

Loving the Truth

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What is truth?

Pontius Pilate

The Defining of God

The One who is Unlike, Unlike, Unlike

God was, is, and always will be

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: **this is my name for ever**, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

Exodus 3:13-15

To Be (Yěhovah)

This NAME was considered to signify God as **Eternal** and **Immutable**, who will never be other than the same (The God who IS, who WAS, and who will always BE the same).

Immutable

Invariable; unalterable; not capable or susceptible of change.

The I AM . . . who does not change (Malachi 3:6) . . . with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (James 1:17) . . . and who is the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever (Hebrews 13:8).

Holy, Holy, Holy

Wholly separate from Darkness

. . . The LORD our God is holy.

Psalm 99:9

Otherly. Not as the Dark (but Light), Not as the Death (but Life), Not as the Lie (but Truth), Not as the Bad (but Good), Not as the Flesh (but Spirit), Not as Sin (but Righteous), Not as Dishonest scales (but Just and Equitable), Not as a wave of the sea tossed to and fro (but Unchanging), Not as Self-centered (But Love); and Not as Lawlessness (But as the Perfect Fulfillment of the Law). Otherly. Always and Eternally Otherly. Never for one moment is He Not Otherly. But rather, He is tri-fold Otherliness, wholly separate from Darkness and untouched by its stain.

So, What is Truth?

- It's not as the Lie

- It's not ever false
- It's not confused and it is never an author of confusion
- It's not ever wrong
- It's without error
- It's without corruption
- It's without deception
- It's clean, pure, unstained, unblemished, as something untouched
- It's that which bears the nature of God
- It's that which is . . .
- It's that which IS.

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Psalm 12:6

2+2 always has, still does now, and always will, equal 4

The mathematical Truth of God

- He **IS**
- What He **Was**, is what He **IS** now
- And What He **IS** Now, He **will always Be**
- He just **IS**

The Power of Fact

- 2 + 2 has always equaled 4

- $2 + 2$ equals 4 still today
- And $2 + 2$ will equal 4 for all eternity
- Nothing can change this fact - nothing can separate the answer of 4 from $2 + 2$. It is an eternally inseparable pair.

The Power of Truth to Save

- (You + Faith in THE I AM) has always equaled Salvation
- (You + Faith in THE I AM) equals Salvation still today
- And (You + Faith in THE I AM) will equal Salvation for all eternity
- Nothing can change this fact - nothing can separate Salvation from (You + Faith in THE I AM). It is an eternally inseparable pair.

But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that **He is**, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

Truth is a Person

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

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John 14:6

The Truthfulness of Jesus Christ

He knew no sin (2 Corinthians 5:21); In Him was and is no sin (1 John 3:5); He did no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth (Isaiah 53:9); He was and is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens (Hebrews 7:26); He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth (1 Peter 2:22); When He was reviled, He reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judges righteously (1 Peter 2:23); He was, and ever is, the Lamb of God (John 1:29); Without blemish and without spot (1 Peter 1:19); He did nothing amiss (Luke 23:41); Certainly He was a righteous man (Luke 23:47); The prince of this world had nothing (no legal grounds of condemnation) in Him (John 14:30); He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15); He was just (1 Peter 3:18).

The Judgment Hall

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at

the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

John 18:33-40

Come Passover Day, Who Will You Choose?

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John 18:39-40

When The Truth Comes, How Will You Respond?

- Will you cower to the pressures of public opinion and political correctness?
- Will you wash your hands of it with a sly maneuver of self-justification?
- Will you choose the Thief instead and allow the Liar to be loosed into your life?

Or . . .

Will You embrace that which may hurt you a little, in order that it might save you a lot?

When Truth comes to the House of God

Ananias and Sapphira

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to

lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. **And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.**

Acts 5:1-11

Approaching the Blazing Heat of Truth

The Father Illustration

Encountering the Heat of God's Truth

and the fear of having the "Shoulder Lizard" cut off

Now - When the Heat of Conviction is Present - This is the hour of your Salvation

The Known Pain of Sin vs. The Unknown Pain of Freedom

Embracing the Unknown Pain

Because you Trust the One Inflicting it

Passover - Experienced like an Egyptian or an Israelite

Pecach - Peh'·sakh

The Feast of Passover, The Great Sparing from Calamity, The Sacrifice of Sparing, The Intercession of the Little Lamb - in which the paschal lambs were killed that the people of Israel might be spared from the like penalty of the Egyptians.

The Arnion - [är-nē'-on] - *The Little Lamb*

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:29

The Little Lamb is used for . . .

1. Sacrifice

And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD . . . even a thousand lambs . . .

1 Chronicles 29:21

2. Clothing

The lambs are for thy clothing . . .

Proverbs 27:26

3. Food

. . . They shall take to them every man a lamb . . . a lamb for an house . . . And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it . . . And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

Exodus 12:3,7,11

Pascha - PÄ'-skhä

The unblemished Little Lamb who must suffer, be sacrificed, and become food that the people might be spared from great calamity. The Little Lamb whose blood (whose forsaken life) must cover the houses of the people to spare them from like destruction with the world. The Little Lamb set apart for the 14th day of the month of Nisan.

Paschō - PÄ'-skhō

To Play the part of the Little Lamb, to willingly stretch forth your neck unto the ax, to gladly suffer in the body, to spend your blood (your life) for the sparing of others and for the Glory of the One who gave you the Life in the first place.

Human knowledge must be understood to be loved, but divine knowledge must be loved to be understood.

Pascal