

Examining The Jehovah's Witnesses

研究耶和華見證人

(1 Thessalonians 5:21)

(帖前 5:21)

注意：『耶和華與主』。

『耶和華』跟『主』這兩個字是從兩個不同的字。『主』是從希臘文的“Kurios。”『耶和華』是從希伯來文的“YHWH。”『耶和華』不是記載在新約聖經上。但是在耶和華見證人自己翻的聖經理、如果一段經節提到耶穌的話、就翻『主』；提到天父的話、就翻『耶和華』。為什麼呢？

因為他們要證明天父與耶穌不是平等的。他們的聖經這麼記載。在可靠聖經中沒有辦法支持他們的道理、所以他們寫自己的道理。

E. 關於救恩。

1. 只有 144,000 人會上天堂。
2. 其他的住在完美的地球上。
3. 按照他們的道理 1914 年, 1925 年, 和 1975 年、這完美的國已經來了。

F. 受浸、吃主餐不重要。

G. 教一種千禧年主義。

結論

1. 這課程的目的是簡單的說明耶和華見證人的道理。
2. 他們的道理不是由神而來的。

Note: "JEHOVAH AND LORD."

The words for Jehovah and Lord are two different words. The word Lord comes from the Greek word "Kurios." The JW's translate Kurios, Lord, when it applies to Jesus, but Jehovah when it applies to the Father. The word Jehovah is not Greek. It is from the Hebrew "YHWH." The reason they do this is so that they do not have to admit that the Father and Son are equal.

All of these changes and distinctions are made in the New World Translation (NWT). These distinctions could not be substantiated in the accepted versions, so the JW's wrote their own.

E. Doctrine of Salvation.

1. Only a few will go to heaven (144,000).
2. The rest will live on a perfect earth forever.
3. This was already supposed to have taken place in 1914, 1925, and 1975.

F. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are not essential.

G. Teach their own special form of premillennialism.

CONCLUSION

1. It was the purpose of this lesson to give a brief summary of the Jehovah's Witnesses.
2. Their doctrine is not from God.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Bible gives us the characteristics of the church that our Lord promised to build (Matthew 16:18).
 - A. Time it began - About A.D. 30.
 - B. Place it began - Jerusalem.
 - C. Called by Bible name - church of Christ; church of God.
 - D. Founder/Foundation - Christ.
 - E. Organization.
 1. No earthly headquarters.
 2. Organized locally.
 - F. Worship.
 1. Lord's Supper.
 - a. Every first day of the week (Acts 20:7).
 - b. Unleavened bread and fruit of the vine.
 2. Singing.
 3. Giving.
 4. Prayer.
 5. Teaching.
 - G. Plan of Salvation.
2. When we compare the Jehovah's Witnesses with these characteristics, we find many that are not the same.
 - A. Time it began - July 26, 1931.
 - B. Place it began - Columbus, Ohio
 - C. Called by what name - Jehovah's Witnesses.
 - D. Founder/Foundation - Charles Russell/J.F. Rutherford.
 - E. Organization - World Headquarters in New York State.
 - F. Worship - not the same as the New Testament.
 - G. Plan of salvation.
3. This would be sufficient to show that the Jehovah's Witnesses is not the church that Jesus claimed to establish.
 - A. However, we will look at some other evidences which establishes that this group and its teaching is not from God.
 - B. They really are not interested in being the church that Jesus established.
 - C. They are interested in being witnesses for Jehovah, hence the name "Jehovah's Witnesses."

- d. 那是 67 年前。寫『幾百萬人永遠不會死』的作者還有幾百萬人已經死了。
3. **1975 年** - 按照耶和華見證人的道理、1975 年的 9 月是神創世的 6,000 週年。他們說耶穌『終於』要建立祂世上的國度。
 - a. 1975 年之後、很多人因為沮喪就離開耶和華見證人的教會。
 - b. 現在、大部份教徒不知道耶和華見證人常常定日子。
- C. 不要忘記：聖經上告訴我們先知所講的預言不成就、先知是假的 (申 13:1-5); (申 18:20-22)。

II. 簡單的說明耶和華見證人的道理。

- A. 信仰上的標準：聖經。
 1. 用自己的譯本 - 拒絕其他的。
 2. 更改很多地方。
 - a.
 - b. 『守望台』是定他們的道理。
- B. 關於神的道理。
 1. 一位一體。
 - a. 否認三位一體。
 - b. 說耶穌是被造的。
 - c. 說聖靈只是影響力而已、像風而已。
 2. 耶穌是一種神、但不是真神。
- C. 關於人性的道理。
 1. 人沒有永遠的靈。
 2. 說懲罰的方法是永遠不存在。
- D. 關於基督的道理。
 1. 否認基督是『自有永有的』。
 2. 否認基督的復活。
 3. 否認基督不是與天父平等。

- d. Of course, the year 1925 came and went. A house was purchased for these people to live in the state of California. Judge Rutherford died, as did millions of others during that time.
- 3. **1975** – According to Jehovah’s Witnesses writings, this was the year that Christ would come to set up his earthly kingdom. It was taught that September of that year would mark the 6,000th year since the creation of the world.
 - a. Since 1975, many of the members of this group have quit because of discouragement and disappointment over this date.
 - b. Most of the new members are not aware of this prophecy because they came along after this date.
- C. Remember: the Bible teaches that if a prophecy does not happen, we know he is a false prophet (Deuteronomy 13:1-5; 18:20-22).

II. A Summary of Jehovah’s Witnesses Doctrine

- A. Source of Authority: The Bible.
 - 1. Originally used accepted versions until shown could not prove their doctrine from them.
 - 2. Use their own version – The New World Translation (NWT).
 - a. Numerous changes in it that makes the Bible conform to their teaching.
 - b. Watchtower is the ultimate authority to this group.
- B. Doctrine of God.
 - 1. There is only one God – Jehovah.
 - a. Denies the Godhead.
 - b. Jesus Christ was the first creation of God.
 - c. The Holy Spirit is just an influence, wind.
 - 2. Jesus is not God, but a god.
- C. Doctrine of Man.
 - 1. Man does not have an immortal soul.
 - 2. Penalty for sin will be annihilation.
- D. Doctrine of Christ.
 - 1. Deny the eternity of Christ.
 - 2. Deny the resurrection of Christ.
 - 3. Deny his equality with God.

前言

- 1. 聖經記載耶穌所應許建立教會的特性 (太 16:18).
 - A. 何時 – 西元後 30 年.
 - B. 何地 – 耶路撒冷.
 - C. 何名 – 聖經上的名字 ~ 基督的教會/神的教會.
 - D. 根基/建立者 – 基督.
 - E. 組織.
 - 1. 沒有世上的總部.
 - 2. 地方性組織的.
 - F. 敬拜.
 - 1. 主餐.
 - a. 每逢七日的第一日 (徒 20:7).
 - b. 無酵餅和葡萄汁.
 - 2. 唱詩歌.
 - 3. 捐錢.
 - 4. 禱告.
 - 5. 傳道.
 - G. 神拯救人的計劃.
- 2. 聖經上的教會跟耶和華見證人比較時、很清楚地知道不一樣.
 - A. 何時 – 西元後 1931 年.
 - B. 何地 – 美國俄亥俄州.
 - C. 何名 – 耶和華見證人.
 - D. 根基/建立者 – 兩位: 羅素/羅塞福.
 - E. 組織 – 世上的總部在紐約州. 不是地方性組織的.
 - F. 敬拜 – 跟聖經上的教會不一樣.
 - G. 神拯救人的計劃 – 也跟聖經上的教會不一樣. 上面的事就證明耶和華見證人不是耶穌所建立的教會.

I. DATE SETTING

- A. The Jehovah's Witnesses have set many dates over almost the last 100 years for the end of the world.
 - 1. The first date set was 1874 by Charles Taze Russell, the founder.
 - 2. The Bible teaches that if a prophecy does not happen, we know he is a false prophet.
 - a. Deuteronomy 13:1-5.
 - b. Deuteronomy 18:20-22.
- B. The three most famous dates – **1914, 1925, 1975**.
 - 1. **1914** – This was the first date given for the end of the world given by the Jehovah's Witnesses.
 - a. Most Witnesses are unaware of this information because it has been covered up or destroyed by the Watchtower leadership.
 - b. The claim was made that Christ would come on this date and set up his kingdom on earth. Another shade of premillennialism.
 - c. When that failed to happen, the claim was made that Christ came secretly and set up the Jehovah's Witnesses church instead.
 - 2. **1925** – This date is especially embarrassing to the Jehovah's Witnesses because of a book published entitled "Millions Now Living Will Never Die."
 - a. This book was written in 1920 by J.F. (Judge) Rutherford (never a real judge, just an affectionate title). It states that the year 1925 will be the time that the new kingdom will begin on earth.
 - b. "...and since other Scriptures definitely fix the fact that there will be a resurrection of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and other faithful ones of old, and that these will have the first favor, we may expect 1925 to witness the return of these faithful men of Israel from the condition of death, being resurrected and fully restored to perfect humanity and made the visible, legal representative of the new order of things on earth."
 - c. Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the faithful prophets of old, particularly those named by the Apostle in Hebrews chapter eleven, to the condition of human perfection."

I. 關於末日的預言。

- A. 耶和華見證人常常定末日。
 - 1. 第一次 – 西元後 1874 年 (羅素)。
 - 2. 聖經上告訴我們先知所講的預言不成就、先知是假的。
 - a. 申 13:1-5.
 - b. 申 18:20-22.
- B. 三個最有名的日期 – 1914 年, 1925 年, 1975 年。
 - 1. **1914 年**.
 - a. 關於這些日期、大部份的耶和華見證人是無知的、因為他們的領袖妨礙他們有這個知識。
 - b. 他們宣稱那個時候基督到世上來建立祂的國度。
 - c. 1914 年基督沒有來、他們就宣稱祂祕密的來建立耶和華見證人的教會。
 - 2. **1925 年** – 有一本書預言到 『幾百萬人永遠不會死』。
 - a. 1920 年、羅塞福先生寫這本書說: 1925 年、耶穌新的國度要開始。
 - b. 『... 聖經很清楚地告訴我們、1925 年亞伯拉罕、以撒、雅各、及其他古老的聖人要復活...』。
 - c. 『所以我們很確實的期望 1925 年、亞伯拉罕、以撒、雅各、及其他古老的聖人要復活...』。