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CHAPTER 2 Truth Triumphs

Some things only a real God can do, and Jesus does them to perfection. He is the gold standard for authentic godhood. Despite generations of unfavorable publicity, Jesus remains as competent and coherent as ever. As the perfect man, Jesus personifies the glory of God with divine distinction. He is *“the exact representation”* of our Heavenly Father.¹ The Son of God maintains exclusive integrity with The Son of Man because the fullness of God dwells in him.² Wherever Jesus goes, His divine nature follows. He is the way, the truth, and the life—the flawless antidote for propaganda poisoning.



After speaking through angels and prophets at various times and in various ways, our Heavenly Father spoke through his Son with consummate authority.³ Unlike other voices, His words are alive and active—they are spirit and they are life.⁴ With infallible precision and everlasting significance, Jesus sustains all things by the power of His word.⁵

For those willing to take an honest look, Jesus nailed the God test. His life, death, and resurrection speak louder than words. In a world poisoned by propaganda, sorcery, and toxic hyperbole, Jesus reigns supreme with resurrection power. He validates every prophetic and historical benchmark with convincing words and compelling proof.

Though God may temporarily permits Satan to deceive nations, He empowers obedient overcomers to exercise authority over them.⁶

¹ Hebrews 1:3

² Colossians 1:19

³ Hebrews 1:2

⁴ John 6:63

⁵ Hebrews 1:3

⁶ Rev 18:23

'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; (Rev 2:26 NAS)

The Word of Truth prevails triumphantly when pitted against propaganda. In the end, every person and every angel will assert that Jesus Christ is Lord, and they will worship Him.⁷

Transforming Nations

Knowing the truth about God carries enormous responsibility. Jesus highlights this responsibility in a parable that features a master and his servants. Jesus said, *"From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more"*.⁸ Since God entrusted us with the knowledge of the truth. He requires us to embrace it, live it, pray it, and speak it.

Living in a crooked and perverse generation, God's children possess radiant authority to influence public opinion. Without swallowing lies and deception, they shine like stars in a universe tainted by spiritual darkness. By proclaiming the word of life, redeemed sons and daughters exert a far-reaching and unquenchable influence. They shine brightest during the darkest nights. Paul wrote:

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life... (Phil 2:14-16 NIV)

By speaking the truth in love, God's children influence every part of society, be it family, religion, education, business, finance, engineering, science, technology, medicine, entertainment, the arts, sports, media, politics, or government.⁹

The Truth about God Never Changes

Born in a stinky stable, Jesus entered this world through the womb of an obscure teenager. He grew up in relative anonymity. With characteristic humility, Jesus did not market His earthly life for the sake of global publicity. Jesus has no need to be a showoff. After rising from the dead and ascending into heaven, without the media present, He continues to maintain a low profile. Jesus refrains

⁷ Philippians 2:10-11, Psalm 66:4

⁸ Luke 12:48 NAS

⁹ Loren Cunningham along with others, "Making Jesus Lord", 1988, Youth with a Mission, p. 134

from fanfare and rarely dazzles anyone with personal appearances. Confident in His ability to communicate, He seldom allows His audible words to reach our ears.

As the perfect communicator, Jesus has no problem competing with propaganda. Rather than manipulating world systems and their leaders, He demonstrates pure love by forgiving sins and restoring relationships. He replaces guilt, shame, and grief with peace, joy, and comfort. Without shock-and-awe spectacles, Jesus performs timely miracles hidden within the human heart.

Paul points out, *“that which is known about God is evident... for God made it evident”*.¹⁰ Without flaunting His supernatural competence, Jesus offers a poignant portrayal of Himself. Invisible qualities such as *“his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.”*¹¹ Everything God created illuminates His divine distinction. The heavens *“declare the glory of God”* and the firmament reveals *“His handiwork”*.¹² With solid evidence, glorious sights and sounds proclaim His incomparable worth.

Invented gods cannot compete with divine reality. As they vie for recognition, our Heavenly Father dwarfs their charade. Just as raindrops fail to affect the salinity of an ocean, spiritual propaganda fails to dilute God’s infinite authority. Compared to the authenticity of His eternal power and divine nature, false deities project an inept caricature; they are merely connect-the-dot stick figures.

Moses left Egypt by faith, based on perceptive revelation and accurate spiritual vision. Because he *“saw him who is invisible”*, Moses persevered and prevailed in a seemingly impossible assignment.¹³ Without relying exclusively on natural senses, Moses recognized credible encounters with God. As we *“fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith”*, the truth about God becomes persuasive and compelling.¹⁴

From our earthly vantage point, the God we connect with is not proportional to His actual size. He stands infinitely bigger, stronger, closer, and more competent than we realize. If we knew the whole truth about God, we would fall prostrate more often. Because we underestimate His attributes, overlook His activity,

¹⁰ Romans 1:19 NAS

¹¹ Romans 1:19-20 ESV

¹² Psalm 19:1 NKJ

¹³ Hebrews 11:27 NIV

¹⁴ Hebrews 12:2 NIV

and dismiss His promises, we skimp on showing Him the reverence that He deserves. Because we cannot wrap our finite brain around the Almighty, He seems somewhat distant. As casual spectators, we often miscalculate the importance of His presence and fail to appreciate the prominence of His love.

Visual Propaganda

Surrounded by overwhelming odds, the Prophet Elisha used his eyes to see what God was showing him—a host of invisible allies. Elisha in turn, encouraged his servant by saying, *“Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”* Then, Elisha prayed for his servant saying, *“O Lord, open his eyes so he may see.”* When the Lord activated his spiritual acuity, the servant saw reality. The hills teemed with God’s horses and chariots of fire.¹⁵ As Elisha continued in prayer, the balance of power shifted—God blinded his enemies. Our Creator made every eye in existence. He retains the power to open them and the authority to close them.

When it comes to our relationship with God, we understand by faith. Faith dominates optical illusions. Beyond heaven, God deliberately limits visual sightings of Himself. Instead, He provides clues from creation to help us recognize His character and notice stature. God emphasizes an understanding heart because an informed heart primes the mind with faith to appreciate spiritual reality.

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (Heb 11:3 NKJ). ***Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding*** (Proverbs 2:2 NAS)

While myths and legends exaggerate reality, even the best God-stories underestimate the truth about Him. Words alone provide insufficient detail to describe God and His behavior. Human reason fails to explain the scope of His activity or the depth of His promises. Discovering what God is really like requires more than five natural senses and a keen intellect. Human senses fall short when connecting with the spiritual substance of God. It takes supernatural revelation from the Holy Spirit to know God and life-transforming encounters to experience His love.

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¹⁵ 2 Kings 6:15-17 NIV