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Is there anything in this world that you can trust, any place that you can go to find absolute truth? Where you can discover answers for life. I'm standing in Israel, where they discovered the Dead Sea scrolls and you, today, will discover the importance of that find. You will discover where you go to find answers for every situation.

**PART ONE**

If you're searching for answers to life, there's one place for those answers to be found, Beloved. And it's in the Word of God. Right now, I'm standing on a very significant sight. I'm at the ruins of the Qumran community. And behind me the caves. These caves are very significant, because in November of 1947, some Bedouin boys who had lost their goats were searching through these caves trying to find their lost goat, trying to get that goat out of the cave and they picked up a stone and they threw that stone into the

cave. And when they threw that stone in the cave they heard a clink. They heard a sound that they shouldn't have heard. And they thought, we've discovered something. We've discovered something magnificent. And they found vases, clay pots. And in those clay pots there were manuscripts, there were scrolls. We call them the Dead Sea scrolls and they found those scrolls and they took them, and they were very disappointed. They'd have much rather found jewels. And what they didn't realize was that they found the most important thing that any man or any woman could possess. And that's the Word of God. And after they discovered what they had, then they began to search all these caves around here and they found all sorts of fragments of scripture. It was the most amazing and awesome discovery. And you know what's so significant about it, it was found in the year 1947, in the month of November, the U.N. passed a resolution saying that this land belonged to the nation of Israel. Now you say, "Well that's mighty big of them." You know what, if they knew the Book, they would understand that this was a land that was given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and to his descendants forever. When you go back to the book of Genesis and you go to that 12th chapter, you find Abraham coming into this land. You find him going to the Oaks of Mamre. And mamre means teacher. To the oaks where he is taught by God. And God teaches him a lesson that you and I and all the nations of the world need to understand, that ["I have given this land to you and to your descendants as an everlasting possession."] (PARAPHRASE Genesis 17:8) If you would read through the Torah, the first five books of the Bible, you would see and you would mark every reference to the land when it refers to this land. If you would mark it in a significant way, what I do is I draw it blue and I double underline it in green. Then you discover what God has to say about this land. Well the U.N. finally concurred with God. But you know what? It gave great hope and expectation to the children of Israel, because it was like a sign from God above. Their Book had been found in these caves. The Word of God that establishes once again the veracity of the Word of God was found in the same year that the U.N. passed that resolution. In 1948

Israel was declared a nation. And you know what? That was prophetic also, because the book of Ezekiel tells how God is going to prepare the land and make the desert grow and make it blossom in preparation, [“O mountains of Israel for the return of the children of Israel.”](PARAPHRASE Ezekiel 36:8) And then in Ezekiel, chapter 37, he says, [“I’m going to open your graves.”] And the graves were the nations to which He had sent them because they had been disobedient. [“And I’m going to bring you out of those graves. Them bones, them bones, them dry bones.” And he says, “I’m going to bring you back. I’m going to assemble those bones. I’m going to put sinews on you and flesh on you. And then eventually, I will breathe into you the breath of life.”] (PARAPHRASE Ezekiel 37:3-9) You know this Book is true. This Book is true and we know that by faith. Do you realize that what we really know about a lot of things, we know simply by faith. We know simply because someone else has told us this truth. And we believe them and it seems that they have credibility. Well this Book is God’s Book. And what happened that day, that time, that year was simply, they found again scrolls that had been hidden. You see when Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D., they took the manuscripts and they brought them down to this community. A community that had no women in it, a community that was a community of men, where they would act as scribes and where they would write out the scriptures. And they took those manuscripts and they hid them in the caves. And what we had was an affirmation again of the Word of God. You know, when you go to the book of Exodus, chapter 17. And you know what we often debate and scholars get so caught up in their scholarly pursuits, that they forget to take God’s Word literally. But in the book of Exodus, in chapter 17, after Joshua finished his fighting with the Amalikites, after he has this great victory, and if you’ll remember that account. It’s where Moses goes upon the mount and he holds up the staff, the rod of God, which to me is like a picture of God and the power of God. And Joshua prevails over the Amalikites. It’s where Aaron and Hur support his arms so that Joshua can prevail. Because as long as the staff of God is held high then Joshua wins the

battle. Well it's in that account that the Lord speaks to Moses and this is what He says, "Then the Lord..." verse 14 of Exodus 17. "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.'" (Exodus 17:14) You know as you go through the Word of God, you see Jesus constantly supporting the fact that it was Moses who wrote the first five books of the Bible. You say, "But the end of Deuteronomy talks about the death of Moses. So how could he write that?" Well we forget that he writes right up until the time that he dies. And then the scribe comes along, or Joshua comes along and he writes the account of Moses' death. In Exodus, chapter 34, in verse 27, it says, "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.' So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; [he was on Mount Sinai,] he did not eat bread [and he did not] drink water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments." (Exodus 34:27-28) What do you see? If Moses is writing down on the words of the tablets, the Ten Commandments, if he's writing down all the ordinances that are given after those Ten Commandments in Exodus, chapter 21 and 22 and 23, then what is Moses writing? Moses is writing the words of God. What is this Book about? This Book is compiled of words that have come from heaven, ordained by God, spoken by God, the mind of God, the heart of God, which holy men sat down and recorded even as God led them to record. So what do you and I have? We have the very Word of God. And people will come around and say, "O no, O no, O no. You read it and that's your interpretation." Listen, when God wrote, He wrote in a way for us to understand what He wrote. He didn't write in some mystical language. He wrote in a language that is filled with similes and metaphors and parables and comparisons. He wrote as man speaks. And He wrote and He meant to be understood. We forget that God is perspicuous. And when I say that God is perspicuous, I mean this: That God means to be understood. God wants you and I to understand Him and so

He's given us a Book and it's a Book of life. When the apostle Peter knew his time had come, when he knew that it was time for him to die... Peter sat down and he wrote his second and final epistle. Listen to what he said. "I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is eminent, as...our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure [that] you [may] be able to call these things to mind. For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty." (2 Peter 1:13-16) He saw Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. He saw Him in all of His glory. And he says, "For when He [Jesus] received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is My beloved Son [in] whom I am well-pleased.' And we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. [And] So..." now listen carefully, "...we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts." (2 Peter 1:17-19) What is he saying? He's saying, listen, ["What I saw with my very own eyes, what I heard with my very own ears, I can tell you this that this is more sure than what I saw with my eyes and heard with my ears."] We'll talk more about it when we come back. But just listen to me very, very carefully. If you want to find truth and you want a bedrock that you can build your life on, this is it, the Word of God.

## **PART TWO**

Israel is my favorite, favorite place to visit. And I come year after year after year. And I never grow old of the place. And I never grow old of the place because this is the place of the Book. And I know the God who ordained this as an everlasting possession for the nation of Israel has ordained this, the

Word of God, as an everlasting possession. We have in our hands the whole counsel of the Word of God. He says, “[I want you to] know this first of all, that no prophesy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, [or one’s own devising] for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”(1:20-21) What is this Book? This is a God breathed Book. In 2 Timothy, Paul writes, [“All scripture is given by inspiration of God.”](PARAPHRASE 2 Timothy 3:16) It means, its God breathed. That God so worked through these men that they didn’t write out of a desire to be a writer, that they didn’t write out of a desire just to write an account of their own devising. Instead, God so moved upon men that they sat down and took up pen and ink, and they began to write the very words of God. And you know who substantiates all of this? The one that substantiates all of this is the Lord Jesus Christ. In John, chapter 1, it says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”(John 1:1-2) And what does he say to us? He tells us everything that man begins to doubt, creation, sin, the issue of adultery, the issue of Jonah, all the things that man doubts, all the things that man wants to twist and distort, Jesus Christ substantiates. And this is what He says. He says, [“...that not one jot or one title...,”] (those little marks above those Hebrew characters), [“...will ever be changed.”](PARAPHRASE Matthew 5:18, NKJV) Everything in this Book will be fulfilled. You know, when Jesus Christ rose from the dead, He was on the road to Emmaus. There were two men that were walking on that road. It was after the death of Jesus Christ. And they were men that were very, very distressed. They had hoped that this was the Messiah. And as they were walking along, they said, “But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.”(Luke 24:21) And they went on to tell this stranger walking with them, “But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, and [they] did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was

alive. [And it was] Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women [had] also...said; but Him they did not see.”(Luke 24:22-24) And then this stranger, that’s walking along with them on the road to Emmaus said, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into...glory?’ [And] beginning with Moses...,” (24:25-27a) beginning with Genesis and Exodus and Leviticus and Numbers and Deuteronomy, “...beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.”(24:27) if there were errors in this Book, if there were errors in that Old Testament, from Genesis all the way to Malachi, don’t you think the One who is Truth, the One who is the very Word of God would have said, “Wait a minute. Somehow they got messed up here. Somehow they didn’t record it right. Somehow they made a mistake.”? If there was a mistake, He would have let us know. But instead, on the night in which He was to be arrested, as He left the upper room, and before He crossed that Kidron Valley to go to the Garden of Gethsemane, where He would be pressed out, before He left, He prayed. He prayed for you. He prayed for me. He prayed for the eleven who were with Him. And this is what He said. He said, “[Father,] I do not ask You to take them out of this world, but [I ask You Father] to keep them from the evil one.”(John 17:15) Who is the evil one? John 8:44 says, [“That he is a liar, that he is a murderer, that he abides not in the truth, that he’s a deceiver, that he’s the father of lies.”](PARAPHRASE John 8:44) He was asking God to keep us from the devil, the devil who sowed a lie in Eve’s life and Eve, believing that lie, transgressed the commandment of God, the very clear word of God. And as a result, became a sinner, offered it to Adam and Adam in turn became a sinner. “... [by] one man sin entered into the world, and death [by] sin...so [then] death [passed upon] all men, [in that] all [have] sinned.”(Romans 5:12) What is sin? What’s the root of all sin? The root of all sin is you and I not listening to what God says, not believing what God says, not living and ordering our life

according to the Word of God. Why will you not believe? Do you realize that God tells us in Psalm 119 that these are the very precepts of life? They are precepts of life that keep you from shame. He says, “[Thou has] ordained [Thy] precepts, that we should keep them diligently. Oh that my ways may be established to keep [Thy] statutes! Then I shall not be ashamed.”(Psalm 119:4-6a) When you go on in Psalm 119, it says, “How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to [Thy] Word.”(Psalm 119:9) And you know what’s happened because of the immorality in your life, or because of the immorality in your parent’s life, or the immorality in your friend’s life? You know what’s happened? What does the Bible tell us to do? The Bible tells us, “...This is the way, walk ye in it...”(Isaiah 30:21b, KJV) And when you and I walk in God’s Word, then we’re going to have moral purity. When you look at Psalm 119 you also see that God says, “[Thy] Word...have [I] treasured in my heart, that I [might] not sin against [Thee].”(Psalm 119:11) What is sin? Sin is to know to do good and not do it. Sin is transgression of God’s law. Sin, the root of it, is not listening to the Word of God. And what revives you? What gives you hope? The psalmist wrote, “[Through Thy] precepts I get understanding; [and] I hate every false way. [Thy] Word is a lamp [un]to [our] feet and [it is] a light [un]to [our] path.”(Psalm 119:104-105) And it keeps us from stumbling in the darkness of ignorance.” What is this Book? It’s the pure, unadulterated Word of God, my friend. You need to learn how to study it. You need to hide it in your heart. And that’s what we’re here for. That’s what Precept Ministries is all about, Precious One. Contact us and let us help you learn the very words that are words of life.