

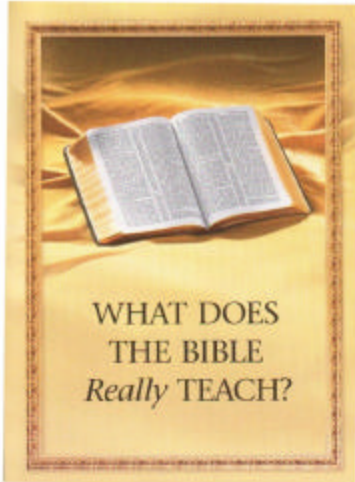


# The Humbleheart Messenger

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"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth." (Psalm 83:18) KJV



## Coming to Door Steps Near You!

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE REALLY TEACH?

Recently I was handed this new Watchtower publication entitled, *"What Does The Bible Really Teach?"* I had a visit from some old Jehovah's Witness friends. It was good to see they felt my soul was still worth trying to save. Visiting me is a much bolder approach in their methods locally. After all, Humbleheart Ministries is indeed a foe of the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society. Perhaps they are starting a new tactic, because earlier this year they were asking permission to post invitations to their memorial service in the lobbies of various Christian Churches.

The fellow who gave me the book asked if I would read it and let him know what I thought about it. I read the book and found nothing new in their teachings, other than some nice updated graphics and illustrations. It is 223 pages of Watchtower rhetoric, false teaching and deceitful doctrines of demons. It is, however, an impressive achievement on their part to be able to fit so much of their own historical philosophies into one tiny book.

I sincerely believe they thought it to be such a profound and convincing work that even I might have my faith shaken or be stumped by its power.

I never had the opportunity to invite them back at a convenient time. Instead they showed up unannounced, as is usually the case with Jehovah's Witnesses. I stopped what I was doing and invited them to sit down at the table. The friendly dialog went on for two hours. In the end we still parted as friends. They went away without a doubt knowing I was not persuaded in the least by their new book.

### BLOOD

In their new book they make another bold analogy concerning their ban on blood transfusions. In the caption below the graphic on page 131 we read,

*"If your doctor told you to abstain from alcohol, would you have it injected into your veins?"*

Jehovah's Witnesses claim that since God forbids eating or drinking blood (Acts 15:20, Leviticus 17:12, Genesis 9:4) we should not take a blood transfusion, because to them it's the same as eating or drinking it.



This is a terrible doctrine enforced by the Watchtower leaders and thousands of Jehovah's Witnesses have died needlessly when a blood transfusion could have saved their lives. That includes innocent babies and children who had no choice. The saddest part of all is medically, physically and spiritually they are wrong. No doctor will agree that it is the same as eating or drinking blood.

Although God does forbid eating or drinking blood, there is no place in Scripture where a person was put to death by execution for eating non-kosher flesh. They simply lost fellowship for a time (Leviticus 17:15). I don't know of any person who has had a blood transfusion that set out to eagerly or intentionally get one. It's a matter of saving a life, not disobeying God as Jehovah's Witnesses teach. In Matthew 9:13 Jesus said, *"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."* Those families who have discovered this Biblical truth revealing the Watchtower's deception concerning blood have taken legal action in the past. That's one of the reasons the Watchtower no longer has a president, but instead is governed by several corporate committees. Blood is sacred to God for sure. We can understand by the authority of His Word that all Scripture leads to the blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, the final sacrifice and only atonement for our sin.

### False Prophets

There are many false prophecies proclaimed by the so-called prophets of the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society throughout its history. The whole civilized world remembers their end time predictions such as (1914, 1918, 1925, 1975). Ironically, the official website of the Jehovah's Witness



a wolf in sheep's clothing appears to demonstrate the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:15.

***"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are venomous wolves."***

It is almost humorous to think they would refer to such a passage of Scripture as an attempt to elevate themselves above all others.

So not only have they succeeded in misleading their congregations about blood transfusions that can destroy not only victims but also whole families. They have also altered the lives of thousands concerning the end of the world. Young adults are often encouraged not to finish public High Schools, College, but instead work at Watchtower headquarters. Why marry? If you are married, why have children? The world is going to end. Armageddon is just around the corner.

What a tragedy and a hoax instituted and carried out by the misled peoples of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Yet, beyond these matters and other teachings of the Watchtower Society like *there is no Hell, only 144,000 souls can be born again and live in heaven – Jehovah forbids celebrating birthdays, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, participating in sports, school activities etc.* - The worst of their folly is blasphemy against the person and work of the Holy Spirit, the Deity of Jesus Christ, and their perversion of the Bible. The Watchtower translated and published its own version of the Bible in 1950. It is called "*The New World Translation*" and to this day is not supported by any "credible" Greek or Hebrew Scholar.

Perhaps the best way to sum up the contents of this new Watchtower publication and give an accurate answer to my Jehovah's Witness friends can be found on page 87, paragraph 4 where it reads:

***"Jesus Christ became King in heaven in the year 1914. Soon after he received Kingdom power, Jesus took action. 'War broke out in heaven,' says the Bible. Michael [another name for Jesus] and his angels battled with the dragon [Satan the Devil], and the dragon and its angels battled.' Satan and his wicked angels, the demons, lost that war and were cast out of heaven to earth. God's faithful spirit sons rejoiced that Satan and his demons were gone. Humans, however, would experience no such joy..."***

There is much to disagree with in this excerpted from one small paragraph. We have to ask, where was Satan before 1914? Was there no worldwide evil and wars beforehand? Is Jesus Michael the Archangel?

You could say that Jehovah's Witnesses exist as a religious cult even to this present day for one primary purpose. They spend their whole lives trying to prove that Jesus Christ is not God. They absolutely hate the word "Trinity." They have convinced millions of people to accept their teachings by degrading Jesus.

The Mormons, Unitarians, Christian Scientists, Unity School of Christianity, Unification Church, and several other cults claiming to be Christians, like the

Jehovah's Witnesses are Anti-Trinitarian. They all reject the deity of Christ. They also deny the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Jehovah's Witness remain a powerful non-Christian cult by way of pen, pedaling and persistence. Many times they are able to persuade the unsuspecting. Yet, you can be informed and prepared to challenge their teachings should you find yourself in such a position. If this new Watchtower publication makes it to your door or into your hands in any other way, put it to the test! Consider the following Biblical truths.

### **Jesus is not an angel!**

"1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say, 'THOU ART MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE'? And again, 'I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME'? 6 And when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says, 'AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.' 7 And of the angels He says, 'WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE.' 8 But of the Son He says, 'THY THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.'" (Hebrews 1:1-8)

Jesus is more than just a man and more than an angel. Scripture reveals this to us from Genesis to Revelation. Yet, packed into these first eight verses of the Book of Hebrews the deity of Christ is clearly revealed. He is God the Son, Creator, the living prophet and King of His Church, and He is to be worshipped. Exodus 20:3 reads, "You shall have no other gods before Me." "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!" (Deuteronomy 6:4) In Exodus 34:14 we are told to worship no other gods. Only God can be worshipped and here in this passage of Scripture (Hebrews 1:8) the Father calls the Son "GOD."

## **MARANATHA!**

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