

50 Bible Verses Everybody Should Know By Heart

Building Blocks of a Biblical Worldview – Part 3

It's a slogan attributed to the Baby Boomer Generation, Timothy Leary (although you may be surprised about who said it first), and bumper-sticker summation of a mindset that permeated the 60's and 70's and runs like a computer program in the background of our cultural mindset. It was, and is, explicit: QUESTION AUTHORITY. The statement's significant, because AUTHORITY is a major component and building block of anybody's worldview (set of beliefs about **God, Mankind, Truth, Authority, Values, Ethics, and Hope**). Last lesson, we considered a key verse regarding TRUTH. This lesson, we will learn two verses dealing with a key issue in any worldview – the issue of AUTHORITY.

What is “Authority”?

Authority is any COMMUNICATION that has the POWER to INFLUENCE what we BELIEVE and what we DO.

It's also important to remember that “Authority” always comes from a PERSONAL source. Let's discuss . . . *Roberts Rules Of Order*, manuals for electronic devices, directions to a store, rules for playing sports, statements by fire departments, teachers, and politics can all be traced back to what somebody says. So the source is significant!

Worldview building block #4 has 2 Verses: ISAIAH 8:20 & MATTHEW

24:35. *“To the Teaching (Law) and to the Testimony! If they will not speak according to This Word, it is because they have no light of dawn.” – Isaiah 8:20*

(Jesus said) “Heaven and earth will pass away; but My Words will never pass away.”
-- Matthew 24:35

About the 1st Verse . . .

- ➔ CULTURAL problems are at their core problems with Authority. When people rely on the Authority of other fallen, finite, fallible people, they get confused and angry at their leaders and their “god”. After all, they are listening to spiritually ‘dead’ people! (*cf Ephesians 2:1*)
- ➔ Without an absolute, unchanging authority to guide us, we walk in darkness. Hope always ends in darkness and gloom.

About the 2nd Verse . . .

- ➔ The Larger question of Authority is the question about WHO the Authority is. A PERSON lies behind every authority statement. The question is “Sez WHO?”
- ➔ Jesus makes it clear about what all Scripture is about. See **Luke 24:27**. It's all about Christ, Who is the very WORD of God! The Words of the Bible are ultimately Christ's Words!
- ➔ Jesus makes it clear WHO possesses all Authority! See **Matthew 28:17**. Christ has all Authority, the right to command and influence thought and behavior!

**** What does all this tell us about the issue of Ultimate Authority? ****

It's vested in a PERSON! Jesus Christ