

Dinosaurs, Creation, and the Truth of God's Word

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Memory Verse: Romans 6:23

Okay, if you are about, we're going to do the verse first. So you have been doing really, really well on the verses. How many have memorized all the verses? You have five—you have five stars on your—oh, you have two stars. Faith has two, but I've seen some that have memorized all of the verses. So raise your hand if you've done all—I know Daisy has; I know Agnes, I think Agnes has. "I've done all the verses." Well, that is really, really, really good. So keep on your work on the verses. The lower ones, I don't think you have to say the entire verse, but—

Okay, let's refer to a ratio of this—Faith has an eraser. Okay, so this is a new verse for today, and it is a very important verse. It has two parts. There's two parts. The first part of the verse is about our problem. You know, we all have a problem, and that is sin. We all have bad news. That's sin:

[Romans 6:23 NKJV] - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The wages is something you get if you work a job or you do certain things. The wages of sin is death. But there's good news. There's bad news, and there's good news. The bad news is the wages is death. The good news is—look at that word. Isn't that an important word? **But**. But the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. So this is a very important verse, and we want to learn it this morning.

So, let's get started. Let's all say together, nice and loud, nice and clear.

- Missed out.
- Missing a letter.
- Missed out the word there.

Okay. Let's say it all together, ready? Romans 6—I don't hear anything. Let's say it all together: one, two, three.

— Romans 6:23. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Very, very, very good. Okay. We want to get some volunteers to do a little erasing. So we get Jonathan first, he's in the first row, and then we'll get some others to do it. Now, Jonathan, I want you to erase three words. Okay, it can be anywhere, three in a row, or—

- He goes for the big words.
- Oh, you go for the big words. I like Jonathan; he's very detailed. He gets every bit of the—
- One.
- That's one. Oh, another pretty big word.
- Okay, good.
- Good, good, good.
- Two points.
- And what else?
- The conference.
- Oh, I thought he was going to go for that. I thought he was going to go for that. That's the biggest word on the—
- Okay, good job.
- Good, yeah, that's it. It's every little bit, very good. He used to be an engineer when he was growing up.

Okay, we have to say the verse. We're going to say the verse, ready?

Romans 6:23. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Okay, let's go. Oh, the third—the third row. We haven't had Mia come up yet, so Mia can come up and three words. I guess that's it. We won't count that as a word. Three words. Good, good, good. Okay. Okay, it's getting more difficult right away. Okay, ready? Where's it found?

Romans 3:6, 1:83. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ.

Okay. I'm going to read a little bit of the Bible. How about another row? Anybody else would like to? Oh, we want to hit you. Yeah, you can come up. Three words. Okay, good, good, good, good, good. Okay. Very good. Let's say it again.

Romans 6:23. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Very, very, very good. Okay. Who else would like to erase? Yes. Some words. Oh, we've got a young eraser. You're not sure who wants to do it? A little afraid? Okay, he's—nice, good, good. Good, good, good. One more. Good. Okay, very excellent. Okay, it's getting harder and harder. You think we can memorize it by the end? I think we can, yes. Okay, we're beginning. Ready?

Romans 6:23. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Very good. You did it; you did it. Would anyone else? Oh, okay. So at least you got to just—you're going to get it up. Do the procedure. That's it. Good. Okay, very good. Okay, getting harder and harder. Let's say it out nice and loud. Good.

Romans 6:23. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus the Great our Lord."

One more volunteer. No, one more, one more—maybe one more we haven't ever had. One more, we got all this. Okay. They can erase all four; do all four. All four. Very, very good. All the—good, good, clean, very clean. Okay, let's say it together. Can we say it?

Romans 6:23. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus—but our nothingness, O God, is eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord."

That was excellent. Thank you very, very much. Good job. Now we are going to break up into our groups. So those who are up to seven years old, seven years old or younger, can go with Miss Faith, and the rest of us will stay here.

Every Word of God Is Pure

And if you have your Bible with you, we encourage you to take your Bible out. And every morning we have been looking at a verse that says the Bible is true. Now we know the Bible is true, but is it good? And over and over again, the Bible tells us the Word of God is true. So Proverbs 30—can you find that? Proverbs 30.

Proverbs 30 and verse 5. Now, sometimes it says the Word of God is true; sometimes it says something like that. But notice what this verse says. This verse is even stronger than those verses. Proverbs 30, verse 5. Look at that, Mr. Harold:

[Proverbs 30:5 NKJV]

Every word of God is pure;

He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

Every word of Scripture is true or pure. "He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him." Now, how can the Word of God be a shield? A shield protects. And I'll tell you this: the Word of God protects us; protects us from a lot of things. If we follow the Word of God, He will protect your life. There are so many different, different ways.

But I like what it says: "Every word of God." In the New Testament, it says:

[2 Timothy 3:16 NKJV] - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Every word is inspired by God. So it's wonderful to know that the Word of God is true.

Dinosaurs and the Bible

Now, this morning, we are going to look at what the Bible says about dinosaurs. Now, a lot of people say, "Well, the Bible can't be true because it doesn't mention anything about dinosaurs." What about dinosaurs? Does the Bible say anything about dinosaurs? You go to museums, you see big skeletons of dinosaurs. And where are dinosaurs? If God created Adam and Eve and all the animals, where were the dinosaurs in the Bible? And if I don't see any dinosaurs in the Bible, I'm not going to believe in the Bible.

Now, how many here like dinosaurs? I know my kids love dinosaurs. And on one occasion, we had a little toy motorcycle on a rubber band, and a plastic dinosaur. My son's favorite toy for years and years was this dinosaur he wrapped around the motorcycle. Kids love dinosaurs.

And this is a picture supposedly recreated from dinosaurs who lived in the area of California. This is from a museum in California, and they found skeletons of dinosaurs in California. They found many, many, many skeletons of dinosaurs in Canada. Okay, a little further north from here—thousands, I think 10,000 dinosaur skeletons.

Now I want to think about this one for you. Who knows what kind of creature this is? Nobody knows. Do you know?

— A mammoth.

— A mammoth, a woolly mammoth.

And this animal especially lived in Canada; that's why I put him in my picture. He lived in Canada, and he's very much created by God for the climate that he lived in. He's got a lot of wool around him, a lot of fur around him. And he lived in Northern Canada and other northern areas throughout the world, but especially in Canada. They say there's about 10,000 discoveries of skeletons of woolly mammoths in Canada, but they became extinct.

Now, I have it here. They were extinct—do you see that on the screen?—only 3,000 years ago. That's not very long ago. 3,000 years ago! They were 10 to 12 feet tall. I'm 6 foot 2, so they're twice as tall as I am. That's the male version. The female version was about 9 feet tall, only 9 feet tall. They were about 18 to 21 feet long. But I found this interesting: their tusks—see those tusks?—8 to 9 feet long. Woolly mammoths. They're roughly the size of a modern-day elephant, except the tusks are much longer.

I'll just give you an idea. Now, did humans—did God's creation—live in the same time as mammoths? Who knows? Yes, if you said yes, you're correct. They did. In fact, one of the reasons they went extinct was because they were hunted. That's just one of the reasons. But they're about twice as tall as a human. So can you imagine hunting—imagine hunting that kind of creature? I think I'd run away. I think I'd run before I would hunt it. That's what they did: woolly mammoths.

Now, how big are some of these creatures? Quite large. Some are small. I think we think that all dinosaurs were big. It's not true. This one was only five feet tall, 15 feet long. Or it's 18 feet long or 20 feet long, or sometimes 80 feet long. Some walked on two feet, some walked on four feet, some spent time in water and they're water creatures, some are vegetarians. So we have dinosaurs all over the earth.

Now I want to ask you this: Did man live with dinosaurs? Did God create man the same time as He created dinosaurs? Now, modern science says no. We're going to look at that in a second. Modern science says no. Modern science says 65 million years ago, dinosaurs roamed the earth, but man did not come until much, much, much, much, much, much, much later. That was interesting.

The Bible says the very opposite. The Bible says that man and all the animals lived at the same time. And we want to look today and think today: Is that true? Is the Bible true? Modern science—are these scientists wrong? Now, have scientists ever been wrong before?

Yeah, they've been wrong before. And Harold was telling us about archaeologists being wrong. Sometimes they know the truth, but they tell you that it's not true. We want to think a little bit about this.

Behemoth in the Book of Job

Now, if you have a Bible, why don't you turn to Job. Actually, I have the verse right here, but let's turn to it. If you have your Bible, Job chapter 40 and verse 15. Now, Job is the oldest book in the Bible. It's the oldest book in the Bible, but dinosaurs are mentioned in Psalms and other books that came later. Now, the book of Job was written about almost 4,000 years ago. That's when it was written: about 4,000 years ago. Now, woolly mammoths were on the earth at that time; scientists would even agree to that. But some of these other dinosaurs, well, they would say, "No, it would be many, many, many years before that."

Look what it says in Job chapter 40 and verse 15. I want to read this description to you, and I want to ask you, does this sound like a dinosaur to you when we read this description—the description of what Job saw? I want to read it to you, beginning at verse 15.

Now, the word "dinosaur" is not used; it's another word. The word is behemoth. Behemoth, which means great creature:

[Job 40:15 NKJV]

¹⁵ "Look now at the behemoth, which I made along with you;
He eats grass like an ox.

So Job is saying, look at it: "Behold the behemoth, which I have made with you." That's a key word: I made him when I made you. I made dinosaurs when I made you!

Now, that is a direct contradiction to modern science. But we believe the Bible is true. I read at the beginning, every word—every word is true: Proverbs 30, verse 5:

[Job 40:16 NKJV]

¹⁶ See now, his strength is in his hips,
And his power is in his stomach muscles.

He says his force is in the muscles of his belly:

[Job 40:17 NKJV]

¹⁷ He moves his tail like a cedar;
The sinews of his thighs are tightly knit.

A cedar tree is very fat, very thick, and long and tall. "He moves his tail like a cedar." The sinews of his thighs are knit together:

[Job 40:18-19 NKJV]

¹⁸ His bones are like beams of bronze,
His ribs like bars of iron.
¹⁹ He is the first of the ways of God;
Only He who made him can bring near His sword.

So here you have his description—tremendous description: his tail like a cedar tree, the muscles are in his legs and his stomach area. He's a giant creature. Well, that sounds a lot like this dinosaur. But the key thing it says: "I made him with you."

Leviathan in Job and the Psalms

Now let's look at—just read this verse. They try to say 65 million years ago dinosaurs roamed the earth, roughly that time; it's called the Jurassic period. But what about the Psalms much later? Dinosaurs still lived much later. In Psalm 104, verses 25 through 26:

[Psalm 104:25-26 NKJV]

²⁵ This great and wide sea,
In which are innumerable teeming things,
Living things both small and great.
²⁶ There the ships sail about;
There is that Leviathan
Which You have made to play there.

Here is another very large creature. You have two very large creatures: you have the Leviathan mentioned in Scripture, and you have the Behemoth mentioned in Scripture.

Look what it says in Job 41. You have your Bible still open to the same passage. Look what it says about the Leviathan. I put it all in one verse:

[Job 41:1 NKJV]

"Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook,
Or snare his tongue with a line which you lower?

Can you take a metal hook and catch him? He looks like he's in the water; he's a water-living creature:

[Job 41:28-29 NKJV]

²⁸ The arrow cannot make him flee;
Slingstones become like stubble to him.

²⁹ Darts are regarded as straw;
He laughs at the threat of javelins.

An arrow cannot make him flee. You can shoot a bunch of arrows at him, and he's not going to run away. That sounds like a pretty big creature. When you throw a spear at him, he laughs at the shaking of the spear:

[Job 41:33 NKJV]

On earth there is nothing like him,
Which is made without fear.

Upon the earth there is none like him.

So you have these two very large creatures that are living at the same time that Job is living, living at the same time that the writer of the Psalms is living. We have these great creatures—I want to call them dinosaurs or those kinds of creatures. They were created when God created Adam and Eve. They lived this whole time. It's not that they lived 65 million years ago and then man was created much later. I think it agrees with what the Bible says about creation. Man was created, and in six days all creation was created. All the animals were created: the animals in the sea, the animals on the land, all were created in accordance to God's Word.

Now, here are a few other verses about dinosaur-like descriptions in the Word of God. There were dragons in the water:

[Psalm 74:13 NKJV]

You divided the sea by Your strength;

You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters.

And:

[Isaiah 27:1 NKJV] - In that day the LORD with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.

The book of Isaiah was written about 750 years before the birth of Christ, about 2,700 years ago. Sea reptiles and flying reptiles are often grouped with dinosaurs. Sea dragons could be included in dinosaur-type animals, like the picture we have on the left. It also mentions in Isaiah 30:6:

[Isaiah 30:6 NKJV] - The burden against the beasts of the South. Through a land of trouble and anguish, From which came the lioness and lion, The viper and fiery flying serpent, They will carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys, And their treasures on the humps of camels, To a people who shall not profit;

A fiery flying serpent—a pterodactyl.

Scientific Discoveries and Soft Tissue

This is a scientific chart. They say about 65 million years ago in the Jurassic period, all these dinosaurs lived. This is an evolutionary chart where, from smaller-type creatures, they developed and developed and developed, evolved and evolved, until higher, more developed creatures, and then of course man was developed later.

I want to look at this with you for a minute. Does science—we don't always believe science, but sometimes science agrees with the Bible. You know, some of the greatest scientists were

Christians; the earliest scientists were Christians. But notice something that has been discovered. I think this was discovered in California: they discovered a dinosaur that had soft tissue in the bone. So they took their bones and they noticed they weren't fossilized completely; they weren't mineralized completely. They began to examine these bones and found marrow in the inner part of the bone, softer tissue in the middle part of the bone. And they said it would be impossible—it'd be impossible for dinosaurs to be 65 million years old, because if that was true, it would be impossible for them to have soft tissue in their bones!

More and more scientists are saying that dinosaurs were not 65 million years ago; in fact, they were much, much more recent than that. And that would agree with what the Bible has to say. Another report: "Media Go Soft on a Hadrosaur Bone Discovery." They discovered some bones, and inside the bones the tissue was soft. They have found some in other areas; they even found soft tissues of dinosaurs. So could dinosaurs really be 65 million years old?

Now, here's a scientist, his name is Mark Armitage. He began to study and examine dinosaur bones, and he found out there was soft tissue in them, and he got fired from his position. It's a little bit like what Harold said: they try to sometimes hold back information that proves the Bible is true. So, what's the answer? That could be a dangerous thing for scientists to say the Bible is true, because if the Bible is true, then people would start reading the Bible more and more and more. But if scientists and media and many people can say the Bible is not true, everybody should stop reading the Bible—they would be very happy with that.

So here, this man, Mark Armitage, began to do some research and write some papers about the fact that the dinosaurs he examined had soft bone tissue, and he was fired. But this article says the university settled a lawsuit with this scientist because he found soft tissue in dinosaur bones.

So what does that tell us? It tells us the Bible is more and more true about what it says. When it says that man lived at the same time, that God created dinosaurs at the same time as He created man, the Bible is true. Scientists have been finding that for many, many years. If it is true that dinosaurs lived at the same time, and scientists have been saying for years it was 65 million years ago, then maybe their science is not right. Maybe evolutionary theory is not right.

The Historical Evidence of Cave Drawings

Now, they have found cave drawings. In fact, this one I believe is in China. Now, when you look at that cave drawing, they believe this is from about 500 years ago. What does that look like? Dinosaurs. That looks like a dinosaur. The one on the bottom looks like dinosaurs. And what is that one in the circle? What does that look like? It looks like a person. It's very faint;

you can't really see it very well, but it's a faint-looking picture of a person. A person and dinosaurs, maybe hunting each other, or the person hunting the dinosaur.

And if that's true, dinosaurs lived at the same time, at least as when they drew this cave drawing. And we're not really sure when he drew it, but man saw this creature and drew a picture of him. So dinosaurs must have lived at the same time as man lived. And that proves, again, the Bible: when God created man, Adam and Eve, He created the Leviathan and the Behemoth and all the other animals with him.

Look at this picture: another cave drawing. Look at the one in the circle. That looks like a dinosaur, and it looks a little bit like people with bows and arrows and spears. Some may be running away from the dinosaur; some may be running towards and hunting the dinosaur. But we know at least this: they lived at the same time, because someone drew that. Someone who saw it drew this picture of the dinosaur, with people having bows and arrows and spears and hunting it.

So cave drawings, scientists finding soft tissue, and the Bible is saying that God created dinosaurs at the same time as He created man. So dinosaurs are not something that existed 65 million years ago; it is something more recent. It is something that God created when man was created, and it shows that we can believe this Book.

There's more evidence, more and more evidence to believe in the Bible. That's why we study the Bible. That's why we read the Bible. That's why we have the DVBS. That's why we spend time reading it. And that's why when we look at this Book and we see it says all the words of the Bible are true, we begin to follow what we have in this Book. The Behemoth—we don't know exactly what he looked like. The Leviathan—we don't know exactly what they looked like, but we do know this: they lived with man, and that agrees with what the Bible says, that God created Adam and Eve and He created all these animals. He says, "I created the behemoth with you."

You know, they have—I don't have a picture of it, but you can go on the internet and find it easily—down in Texas, in an area where there's a lot of clay which has been fossilized, they have a footprint of a human being and they have a footprint of a dinosaur in the same fossilized clay area. We're finding this more and more. The more we do research, the more the scientists, the more the archaeologists begin to do research, the more we find evidence to believe in the Word of God.

The Urgency of the Gospel

Now, if the Bible is true about what it says about dinosaurs, the Bible is also true about what we read about this morning:

[Romans 6:23 NKJV] - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The wages of sin is death. It's true that if we don't come to the Lord Jesus Christ, eventually the consequence of our sin means eternal death. It's judgment: God will judge us for our sins.

Now, the Lord Jesus Christ does not like to judge us; He doesn't want to judge us. In fact, God does not want to judge us so much He sent His Son into this world. But, you know, God is holy. You know, fathers do not want to do any kind of discipline to their children. I don't know as a child here if your father or mother has ever disciplined you, if you had to go to your room, whatever it may be—they don't like doing that. They love you. They don't like doing it, but they find that it's important for them to do that: to discipline you.

But the good news is—the good news is the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. God has not left us in our sins. He's not said, "Well, you've sinned; this is the consequence, and that's just how it's going to be." No, He sent Someone. He sent the Lord Jesus Christ that He would take your punishment. Isn't that amazing? He would take your punishment! Imagine the God of this universe, the Creator of all things: He comes down in the person of a Man, and He takes your punishment. God takes your sins and puts them on the Lord Jesus Christ, and He is put to death. He suffers for them, and He is put to death:

[Isaiah 53:6 NKJV] - All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

We've turned each one to his own way, and the Lord—the first person of the Trinity—the Lord laid upon Him the iniquity of us all.

Now, how do we get eternal life? That verse didn't really tell us how we get it. How do we get eternal life? How do you get your sins removed from you? You know, the Bible says:

[Psalm 103:12 NKJV]

As far as the east is from the west,

So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

How do we get our sins removed from us? There's something we have to do. There's a step that we have to take, and that step is faith. We don't have to work for it. We don't have to do certain kinds of works for it. We don't have to try to do one good act every day for the rest of our lives, because we'll miss it. If God said you had to do certain things every day, we would not be able to do it. If God asked you to say a prayer of one minute every day for the next 20 years, you know what would happen? You would miss; I would miss it.

So God said, "No, no works. It's all grace. You need to believe in what I have done for you. You have to believe that I bore your sins. You have to believe that I died for your sins." And all you have to do is say, "Lord, I want to receive that gift of salvation from You." Acknowledge the ABCs—the ABCs of salvation:

- **A:** Acknowledge I am a sinner. Remember that story yesterday I told about the man who was drowning? Well, you have to recognize that you're lost and you're going to drown unless someone comes and saves you. Admit that you're a sinner.
- **B:** Believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for you.
- **C:** And then you take a step. You say, "Lord Jesus, I want to be a Christian, and I want to receive that gift of salvation, that gift of eternal life. I want it. I don't want to be judged; I don't want to be far from You. I want my sins forgiven. I want to know You. I want my sins removed from me as far as the east is from the west."

And so you come by prayer, and you say, "Lord Jesus, I want that."

Now, if you're here this morning, you could be an adult, you could be a younger person. If you're here this morning and you've never received it, you never took that gift, never received it, the Lord Jesus is actually holding it out to you. The gift of God is eternal life. He holds it out to you. It's a gift. When somebody gives a gift to you, He extends it to you for you to take it. Have you ever taken and received by faith the gift of eternal life? By faith.

If you've never done that, whether you're older or younger—I've known some people who were in their 50s. I think that's young now, but I used to think that was old! Or you're younger: I had a sister that received that gift when she was five or six years old; I received that gift when I was 20. Have you ever received that gift? If you've never received the gift of eternal life, today—today would be the best day:

[2 Corinthians 6:2 NKJV] - For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

There is an urgency to do that. You never know what the future holds. I want to encourage you: talk to one of the adults here, talk to me, talk to Mr. Harold, talk to some of the other leaders, and say, "I want to be a Christian today. I want to receive that gift of eternal life. I want to know the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior."

Closing Prayer

So we're going to close in prayer. We're going to turn it over to Harold; he has some announcements and some things, and then Mr. Trevor comes on. So let's just bow in a word of prayer.

Our God and Father, we thank You for this time this morning. We thank You for each one that is here. We thank You that You created these tremendous, large creatures. You created us, and You love us, and You don't want to judge us. And You sent the Lord Jesus Christ to go to the cross and pay for our punishment, to pay the penalty for our sins, and that He sends to us the gift of eternal life. Father, I pray that if there's someone here that has never received the gift of eternal life, they would go to one of the leaders, one of the adults, and say, "I want to know Jesus Christ. I want to have my sins forgiven. I want to receive that gift of eternal life today." And so we pray that would happen today, Father. We pray that in Jesus' name. Amen.

Daily Vacation Bible School Prizes

Does Jesus love you? How do you know? The Bible tells us so. And no matter where you look, the Bible is right.

So, Roy, is Trevor with us at this point? We're a little bit early; he's a little bit late. All right. So here's my question: When you came last year, if you came last year, did you get a prize for coming? Yes. Some of you actually wear it; some of you have been wearing it; others have been wearing it. So, if you come this year, will you get a prize? Yes. We decided to give you the prize on Friday rather than the first day you came, and that's what we told you we would do. We're going to do that. And so, Mr. Chu—oh, can you children come down? Sorry, that's right.

So Mr. Chu, you come here and you begin to tell us, please, about the prize that we're going to get this year. I just have to tell you that the prize is for all the children, and there's a prize for all the teenagers and the college-agers. Now this is the other part: there's a prize for the old people; there's even a prize for me! Okay, so it's going to be good this year. Mr. Chu, you tell it, please.

— We're going to keep moving here in the shop because I hope they'll be excited with the gift that we have prepared. And so I'll start with probably the adults. Well, we have gifts for the children, but also the adults. You are going to get this bag here and say, "God is good." Not just one time—all the time! So you can use this bag, but there's something inside here, right? I probably shouldn't tell you everything that's inside, but in some of it, there's a secret that we're going to find out on the last day.

So what's inside? I'll show you some, okay? Because this is a DVBS Bible vacation pen. So you're going to get a Bible from the Gospel of John, so you're going to read that, okay? All of you are going to get this. What's more, you will get a book here, a notebook with a special magnet, this bookmark—a magnetic bookmark. You get that.

Then I'll show you that you will have also a cap, a hat, which says that Jesus is the way, the truth, the life:

[John 14:6 NKJV] - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

So each of you is going to get one, all right? That's for the adults. And there are more things; I don't want to reveal them right now. You're going to find out the surprise. Okay, time to go. I can see that more will be here now.

Okay, so now, children, are you excited? What are you going to get? The gift! Well, you're going to get this bag.

— What's that?

— Jesus, the Way, the Truth, the Life.

You get this bag. Now, the question is, what's inside here? All right, let's check that one by one. Okay, you're going to get a Bible—the Bible, the Gospel of John. And you will be getting something—what's this? What did I get? A frisbee! Well, let me open and show you what this is. What can I do with this? Oh, I have it behind me. Wow, it is a frisbee! You can get a frisbee on the last day.

And you're going to get a notebook with a magnetic bookmark as well. And you can get this—what I wished for! You can have this as well with the Scriptures. And more things inside which I cannot reveal to you. You can wait for the last day to find out more. Also, you will get a hat as well; everyone will get that. Are you excited? I hope you are. Don't miss it!

You can also bring your friends to come. If you bring your friends to come, we have another special prize for you.

— There's a special prize. If you bring your friends tomorrow—Harold said under the age of—under the age of? If you bring any friend, even if he's an old man like me, you're still going to get something! Wow.

— So, we have some of the things like this: you can get a bag here, or you can get—well, if you're new, you can get this bag. And we also have thermoses for you as well. So if you bring your friend, you can choose one thing from inside here or the bag itself. All right, so that's it about the gifts, folks. You will be here every day until Friday. Come again. See you. Love you.

— Very good. Come tomorrow. Bring your friends, your mothers, your fathers, your uncles, your children, your grandchildren. You bring them stuff. And he didn't tell you what's in that bag! Okay, tomorrow. Today, Trevor is still here. Trevor, what have you got for us today?

An Object Lesson on Truth

Well, good morning, everyone. You see, I have one of these, and it's brown, and I have one of these, and it's light brown. And what you see is—stand up and I can see myself—and I would ask you the question: What if I were to do this? One appears to be bigger. But you just told me it was the white one. What if I go like this again, and I take them both, and I slide them together?

They're the exact same size. They're the exact same size!

So I asked the question—I didn't say which one was bigger; I said which one appears to be bigger. And when I did this, the brown one appeared to be bigger, and when I did this, the white one appeared to be bigger. But the truth is, they're exactly the same size.

And everybody, sometimes in this world, you need to know what the truth is, because sometimes some things appear a certain way, and some things appear a different way. And sometimes things appear to be good, and sometimes things appear to be bad. How do you tell what's good and what's bad?

Because in our government, some people say that alcohol is good. I was teaching some children once, and I said—there were 60 children there—and I said, "How many of you know

somebody who's been killed by a drunk driver?" And all 60 children put up their hand. Everybody in that little town knew somebody who had been killed by a drunk driver. But the government says alcohol is okay, and they sell it legally and you can buy it legally.

But the Bible says alcohol isn't okay. The Bible says:

[Ephesians 5:18 NKJV] - And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

It says:

[Proverbs 20:1 NKJV]
Wine is a mocker,
Strong drink is a brawler,
And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

And so when we come to discerning the truth—and this is part of what David's been telling us—sometimes things seem to be good or seem to be bad, but you have to measure it by what the Word of God says, because everything in the Word of God is true:

[John 17:17 NKJV] - Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

"Thy Word is truth." And that's where we have to go to get the truth: from the Bible itself. There's no other place that will be so reliable as the Bible.

And so we just put ourselves into Your hands and pray that you can see that sometimes things appear a certain way, but when reality comes in, it's all the same. But when it comes to being able to discern what's right and what's wrong, we have to go to the Bible. The Lord bless you all this morning.

Concluding Remarks and Prayer

Thank you, Trevor. The Lord bless you. We appreciate, Trevor, your coming to us. Trevor is way up in—I'm not sure where he is. He may be in Prince George; he often is in Kamloops.

No, Kelowna, but he may be at Prince George now. We're glad he comes to us. Let's pray and then we'll have our snack.

Lord, we want to thank You for the truth of God. And the fact is, anywhere we look, everywhere we look, we will find that God is true. People will question; people will say it's maybe not true. Some people even get fired because they tell the truth, like that doctor we heard about yesterday or the scholar that we heard about today. They both got fired because they told the truth.

Lord, we want to thank You: we can read the Bible, we can believe the Bible. And Lord, we would choose to believe the Bible even if we got fired for believing the Bible, because the Lord Jesus said that if we believe in Him, we'll have eternal life. And that's what we want, Lord. How foolish for us to live a life down here, and then when it's over, instead of going to heaven because our sins were forgiven, we have to go to that terrible place of punishment forever because we wouldn't allow Jesus to save us. How foolish.

So, Lord, thank You. We appreciate what we learned this week. We're thankful we've got two more days to learn more, Lord. Hopefully one of these days we're going to learn about prophecy, and we're going to keep on learning about archaeology and the fact that what the Bible says has been proven to be true.

So, thank You. Lord, we're going to have a snack now. And frankly, Lord, we believe it's not raining. And if it's not raining, Lord, we get to go outside. So we pray that You'll just keep the rain off so that we can go outside and relax a little. And then, bless us in our activity time. We pray, bring us back tomorrow; bring us back on Friday; bring us back with some friends, too. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.