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Conferences and Intensives

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- I saw angels with light wands marking us out with laser guided love bombs
- God wants to explode those love bombs over you penetrating your mind, your heart your whole being with His love for you revealing your true identity as loved sons
- Live loved, Love living and live loving

- Strip everything away till all I have is You
- Undo the veils till all I see is You.
- I will pursue You, I will pursue Your presence
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 Angels are marking you out for love

Invite Him to release those love bombs over you
Those love bombs explode over you

• Love explode in your heart and mind be cocooned in love

Jesus reveals His love for you • The Father reveals His love for you • The Spirit explodes His love in you

 The love of God touch your minds Encounter love that will explode any wrong image of Him and remove the veils that obscure and distort Him

Love explodes your limited reality



 As God began the deconstruction process it inevitably changed how I saw the Bible and its role in my life As the evangelicalism and sola scriptura pillars were removed so did my reliance on the English translations of the Bible

- I discovered that God does not need a book to mediate between Himself and man
- Jesus is the mediator between God and man
- God does not want to primarily speak to us through the Bible He wants a face to face relationship

 When the other pillars were removed Protestantism, Greek and Hebrew thinking my understanding of the Bible's purpose, inspiration, inerrancy and infallibility were deconstructed Our understanding of the Bible's purpose will affect our interpretation of it

- I believe that God does inspire writings and speech that are delivered through fallible people
- The writings that God inspired in their original form and language were accurately recorded but are not all the truth
- The Bible includes many opinions of men and many untruths

- Jer 8:8 "How can you say, 'We are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us'? but behold, the lying pen of the scribes has made it into a lie.
- 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness

- When we see the phrases the word of God or scripture written or hear it mentioned what do we think it means?
- Are we conditioned into thinking it refers to our current version of the Bible?
- Actually it does not as it is mostly referring to the personal interactive conversations that God had with people

- Sometimes the phrase in OT may refer to the Torah or Prophet's written words
- Sometimes it is referring to spoken words that God said to people
- In the NT the phrase is primarily referring to the Living word - Jesus
- Context tells us what it means but remember there was no official Bible until 387AD so it could not mean that

- Psa 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
- Debar = speech spoken word
- Matt 4:4 "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God
- It is not written that we live by written words of God alone

- Who decided what was included in the Bible what were their motives?
- Who agreed that the canon of scripture was to be completed?
- Did God inspire people to form a closed canon of scripture?
- Why are some books (apocryphal) in some Bibles but not others?

 Constantine, "issued a decree in **325AD commanding all presbyters** and their subordinates. They were instructed to bring with them the testimonies they orated "bound in leather" for protection during the long journey, and surrender them to Constantine upon arrival in Nicaea

 Their writings totalled "in all, two thousand two hundred and thirty-one scrolls together with a record of the doctrines orated by them" (Life of Constantine)

 He then ordered all earlier presbyterial manuscripts and the records of the council "burnt"

 With his instructions fulfilled of merging everything together, Constantine then decreed that the New Testimonies would thereafter be called the "word of the Roman Saviour God" (Life of Constantine, vol. iii, p. 29) and official to all presbyters sermonising in the Roman Empire.

 Those collected writings that Constantine formed were what they used in the Council of Carthage in 387AD to form the canon of scripture They included 14 apocryphal books that are now excluded from the Protestant Bibles

- Does that mean the Bible has no value for us today?
- Of course not we can discover many things on our journey through the Bible but it is not the primary way God wants to speak to us

- God never intended us to know Him by books but by encounters
- God never said believe the book. No one in the Bible itself met God by reading a book.
- Knowing God can only be by experience, just as the stories in the Bible itself testify.

 Is the Bible the only source of written revelation that God uses today?

 Is God continuing to give progressive revelation by speaking to us today because we are now able to bear it?

 Is the Bible a manual for living or an introduction to a living loving relationship with Jesus the living word of God?

- Is everything recorded in the Bible inspired by God?
- Is all of the Bible inerrant and infallible as we have been told?

 Challenging the sacred cow of the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible will probably cause offence to many I do not intend to offend but I do want to challenge our view of the Bible as the "word of God" because Jesus is the true Word who became flesh and is God

- 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
- The translators can subtly change the emphasis by adding, changing or removing words

- 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture (writings) is inspired by God and profitable for (with pros face to face) teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
- 2 Tim 3:16 every writing God-breathed, and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for setting aright, for instruction that [is] in righteousness, YLT

- What it actually says is every writing that God inspired or breathed is useful
- What it does not say is every scripture or writing is God inspired,
- That includes the Bible and any other "holy books"
- They may contain some truth but only that truth is inspired not everything

- How do we tell what is or what is not inspired in scriptures or writings?
- John 16:12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; ... 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

- 2 Timothy was written approx in AD 61-65 long before the Canon of scripture was agreed by bishops in Carthage in AD 397
- What were the scriptures or writings that it refers to?
- The old testament only or anything that God inspired?

- 2 Tim 3:16 does not say that all scripture or writings are inerrant, infallible and perfect
- Does it mean that God inspired people to write or that all that they wrote is inspired?
- Being inspired does not mean dictated in perfect detail

- Only Jesus is the actual Word of God the Bible is a library of books that point us to the living Word a person Jesus
- 2 Tim 3:16 says that God inspired writings are useful, beneficial or profitable but not infallible or inerrant

 So, what if what is really meant by 2 Tim 3:16 is that Jesus is the fulfilment of every inspired scripture, whether Jewish, or Pagan, or Hindu, or Buddhist, etc.? In other words, if Jesus is the "Way, the Truth and the Life", then we can expect to see Him in all truth, and in all true ways, and in every true life?

- So many of my beliefs were based around the Bible and its interpretation
- Being brought up in the Bible Christian Methodist Church and then the Brethren assembly the major influence was evangelicalism
- Usually traced back to 1738 with various streams contributing to its foundation

- Methodists, Moravians, Lutherans etc.
- Evangelicalism is a Protestant movement embraced within a variety of Christian denominations, based on the idea that religious salvation can be achieved through adherence to the word of God as delivered through the Bible.

- Evangelical Christians believe in the Bible as God's inspired word to humankind, perfect in truth in the original text. It is the "final authority in all matters of doctrine and faith — above all human authority,"
- The Bible has been venerated by some to such an extent to become the 4th person of God

- Evangelicalism teaches that the Bible does not merely contain the word of God, but every word of it is the word of God.
- Scripture, regarded as the word of God, carries the full authority of God in evangelicalism: every single statement of the Bible calls for instant, unqualified and unrestricted acceptance.

- The Bible is not actually the word of God or God's word it is a library of books written by various people
 The Bible does contain some words
 - that God spoke and some He inspired
- The Bible contains some words attributed to God that He didn't speak
- Jesus is the only living Word of God

 Sola scriptura (Latin: by scripture) alone) is a theological doctrine held by Christian denominations that the Christian scriptures are the sole infallible rule of faith and practice. Ironically where is that in the Bible? It is not there because sola scriptura is a man made doctrine

 Church councils, preachers, Bible commentators, private revelation, or even a message allegedly from an angel or an apostle are not an original authority alongside the Bible in the doctrine of sola scriptura It is only the Bible that we can trust as the truth. - Is that actually true? No

 Some evangelical and Baptist denominations state the doctrine of sola scriptura more strongly: scripture is self-authenticating, clear to the rational reader, its own interpreter ("Scripture interprets Scripture"), and sufficient of itself to be the final authority of Christian doctrine.

- By contrast, today Anglicanism and Methodism, also considered forms of Protestantism, uphold the doctrine of prima scriptura, with scripture being illumined by tradition, reason, and in Methodism, experience as well But the Bible is still the primary source
 - of truth rather than Jesus the Truth

- Some sola scriptura assumptions:
- Every doctrine of the Bible is the teaching of God and therefore requires full agreement.
- Every promise of the Bible calls for unshakable trust in its fulfilment
- Every command of the Bible is the directive of God Himself and therefore demands willing observance.

- The primary Catholic argument against sola scriptura is that the Bible does not explicitly teach sola scriptura.
- Catholics argue that the Bible nowhere states that it is the only authoritative guide for faith and practice.

- Evangelical response to this Catholic thought:
- While this is true, they fail to recognize a crucially important issue. We know that the Bible is the word of God. The Bible declares itself to be God-breathed, inerrant, and authoritative. – actually it does not

- Sola scriptura is not as much of an argument against tradition as it is an argument against unbiblical, extrabiblical and/or anti-biblical doctrines as seen from a protestant or evangelical perspective
- Is God and our experience of God to be limited to only what the Bible speaks of?
 - No

- The only way to know for sure what God expects of us is to stay true to what we know He has revealed - the Bible! - not true
- We can know, beyond the shadow of any doubt, that scripture is true, authoritative, and reliable. Can we?
- Is that really true is the source of truth only to be found in a book? No

- Where does a personal relationship with the Truth fit in?
- Has God stopped speaking? No
- Are God's words complete? No
- Does God's speaking directly to you today carry as much authority as what we call the Bible? Yes

- Is revelation progressive or fixed?
- Is it possible that God never
 - intended to limit revelation of who He is to the books of the old and new testaments?
- Did God intend the Bible to "close" or is it possible that revelation today can add to an insight in scripture?

 The Mirror and the Passion versions are inspired to restore relationship in love and are an expression of love's light that has My grace at its centre but don't let them become another substitute for true relationship.

 Son you have seen how easy it is to build an idol out of experience to lean to your own understanding and create another belief system out of the mystery of subjective experience that becomes the basis your own objective DIY-LAW based system.

 Everything is designed to come from a day to day continuous face to face relationship but nothing of eternal value will come from leaning to your own understanding.

Ensure engaging God is what you are inspiring not engaging a programme or another set of law based principles that becomes another substitute for intimate relationship with Me

- Son My heart for all My children is for them to know the true reality of who they are as sons of the living God and heirs of creation.
- I desire that each will know their true identity within My name and their true authority positioned within the tree of life.

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