

# Theological Foundation of Scripture

Understanding our Weapon

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## I. The Reason we go to Scripture for Guidance

Job 12:13 *"With Him are wisdom and might; To Him belong counsel and understanding."*

Isaiah 9:6 says, *"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."*

## II. Sources of Counsel

### A. The Creator Counselor

Genesis 1:28, God said man was to be:  
fruitful [be productive],  
multiply [become many],  
fill the earth [accomplish this over the whole earth],  
subdue [bring it under rule - work] the earth,  
rule [dominate] over the fish, birds, and every living thing.

Genesis 2:15, God puts man in the garden to:  
cultivate (to work or to till the land - subduing) and  
keep it (watch, exercise great care over).

God gave man a purpose, responsibility, work for which he was to perform.

Genesis 2:19, God counseled man to name all the animals.

From the beginning we see the counsel of God toward man. Man needs God's counsel in order to live.

Man was not provided complete understanding or knowledge even in a perfect state. Man relied on God for direction and purpose. This is how man was made. He was perfect but relied upon God for living and giving God glory.

*Revelation 4:11, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."*

God created man to depend on Him.

*Job 12:10, "In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?"*

During this time in Genesis everything functioned as God had intended. There was not any confusion, misunderstanding, or strife since while man was heeding God's counsel.

## **B. The Deceptive Counselor**

Genesis 3:1, We see the counsel of Satan.

The counsel from Satan puts man in control of what he wants to do.

Since the beginning of time there has been God's counsel which is true and profitable, and Satan or man's counsel which is deceptive and self-centered.

One leads to joy and life the other leads to misery and death.

## **II. Where Do We Get God's Counsel?**

Unlike being in the garden we do not receive God's counsel through audible means. God has chosen to communicate to us through His written word.

God's word is referred to throughout as counsel and testimony.

*Psalm 119:24, Your **testimonies** also are my delight; They are my **counselors**.*

*Isaiah 28:29, This also comes from the LORD of hosts, Who has made His **counsel** wonderful and His wisdom great.*

*Proverbs 19:21, Many plans are in a man's heart, But the **counsel** of the LORD will stand.*

Deuteronomy contains sermons of Moses. He preaches that Israel is to obey the commands of God. There is great reward in obedience.

Deuteronomy 6:1 – 2, "Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded *me* to teach you, that you might **do** *them* in the land where you are going over to possess it, so that you and your son and your grandson might **fear** the LORD your God, to **keep** all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

Joshua 1:1-9 Joshua's Job Description

Joshua's job:

Vs. 2

Vs. 6

Keys to his success:

Vs. 5, 9

Vs. 6, 7, 9

Vs. 7, 8

As a result he would:

and

How important is it that men be saturated with Word of God?

Uzziah was king at the age of 16 and reigned 52 years.

2 Chronicles 26:5 "He [Uzziah] continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding through the vision [or fear] of God; **and as long as he sought** Yahweh, God prospered him."

Vs 16 His downfall:

*"But when he became strong, **his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly**, and he was unfaithful to the Lord his God, for he entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense."*

Saul was another king who did not heed the counsel of God and the results are disastrous.

1 Chronicles 10:13 – 14, *"So Saul died for his trespass which he committed against the LORD, because of the word of the LORD which **he did not keep**; and also because he asked **counsel** of a medium, making inquiry of it, and did not inquire of the LORD. Therefore He killed him and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse."*

We have people who put man's thinking (psychology) and theology (God's truth) together.

Psychology is defined by Webster as, *"the study of mind and behavior in relation to a particular field of knowledge or activity."*

Psychology is created by man.

Theology is defined by Webster as: *"the study of God and of God's relation to the world."*

Where do we find God but in the Scriptures written by God.

Those that put these two together are called integrationist.

The problem  $\longrightarrow$  their thinking.

1. They say that all truth is God's truth. We would agree with that.
2. They also say that man can discover moral truth. We would disagree on that. Moral truth is revealed in Scripture not discovered.

Jeremiah 17:9, "The **heart** is more **deceitful** than all else And is **desperately sick**; Who can understand it?"

How is man's heart described?

Deceitful –

Desperately sick -

Do you really want to trust in one's own heart?

### **III. What Does God Say About His Word?**

Luther said, "The Scripture is the only fountain of all wisdom".

READ Psalm 19:7 – 11

Vs 7 – The law is:

perfect –

Result:

The Testimony:

sure –

Result:

Vs 8 – God's precepts are –

right:

Results:

God's commandment is –

pure:

Results:

Vs 9 – Fear of God –

clean:

Results:

God's judgments are –

true:

Results:

#### **IV. Scripture is Enough**

Scripture teaches us that God's Word is:

1. Inerrant – Without errors (Psalm 19:7, Matthew 5:18)
2. Inspired – God breathed (II Timothy 3:16)
3. Infallible – It is true, does mislead nor does it deceive (Psalm 119:1, John 17:17)
4. Authoritative – It is God, the creator of man, speaking to man (Psalm 138:2, II Peter 1:21)
5. Sufficient – Is all that is needed. (II Corinthians 9:8, II Timothy 3:17, II Peter 1:3 – 4)

#### **Read II Peter 1:3 – 4**

Vs. 3 Our Lord Jesus has granted to us everything we need to live a life that glorifies Him.

**"has granted"**

Jesus has granted – past tense that is continuous not a one shot deal.

What has He granted?

## "everything pertaining to life and godliness"

We do not need anything more.

What does "everything" consist?

1. Salvation – am no longer an enemy.

*Romans 5:10, " For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."*

2. His Holy Spirit – helper

*John 14:16 – 17, "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you."*

3. His Word – teaching, reproof, correction, training

*II Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;*

*vs. 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

The Bible is all we need in order to respond to life's difficulties and challenges. As a result we will glorify the Wonderful Counselor.