

“It is written” – Pt 1 use it pure heart

This is our first study on the phrase “it is written”. In this study we establish three points– (1) God’s written words were authoritative to Israel for teaching, daily living & worship, (2) There were those in Israel that looked at the evil they were in and new it was as it was written in the law, (3) chief priest responded to authorities “as it is written” yet they erred not knowing the scriptures, their hearts were far from God.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. God’s children are to do as it is written in the book of law

“As Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings” (Josh.8: 31),

2. There were those in Israel that looked at the evil they were in and knew it was as it is written in the law

“As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth” (Dan.9: 13).

3. The chief priests used – “it is written” whilst they erred not knowing the scriptures and their hearts were far from God

“And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet” (Matt.2: 5) – c.f. Matt.22: 23–20).

Illustration

The New Zealand government sponsored a UN resolution that critiqued Israel’s settlement in the West Bank – “The resolution passed 14–0 with the US abstaining, and its passing was significant to say the least. Not only was it the first UN–sanctioned critique of Israeli settlements in 40 years and the first resolution not vetoed by Washington, We were now in Israel’s bad books, but not for the first time.”

Questions to think about.

What should Christian’s do in response to our ungodly government?

Answers from the scriptures

“it is written – “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority...” (1 Tim. 2:1–3

“It is written”– “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem...” (Ps.122: 6).

“it is written– Christians walk not as hypocrites– “Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? [6] He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me” (Mk.7: 5–6).

“be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves” (Jam.1:22).

Let us pray for this nation, let us intercede for them, that they may “ turn...from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins...” (Acts 26: 18). Amen!