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The scriptures Pt 4 believe them or believe them not.

We previously established that God spoke, His words were written down, and those writings are known as scripture or holy scripture. God's words are pure, perfect, holy and are a record of His truth, they are useful for reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness, and for doctrine (teaching). Some scripture is sound doctrine for this age and some is not.

In this teaching we say that you either believe God's words or you call Him a liar.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. Disciples of Jesus believe the scriptures.

"When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said" (Jn.2: 22).

C.p. "He that is of God heareth God's words..." (Jn.8: 47).

A Christian is someone that believes God, they believe His written revelation the scriptures, they hear His voice and seek to obey His voice – "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (Jn.10: 27). But first and foremost a Christian believes God's words.

2. If you believe not the written record of God's words you call God a liar.

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son" (1Jn.5: 10).

C.p. "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear [them] not, because ye are not of God" (Jn.8: 47).

The consequence of saying to God that you do not believe his words that He has spoken is that you call Him a liar. In other words what He spoke was lies, whether one word, one sentence, or a whole chapter.

Additional comments on our two points.

You either believe the scriptures, the written record of God's words, or you do not, there is no middle ground.

Applying the teaching to our life today.

Many have asked if it is true to say: that a Christian **must** believe the English text of the Authorised Bible to be a Christian.

How would you answer the question: Can a person reject the Authorised bible as holy scripture and be a Christian?

My answer to our question.

Look at yourself, did your salvation take place when you believed the Authorised Bible? Not for me! So salvation can take place when you hear words from a preacher that are not an exact quote from scripture, or are out of a corrupt copy of scripture, or from a verse painted on a fence. But then **when** a person IS saved, IS a child of God and has not believed in vain, they believe all of God's words, because they are of God (Jn.8: 47).

Can a person choose to believe the gospel of Christ revealed in the scriptures (which "make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" – 2Tim.3: 15), and then choose **not** to believe other words that say "The words of the Lord are pure words" (Ps.12: 6)? What does the word of God say? "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear [them] not, because ye are not of God" (Jn.8: 47). So when you share the truth of the holy scriptures being available in the 1611 Authorised Bible and the person claiming to be a Christian hears the instruction and rejects the AV as holy scripture, they have either:

i) Believed the gospel of Christ crucified in vain (1Cor.15: 2), or

ii) Choose to be disobedient to God's words, either ignorantly or knowingly.

In this teaching we say that you either believe ALL of God's words or you call Him a liar. Be encouraged to believe ALL of God's words, not mine!