

The Hebrew term for truth is emet which means truth, firmness, stability, and faithfulness.

The Greek word for truth is aletheia which denotes truth, sincerity, straightforwardness, or reality.

From these terms and from the other many attributes of God that support His truthfulness, we come to understand that God Himself is absolute truth.

God's Non-Negotiable Truth

God says that life is sacred and stems from Him.

He knew about us from before the beginning of time!

Ephesians 1:4

God the Father chose us in [Christ] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.

Psalm 139:16

Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

God's Non-Negotiable Truth

Jesus, the only Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, co-equally God, said this of Himself:

John 14:6

I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.

God's Non-Negotiable Truth

Jesus is also the Word, the truth made flesh:

John 1:1-3

- 1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2. He was in the beginning with God.
- 3. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

Satan Challenges:

* The Truth of God's Word.

Genesis 3:1-3

- 1. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?
- 2. And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,
- 3. but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

Satan Challenges:

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Genesis 3:4-5

- 5. But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.
- 6. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Satan's immediate response was to declare that this was not the truth and that God was a liar!

They were already like God!

They had been created in God's own image!

Genesis 3:26-28

- 26. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- 27. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- 28. And God blessed them.

Matthew 4:1-4

- 1. Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- 2. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry.
- 3. And the tempter came and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."
- 4. But Jesus answered, (directly from Scripture: Deuteronomy 8 verse 3) "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:5-7

- 5. Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple
- 6. and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, "He will command His angels concerning you,' and "On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone." (Psalm 91)
- 7. Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

Matthew 4:8-11

- 8. Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.
- 9. And he said to Him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."
- 10. Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve." (Deuteronomy 6:13 and 1 Samuel 7:3)
- 11. Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

Jeremiah 29: 11-14 (Amplified Bible)

- 11. For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.
- 12. Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you.
- 13. Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.
- 14. I will be found by you, says the Lord.

John 8:31-32 (Amplified Bible)

- 31. So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, if you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples.
- 32. And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

If we know Jesus - we know the TRUTH

Satan Challenges:

Our Human Identity as Defined By God.

Ephesians 6:10-11

- 10. Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.
- 11. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Satan Challenges:

- **By Offering a Tempting Alternative to Obedience.**
- He encourages us to be rebellious!
- He suggests another path, avoiding strict obedience to God's will.
- He offers an alternative a sweet sounding compromise.

- We must beware of the devil's wiles when he offers something other than total obedience to God's will!
- If what you're being tempted with does not line up with the truth of God's Word then it's NOT FROM GOD.
- God NEVER compromises His Word. It is the truth and therefore the ONLY WAY to live our lives!

The New Testament writers often pointed out the wiles of the devil to those in the church who were falling for them, and we should take note!

Was are warned about the presence of:

- False prophets 1 Timothy 6:3-5
- Busybodies 1 Peter 4:15
- Adulterers 1 Timothy 1:9-10
- Seducers Revelation 2:20

... are all part of Satan's masterplan to undermine the church from within.

We must take up the weapons of our warfare which are:

- Declaring God's Word "It is written..."
- Praise and Worship
- Speaking in tongues
- Prayer and displaying evidence of strong Christian character that defies the enemy!

1 John 1:8-9

- 8. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 9. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 37:23-24

- 23. The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in His way;
- 24. though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand.

Walking in Proven Trusted Truth

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John 16:13-14

- 13. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak and He will declare to you the things that are to come.
- 14. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

Walking in Proven Trusted Truth

- we have God's written Word
- we have Jesus, who is the Word made flesh
- we have the Holy Spirit

Colossians 2:10 (Amplified Bible)

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].

We will face trials - but look at what is revealed and rewarded.

1 Peter 4:12-13

- 12. Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.
- 13. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed.

James 1:12

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.

We will face temptations, but there is always a way through:

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

We will face persecution but we will be blessed and become more like Christ and gain the Kingdom:

Matthew 5:10-12

- 10. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account.
- 12. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:44-45

- 44. But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
- 45. so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Over two thousand years ago, TRUTH was put on trial and judged by people who were devoted to lies.

In fact, TRUTH faced six trials in less than one full day, three of which were religious, and three that were legal.

In the end, few people involved in those events could answer the question, "What is TRUTH?"

Matthew 27:24

So when Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but rather that a riot was about to break out, he took water and washed his hands in the presence of the crowd, saying, I am not guilty of nor responsible for this righteous Man's blood; see to it yourselves.

And so the crowd thought they'd crucified THE TRUTH on the Cross at Calvary!

Choose to trust the TRUTH:

The cross of Christ won for us the victory that we could never have won for ourselves. Jesus destroyed the works of the devil.

Colossians 2:15

Having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Choose to trust the TRUTH:

With the death of Christ, our sins that God put on His body, became powerless to rule over us!

Without the sacrificial death of Christ, we would still be in our sins, unforgiven, unredeemed, and unsaved.

Hebrews 10:10 (Amplified Bible)

And in accordance with this will [of God], we have been made holy (consecrated and sanctified) through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ (the Anointed One).

Choose to trust the TRUTH:

Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We have a living Lord, faithful to His Word.

1 Corinthians 15:3-6

- 3. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
- 4. that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,
- 5. and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
- 6. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time...

His Word is TRUTH for all of us in all situations:

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- 16. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
- 17. that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- He will NEVER leave you nor forsake you
- His love for you is unconditional, unfailing and unceasing
- He gives you His strength, His peace, His comfort, His enabling, His promises, His joy, His grace, His mercy
- He gives you everything you need for life and living
- He provides, protects, heals and delivers
- He is the King over all kings and our soon and coming KING!

John 14:15-21 (Amplified Bible)