

Errors Of Jehovah's Witnesses

'As the serpent deceived Eve in his craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted from the simplicity in Jesus. If anyone comes and preaches another Jesus ... or if you receive a different (evil) spirit ... or a different Gospel ... Such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as the apostles of Jesus, and no wonder, for even Satan masquerades as an angel of light' (2 Corinthians 11:3 & 4, 13 & 14).

'There is not another Gospel. There are some who trouble you and want to pervert the Gospel of Jesus. If an angel from heaven should preach to you any Gospel other than what is preached to you, let him be cursed. As we have said before so I now say again, if anyone preaches to you any Gospel other than what you received (from the Bible), let him be cursed' (Galatians 1:7 to 9).

Those of us who know God intimately and walk with Him closely, and have accepted Jesus as our Saviour, are alarmed at the deception within some 'Christian' churches. Jehovah's Witnesses are just one cult among many. They claim to be 'Christian' but there are occasions when they behave quite devilish. They are obsessed by the name Jehovah, when that has never been the true name of God. We already know YHWH self-exists and His name has never been Jehovah. It is YHWH or Yahweh, pronounced Yah Vehh and means 'Jealous'. 'You will worship no other god, for Yahweh, Whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God' (Exodus 34:14). This verse tells us the name Yahweh, sometimes spelt as Yehu, Yah, YHWH or in Hebrew, YEUE actually means Jealous. It is the personal name of God and is not to be spoken lightly. 'You will not use the name of Yahweh Elohim in vain (lightly or profanely) for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain' (Exodus 20:7; Deuteronomy 5:11). In these two verses, the name of God was written in the plural as it was at Creation, YHWH (singular) Elohim (plural). The last three letters of the name Elohim – 'h.i.m' in Hebrew denote the plurality of the triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Elohim forbade taking His name in vain and since this is the triune name, that infers people are not to take the name of Jesus/Yeshua or the Holy Spirit in vain. To do so is blasphemy (Mark 3:29). 'God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). In Hebrew, 'In the image and likeness of God' is 'Tzelem Elohim'. It is plural. If you study the Scriptures in Hebrew, the 'US' and the 'OUR' in this verse was the Father Yahweh, Son Yeshua, The Holy Spirit (Ruach Kodesh) and the Spirit of Wisdom (Ruach Chkmeh). The four of them decided to create everything. It is all written in the Bible.

God spoke and creation occurred. 'God said, "Let there be light, and there was light" (Genesis 1:3). "Let there be an expanse in the middle of the waters and let it divide the waters from the waters," and it was so' (Genesis 1:6). "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place and let the dry land appear," and it was so' (Genesis 1:9). "Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding seed and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind with its seed in it on the earth," and it was so' (Genesis 1:11). "Let there be lights in the expanse of sky to divide the day from the night and let them be for signs, for seasons, for days and years," ... and it was so' (Genesis 1:14 & 15). "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of sky" (Genesis 1:20). "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind, livestock, creeping things and animals of the earth after their kind," and it was so' (Genesis 1:24). "Let US make man (humanity, mankind) in OUR image after OUR likeness" ... God created man(kind) in His own image. In the image of God He created them, male and female He created them' (Genesis 1:26 & 27).

God spoke everything into existence. What did Jesus do? 'God delivered us out of the power of darkness and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love, in Whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins, Who is the IMAGE of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation. For by Him (Jesus) all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers, all things have been created through Him (Jesus) and for Him (Jesus). He is before all things and in Him all things are held together' (Colossians 1:13 to 17).

What did the Holy Spirit do? 'You sent forth Your Holy Spirit and they were created' (Psalm 104:30). 'The birth of Jesus the Messiah was like this; after His mother Mary, was engaged to Joseph, before they came together she was found pregnant by the Holy Spirit ... Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for what is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 1:18 & 20). 'Jesus had been baptised and was praying. The sky was opened and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form as a dove on Him and a voice came out of the sky saying, "You are My beloved Son. In You I am well pleased" (Luke 3:21 & 22). 'In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth"' (Luke 10:21). "The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things" (John 14:26).

What did the Spirit of Wisdom do? 'By wisdom Yahweh founded the earth. By understanding He established the heavens' (Proverbs 3:19). The Spirit of Wisdom said, "Yahweh possessed Me in the beginning of His

work, before His deeds of old (before He created the earth, universe and time itself). I (Wisdom) was set up from everlasting, from the beginning before the earth existed. When there were no depths (oceans) I (Wisdom) was brought forth and when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was brought forth, while as yet God had not made the earth, or the fields, or the beginning of the dust of the world. When God established the heavens, I was there. When He set a circle on the surface of the deep (ocean), when He established the clouds above, when the springs of the deep (oceans) became strong, when He gave to the sea its boundary so the waters should not breach His commandment, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, then I (Wisdom) was the craftsman by His side. I was a delight day by day, always rejoicing before Him, rejoicing in His whole world. My delight was with the sons of men (mankind)" (Proverbs 8:22 to 31).

As we can see by these above verses, God is Everything, He is above all things and He is also above petty arguments about His name. God is never offended if people refer to Him using His many titles or other names like our Lord God, our Father, Elohim or Adonai as long as we refer to Him with reverence and respect. Abraham and Moses often called Him the Hebrew translation of Lord. Jesus called Him, God. One name/title Daniel referred to Him is 'Ancient of Days' (Daniel 7:9, 13 & 22). Thomas said to Yeshua, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28). He was not at all offended when Thomas did not refer to Him as Yahweh or Yeshua. In the context of His name Jealous, the Lord God is attentive, gracious and just, possessive (in a positive caring sense), protective, vigilant, watchful and zealous. This jealousy is NOT envious or spiteful as jealous humans can be. This divine jealousy is holy and righteous and God expects all people to worship only Him. The Lord is jealous for our affection and will not tolerate spiritual unfaithfulness. 'The Lord your God is a consuming fire, a Jealous God' (Deuteronomy 4:24). The four Hebrew letters that make up the name of God cannot be described adequately in English because the language characters are very different. We cannot standardise the English spelling of the Hebrew language. The closest we can get to the original is YHWH, YEUE, Yehu, AEYE or Yah. God's personal name meaning Jealous was first revealed to Moses, but God Himself uses other names for Himself such as 'God Almighty' or 'I AM Who I AM' which means, 'I Self-Exist'. 'God spoke to Moses and said to him, "I AM Yahweh. I appeared to Abraham, Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty (Elohim Shaddai), but by My name Yahweh (Jealous, Protective, Possessive) I was not known to them" (Exodus 6:2 & 3). We read, "I AM YHWH your healer" (Exodus 15:26), or in Hebrew, "I AM YHWH R'pha." In Hebrew, AEYE – "I Self-Exist" – "I AM Who I AM" (Exodus 3:14). "El'i" means 'My God'. In Hebrew, 'El'i, El'i, I'me osbth'ni?' – "God of Me, God of Me, to what You forsook Me?" (Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46). So we read here, I AM and El'i are two other names for God. Sadly, Jehovah Witnesses (JW's) are so obsessed and fixated with the incorrect translation Jehovah, they refuse to see or accept, God does have other names and a few titles, all of which can be used with reverence.

Another error of the JW's is the belief, if a person does not attend one of their 'Kingdom halls' then that person is not saved. That is opposite to Scripture. The Bible tells us there will be people in heaven from every race, nationality, language, ethnic group or country and most of those will not be JW's. 'After these things I (Apostle John) looked and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes, peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes with palm branches in their hands' (Revelation 7:9). Enoch, Daniel, Job, David, Ruth, Esther, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and many other righteous people were not JW's but they are all in heaven. We are to discern the Lord's Body (of believers) and accept there are true 'sheep' all over the world, no matter what building they choose to attend, as long as they are (1) under the redemptive blood of Yeshua, (2) accept Yeshua as our Jewish Saviour and Redeemer, and (3) walk as closely with our Creator as we humanly can with the help of the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit. The penalty for not discerning the Lord's Body (not accepting people outside their own particular denomination are saved) is serious and can result in sickness or death. 'Those who eat and drink (take communion) in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to themselves, if they do not discern the Lord's Body. For this reason many among you are weak and sickly, and many have died' (1 Corinthians 11:29 & 30).

One foolish error of the JW movement is their belief only 144,000 people will go to heaven and then only JW's will make up the 144,000. That was until their church exceeded that number then they had to change their story. So who are the genuine 144,000 people? Scripturally, they are all unmarried, honest Jewish men from the twelve tribes of Israel, who are wholly dedicated to serving Yeshua/Jesus and who are musicians. 'I (Apostle John) heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the Children of Israel. Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand and of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand' (Revelation 7:4 to 8). 'I (Apostle John) saw and behold, the Lamb (Jesus) standing on Mount Zion and with Him a number, one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of

His Father written on their foreheads. I heard a sound from heaven like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of a great thunder. The sound I heard was like harpists playing on their harps. They sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand, those who had been redeemed out of the earth. These are those who were not defiled with women for they are virgins. These are those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed by Jesus from among men, the Firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. In their mouth was found no lie for they are blameless' (Revelation 14:1 to 5). When we consider the fact JW's preach an erroneous Gospel and have ungodly beliefs, it would be very doubtful any of them would be able to fit the criteria of these special Jewish men.

People who believe in false religions like Islam, Buddhism, Taoism, Scientology etc cannot enter the Kingdom of God because they have never accepted Yeshua as their Saviour and He is the one and only Way, Truth and Life and no one can go to the Father except through Him (John 14:6). As long as a church has Yeshua as its Head most of the people in that church are saved. The JW cult has no right to consider any Christian unsaved. Jesus said we would know people by their spiritual 'fruit' but that does not give any church or individual the right to judge them. That is solely the realm of God. The way the JW cult excommunicates people, tearing families apart, sometimes forcing divorces is purely evil. That is not a religion of love! That behaviour is rotten 'fruit'. JW's are not God's judges on earth. Our Righteous Judge Yeshua is the One Who will make that call on Judgement Day (2 Timothy 4:8). Being a JW or attending any church cannot save anyone. Accepting Jesus/Yeshua as one's Saviour is the only way of salvation. JW's need to understand they are not a 'chosen' elite, select group. They are not 'above' the rest of the world. They are all sinners, hopefully for their sakes, saved by the blood of Jesus. They cannot be saved by doing a lot of 'works'. Remember, we must be saved first, then God expects us to serve Him by doing good work but those 'works' cannot save us. It was not God who divided people into various denominations, it was the carnality and pride of people. Yeshua said we are all to be of one Body and mind. All churches were once called 'The Way' and 'Assemblies' (Book of Acts) but carnality got in the way of unity and that carnality still exists and divides believers when we should all be able to fellowship together, break bread together, pray together and worship our Creator together. Not one church has all the answers so we need to learn from each other. We all need to realise this fact, in heaven we will not be divided into Jews, Gentiles, JW's, Catholics, Baptists, Protestants or any other denomination but there will be absolute unity. Jesus came to bring His entire Body of believers together, no matter where we are, or what church building we attend, or where we were born, or what our skin colour is, or what age we are, or if we are women or men, or if we are Jewish or Gentile we are all one under the blood of Jesus. Collectively, the genuine born-again believers are the Temple of the Holy Spirit and will in God's time, be the Bride of Jesus/Yeshua.

Take into your hearts the following verses. 'Even when we were dead through our sin, God made us alive together with Jesus so by grace you have been saved. He raised us up with Him and made us to sit with Him in the heavenly places in Messiah Jesus ... for by grace you have been saved through faith and not of yourselves, it is the (free) gift of God, not of 'works' so no one would boast. We are God's workmanship, created in Messiah Jesus for good works, which God prepared before so we would walk in them. Therefore remember that once you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called 'uncircumcision' (non-Jewish) by the Jews called the 'circumcision' (in the flesh, made by hands), you were at that time separate from Jesus and salvation, alienated from the Commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. Now in Saviour Jesus you (Gentiles) who once were far off, are made near in the blood of Jesus. He is our peace, who made both (Jews and Gentiles) one (Body) and broke down the middle wall of partition, having abolished in the flesh the hostility, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so He might create in Himself one 'new man' (or new Body of believers) of the two (Jews and Gentiles) making peace and might reconcile them both (Jews and Gentiles) in one Body to God through the cross (of Jesus), having killed the hostility thereby. He came and preached peace to you (Gentiles) who were far off and to those (Jewish people) who were near so through Jesus we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. You are no longer strangers and foreigners but you are fellow citizens with the saints (all Godly believers) and of the household of God, being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Messiah Jesus Himself being the Chief Cornerstone in Whom the whole 'building' (Temple of the Holy Spirit), fitted together grows into a holy Temple in the Lord, in Whom you are 'built' together for a habitation of God in the Spirit' (Ephesians 2:5 to 22). 'Let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad, and let us give the glory to Jesus, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His Bride has made herself ready. She was given permission to array herself in bright, pure, fine linen, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints (all Godly believers). 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb' (Revelation 19:7 to 9).

Amen and God bless you.

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