Adam to sin was Satan's declaration that it was possible for man to attain to something more than he already enjoyed, possible for him to be as God Himself. **The sowing of seeds of selfishness in the human heart was the first result of the entrance of sin into the world. God desires every one to understand the evil of selfishness, and to co operate with Him in guarding the human family against its terrible, deceptive powers.** The design of the gospel is to confront this evil by means of remedial missionary work, and to destroy its destructive power by establishing enterprises of benevolence. {Worker's Bulletin, September 9, 1902 par. 3}

**As a remedy** for the terrible consequences into which selfishness led the human race, God gave His only begotten Son to die for mankind. How could He have given more? In this gift He gave Himself. "I and My Father are one," said Christ. **By the gift of His Son, God has made it possible for man to be redeemed and restored to oneness with Him.** "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." **Love is the great principle that actuates unfallen beings.** With amazement the angels behold the indifference that those who have light and knowledge manifest toward a world unsaved. The heavenly host are filled with an intense desire to work through human agencies **to restore in man the image of God.** They are ready and waiting to



do this work. The combined power of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost is pledged to uplift man from his fallen state. **Every attribute, every power of divinity has been placed at the command of those who unite with the Saviour in winning men to God.** O, that all would appreciate the truth as it is in Jesus. O, that all would love God in return for the love wherewith He has loved them. {WB, September 9, 1902 par. 4}

**Sin has extinguished the love that God placed in man's heart. The work of the church is to rekindle this love. The church is to co-operate with God by uprooting selfishness from the human heart, placing in its stead the benevolence that was in man's heart in his original state of perfection.** {WB, September 9, 1902 par. 5}

What do you think about this quote? What is insanity according to this perspective? Selfishness, survival-of-the-fittest, why? Because it is deviant from God's design for life and results in death. What is the remedy for this type of insanity? What would you call someone in layman's terms who had this form of insanity? Would you call them demon possessed?

Consider this quotation by the same author, writing a letter to a husband and wife about what is described as a self-centered wife:

She has well learned the secret of acting for effect, of **creating a sensation to call attention to her small self.** I have seen but few persons as successful in making **self the center** of attraction when there was so little sweet, noble, genuine attractiveness in the character.

But unless she changes her course, **this acting for effect**, this desperate maneuvering to force the attention of her husband and gain his sympathy, will finally be repeated once too many times, and **God will give her fully into the hands of Satan.** Unless there is a change, a time will come soon when this **lower nature in the wife, controlled by a will as strong as steel, will bring down the strong will of the husband to her own low level.** His will would then be merged in that of the impulsive, inconsistent, **insane wife.** **He would no longer be a man, for the satanic mold upon the character of the wife would be upon him also.** His sympathies would no longer be pure and uncorrupted, like fine gold, but they would be deteriorated. His energies would be enfeebled, his life distorted.

Brother Craig **has felt that it was his duty to fight her battles**, become as inconsistent in her behalf as she is herself, **see through her eyes, and contend for her rights; for unless he does this, she will indulge in those awful outbursts of passion.** [this is violation of the law of liberty, where wife creates emotional drama and consequences to punish the husband for not giving her her way, and thus he begins losing himself and seeing the world through the wife's eyes.] Her oft-repeated assertions draw upon his sympathies, and a continual burden is cast upon him by her **manufactured physical disabilities.** [The person who is unhappy, not getting their way, and then experiences numerous physical maladies.] In her mother's house her will was law. However inconsistent and perverse her course, it was regarded as resulting from



a physical condition for which all allowance must be made. It was thought that her every demand must be met.

**But the folly of the mother and other relatives must not become the folly of the husband. Should he follow in their footsteps, his life and hers also would be wrecked. Better would it be had they never been born. As it is, she is a fit subject for the insane asylum; for God has shown me that she throws herself wholly into the hands of Satan, soul, body and spirit, and his power through her is deadening the fine sensibilities of right and integrity in her husband.**

If she were a child, she could be treated as such; these outbursts of temper could be punished as those of a self-willed, passionate child. But she is a woman, and her husband cannot force her perverse will to be reasonable. **Never will this exacting temperament be improved by yielding to it. Her tragical performances are enacted to frighten her husband into complying with her demands, and he must yield or have a scene. As Satan sees how he can work through her when she thus casts soul and body into his hands--that he can use her as he pleases--he will throw her into these paroxysms more and more, whenever her will is crossed. In this case it is not the woman whom Brother Craig is dealing with, but a desperate, satanic spirit.** MR 16 pg 301

What do you hear in this description? Extreme selfishness, selfishness that destroys the person but also works to destroy those in relationship with the person. This is not mental illness as we know it. There are no hallucination, no other beings speaking through her mouth, no levitation, not supernatural manifestations – just pure evil, which is selfishness that destroys.

A great book that exposes human evil that hides as righteousness, is *People of the Lie* by M. Scott Peck. The first two thirds of this book is excellent, unbelievable in its detail to uncover this type of evil masquerading as the righteous in our families, churches, and communities. The last 1/3 of the book I don't agree with, when he gets into demonic possession and exorcism.

So, let me be clear, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, schizoaffective disorder, major depression, delirium, dementia and other psychiatric disorders are NOT demonic activity or disorders. These are disorders of brain and body, with a wide range of genetic and environmental contributing factors.

## WEDNESDAY

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Read third paragraph, “Nevertheless, Samaritans...” What do you think about the idea that Gentiles were not Jesus immediate goal?

The Bible quote is interesting one for those who have a “literal” view of Bible translation – note the verse Mt 15:24 “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

Do we take this literally? Or do we understand something is meant beyond the literal reading?



When we talk about cross-cultural differences does one's view of Scripture come in? Do we have cross-cultural views of Scripture?

What do we understand about this?

How does inspiration work? What in the Bible is inspired? Are the words inspired?

Here is one view – do you agree?

The Bible is not given to us in grand superhuman language. Jesus, in order to reach man where he is, took humanity. **The Bible must be given in the language of men.** Everything that is human is imperfect. **Different meanings are expressed by the same word; there is not one word for each distinct idea.** The Bible was given for practical purposes. {1SM 20.2}

The stamps of minds are different. **All do not understand expressions and statements alike.** Some understand the statements of the Scriptures to suit their own particular minds and cases. Prepossessions, prejudices, and passions have a strong influence to darken the understanding and confuse the mind even in reading the words of Holy Writ. {1SM 20.3}

The disciples traveling to Emmaus needed to be disentangled in their interpretation of the Scriptures. Jesus walked with them disguised, and as a man He talked with them. Beginning at Moses and the prophets He taught them in all things concerning Himself, that His life, His mission, His sufferings, His death were just as the Word of God had foretold. He opened their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures. How quickly He straightened out the tangled ends and showed the unity and divine verity of the Scriptures. How much men in these times need their understanding opened. {1SM 20.4}

**The Bible is written by inspired men, but it is not God's mode of thought and expression. It is that of humanity. God, as a writer, is not represented.** Men will often say such an expression is not like God. **But God has not put Himself in words, in logic, in rhetoric, on trial in the Bible. The writers of the Bible were God's penmen, not His pen.** Look at the different writers. {1SM 21.1}

**It is not the words of the Bible that are inspired, but the men that were inspired. Inspiration acts not on the man's words or his expressions but on the man himself, who, under the influence of the Holy Ghost, is imbued with thoughts. But the words receive the impress of the individual mind.** The divine mind is diffused. The divine mind and will is combined with the human mind and will; thus the utterances of the man are the word of God.-- Manuscript 24, 1886 (written in Europe in 1886). {1SM 21.2}

This is mature, level seven, understanding of reality. Those who can only use one version of the



Bible, or take the words as inspired and get upset of one rephrases the words with new words that express the same meaning, show they are still struggling to grow up to the full stature of children of God.

## **THURSDAY**

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Read last paragraph, “What we see here are...” What does, “What a sign that the world was ready for His atoning death!” mean?

How does Jesus death atone? How has the cross been presented to the world?

Does Satan have a version of Christ’s death on the cross that he presents to the world? What is that version?

## **FRIDAY**

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read and discuss questions



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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**September 9.10:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Baptist Boomer’s Conference in San Antonio, TX.

**September 12:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Vallejo Dr., CA SDA church.

**September 23-26:** American Association of Christian Counselors World Convention at Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville TN. Come and Reason will have a booth in the exhibit hall, and Dr. Jennings will be doing a preconference workshop and regular conference presentation, as well as commencement speaker for Light University graduation.

**October 24:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking in Puyallup, WA.

**January 9, 2016:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Carmichael SDA church in Sacramento, California.