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Truth Pt 1 God is a God of truth

Closely related to our previous topic of sanctification is truth. Hence, there will be aspects that are repeated from our previous studies, but given the importance of knowing truth, when there is so much error and confusion, I feel there is value in covering a little more depth from a specific teaching on the topic of truth. To complete this teaching series we have searched the word "truth" and established 224 occurrences in the scriptures. In this teaching we provide three points- (i) God is a God of truth, (ii) ALL the works of the LORD are done in truth, (iii) God speaks truth therefore the word of the LORD is truth.

Let us first establish a meaning of the word truth from the scriptures, by considering the various links. There is a link between truth and right

"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways [are] judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he" (Deut.32: 4).

There is a link between righteousness and truth

"Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth" (Ps.96:13). See also Prov.12: 17.

There is a link between truth, judgement and righteousness

[4] Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.

[5] And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hastening righteousness. (Is.16:4-5)

There is a link between the word of the LORD and truth

"And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth" (1Kgs 17: 24).

There is a link between what is right and truth.

"For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth" (Ps.33: 4).

There is a link between truth and perfect, and between truth and just- Deut 32:4- "He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he".

There is a link between truth and justice

"None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity" (Is.59: 4).

There is a link between mercy and truth

"Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth be with thee" (2 Sam.15: 20).

There is a link between goodness and truth

"And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth" (Ex 34:6).

There is a link between sincerity and truth

"Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord" (Josh.24: 14).

The opposite of truth is error

"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error" (1 John 4:6). See also Pro.14:22.

1. God is a God of truth

"That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes" (Is.65: 16).

He is the LORD God of truth

“Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth” (Ps.31:5).

The LORD is a God full of compassion, gracious, longsuffering and plenteous in mercy and truth
“But thou, O Lord, [art] a God full of compassion...and plenteous in mercy and truth” (Ps.86: 15).

The LORD God is merciful, gracious, longsuffering and abundant in goodness and truth
“And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth” (Ex 34: 6).

The LORD is good, His mercy is everlasting and His truth endures to ALL generations
“For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations” (Ps.100:5).

God has given a banner to them that fear Him, that it may be displayed because of the truth.
“Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth” (Ps.60:4).

The LORD keeps truth for ever

[5] Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:

[6] Which made heaven, and earth...and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever: (Ps.146:5-6,8)

His truth reaches unto the clouds

“For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds” (Ps.108:4).

Nebucannezzar recognised that “OF a TRUTH” your God is a God of gods

“The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret” (Dan 2:47).

2. ALL the works of the LORD are done in truth

“For the word of the Lord [is] right; and all his works are done in truth” (Ps.33: 4)

David declared the faithfulness of the LORD, His lovingkindness and His truth

“I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation” (Ps.40: 10).

The works of God are truth & his ways judgment- and he can abase the proud

“Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works [are] truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase” (Dan 4: 37).

The LORD’s eye are upon the TRUTH- Jer 5:3- “O Lord, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return”.

The LORD lives in truth, judgment, and in righteousness

“And thou shalt swear, The Lord liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory” (Jer.4: 2).

Interpretations from the LORD are the truth- Dan 7: 16- “I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things”.

3. God speaks truth, therefore the word of the LORD is truth

“And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth” (1Kgs 17:24)

The commandments of the LORD are sure

[7] The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

[8] They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

The law of the LORD is the truth

“Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth” (Ps119:142). See also verse 151-
“Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth”.

The scriptures are known as the scripture of truth

“But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and [there is] none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince” (Dan.10:21).

A prophet was to speak nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD

“And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the Lord? (2 Chr.18: 15).

Picking up from our previous teaching on sanctification: Jesus confirmed that the words of His Father are truth

[16] They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

[17] Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. (Jn17:16-17)

An illustration to help apply the teaching to our life today.

According to Dr Jay -The Qur'an says-

* it is eternal, it is without error, and

* unable to be changed by man (because it is protected any Allah).

Dr Jay finds 15 historical Anachronisms (dating errors) which are evidence that the words were written by man. Therefore, their "holy book" lies to Muslims, it is an unholy book. Hence, their god and his word (the Qur'an) lies. Allah is not a god of truth, whereas the God of the Holy Bible is a God of truth, His written words are the scripture of truth preserved today in the English text of the 1611 Authorised King James Bible. His evidence against the Qur'an is damning, but he accepts a corrupt text of the Bible, which potentially leaves him open to attack.

Questions to think about.

i) What is our response to God being a God of truth? ii) What are the consequences of God being a God of truth? iii) Why is God a God of truth?

Our answers from the scriptures.

i) Our response:

We praise the LORD even His truth

“I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel” (Ps.71: 22).

Let us praise the name of the LORD for His lovingkindness and for His truth He has magnified His word above all His name- Ps.138:2- “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name”

ii) The consequences of God being a God of truth:

ALL the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth

“All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies” (Ps.25:10)

Those who worship God MUST worship him in spirit and in TRUTH

“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (Jn 4: 24).

ii) God is a God of truth because He is without iniquity, just and right is he

“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he” (Deut 32:4)

When you next talk with a person that does not believe the Authorised Bible is God's preserved words, then ask them to explain, how our God (that they believe in as a Christian- who is a God of truth) can only leave His children with as copy of His words with errors within its pages, knowing that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump (1 Cor.5: 6). Their corrupt copy of the Holy Bible is tainted by error, where as the Qur'an is full of lies. But both show the hand of the devil, the god of this world, and not the God of the Bible, because He is a God of truth, and His works are done in truth! Amen!