

“[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so.” —Acts 17:11

## The Flight from Reason

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“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD...”

—ISAIAH 1:18

THIS IS AN amazing verse! In it we see our infinite God desiring to reason with His finite, created beings. Not only are they incapable and insufficient (in their own ability as finite beings) to reason with their infinite Creator, but they are also in a condition of rebellion against Him. Their iniquity notwithstanding, pointing out that they are far beneath His “reasoning” class is undeniable. That is certainly reflected in Isaiah 55:8-9: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5). Also, Romans 11:33: “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!”

How can any of us reason with God? Unlike the animals, He created us with the *ability* to reason! But how does that fit with Isaiah 1:18? Given God’s infinite intelligence, it can’t mean that He’s looking to us for our input. Not at all! He is giving us *information* that He wants us to consider and act upon. We are told that Adam walked with God in the Garden of Eden. That fellowship involved communication and included commands that Adam understood and was therefore to obey: “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Genesis 2:16-17). Notice that God gave Adam a *reason* for obeying His command. The consequence of disobedience would be death. Adam however, reasoned otherwise, and thus sin entered God’s perfect creation.

The Isaiah 1:18 verse continues: “...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it” (verses 18-20). The verses that follow have God setting forth the reasons for what will take place regarding those who choose to either obey Him or disobey Him. Furthermore, God’s reasons for them to consider also point toward the gospel and eternal salvation, the acceptance of which will save them from their sins, and the rejection of which includes both temporal and everlasting destruction.

When I find a word in Scripture of which I desire to have a better understanding, my first go-to resource is Noah Webster’s 1828 *American Dictionary of the English Language* (<https://bit.ly/3raiTmk>). The “reason” for that is because many

of his definitions are drawn from the way they are used in the King James Version of the Bible. Most contemporary dictionaries lack that scriptural perspective and some even reveal an overt prejudice *against* a biblical Christian worldview.

One of Webster’s definitions of “reason” gives an insight into what Isaiah 1:18-20 declares: “to *reason* one into a belief of truth; to *reason* one out of his [own futile] plan...” God’s reasonings are not of the “you tell Me your ideas” variety. They inform us of the truth regarding what will take place based upon the choices we make. As noted, obedience produces blessings, but disobedience ends in destruction (verse 20). God’s reasons are absolute truth.

Webster also cites 1 Peter 3:15 as an example of the way believers are to use *reason* in defending and sharing their faith: “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a *reason* of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” Sadly, that is a rare event in Christianity today, even among those who claim to be Bible-believing Christians. One of the reasons biblical answers are uncommon among Christians is related to the prophecy given in 2 Timothy 4:3-4: “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” Rather than looking to God’s Word for *His reasons* that are spelled out clearly through “sound doctrine,” they are turning elsewhere for spiritual understanding. Quite often that involves a dependence upon pastors to tell them the meaning of the Scriptures (which amounts to being spoon fed—i.e., given so much help or information that they do not need to think for themselves). Such a dependence not only hinders spiritual growth, but it also undermines the belief in the authority and the sufficiency of the Word of God itself.

If we are turning to someone to tell us what the Bible is saying, then the Bible ceases to become our authority. Instead, that *person* becomes our authority. Our dependence upon a pastor or a popular Christian author or a so-called Christian psychologist to give us answers not only denies the authority of Scripture, but it rejects its sufficiency. Is God’s Word our authority? The Apostle Paul wrote, “...the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 14:37). Jesus declared in John 17:17: “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

But is God’s Word sufficient? Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, assures us: “According as his divine power hath given unto us *all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him* that hath called us to glory and virtue” (2 Peter 1:3). If the Word of God is not sufficient, to whom should we go regarding “all things that pertain to life and godliness”? Peter answered that question in response to Jesus, “Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). The Apostle Paul wrote, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable

for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect [complete], thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

It’s not that a brother or sister-in-the-Lord can’t help us in our knowledge of the Bible and our walk with Jesus, but it becomes a serious problem when our faith develops into a *dependency* upon them. Then it’s not *our* faith! The Lord holds all of us personally accountable for what we believe. I had the extraordinary privilege of working with and learning from Dave Hunt for nearly four decades—yet he never spoon fed me. When I had questions, more often than not he would have me search the Scriptures in order to *know* what I believe and why I believe it.

Knowing what you believe but not knowing *why* is at the heart of one’s fleeing from reason. Certainly, a believer in Jesus Christ needs to know what he believes about salvation in order to be saved. However, that knowledge is rarely helpful in convincing non-believers of the reasons a believer has for committing his life to the Lord and thereby receiving God’s gift of eternal life. Dave Hunt tells of when he preached a sermon addressing why biblical faith must be based on reason and proof. Following his message, a number of people came to him saying that if one has proof, wouldn’t that eliminate the need for faith? Dave’s response was to question their understanding of biblical faith, which is not a leap in the dark—i.e., a belief with no substantial support.

The Word of God, for example, points us to the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. That event, the most significant and glorious in history, was not presented in the Scriptures as an incident that was to be accepted by blind faith. On the contrary, in referring to the resurrection activities, Luke writes in Acts 1:3, “To whom also he [Jesus] shewed himself alive after his passion by *many infallible proofs*, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.” What were some of those faith-encouraging “infallible proofs”? For one thing, He proved to His disciples through His physical appearance that He wasn’t a ghost or a mirage: “Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.” You would think their faith would have galvanized through both the appearance and the convincing words of Jesus! But that wasn’t enough: “And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them” (Luke 24:39, 41-43). Again, Jesus gave them further “proof.” He also gave them *reasons* from the Scriptures to believe that He was resurrected from the dead: “And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me” (Luke 24:44).

The point here is that the Bible documents what it declares with irrefutable reasons and “many infallible proofs.” These laid the foundation for belief that enables born-again Christians to “earnestly contend for *the faith* which was once delivered unto the saints.” That foundation is necessary and it gives believers confidence to accept by faith that which our finite minds cannot comprehend! For example, there are good reasons why God

must consist of three Persons, yet that truth of God’s Word is beyond our ability to grasp with the mind and can only be professed by faith—a faith built on the groundwork of infallible proofs and reasons. To that we could add the truth of God creating all things out of nothing, and the belief that God has always existed. These are totally faith issues, which Dave points out: “So, faith does encompass some things that are beyond my ability to prove or to fully comprehend, but it only takes that step in the direction that the evidence has pointed and after having been given sufficient evidence to warrant such a step.”

Reasoning regarding the truth of Scripture is fading quickly in our day, when the “spiritual correctness” of ecumenism reigns and “friendship evangelism” is preferred over correcting erroneous beliefs of our lost friends. What then of Paul’s ongoing evangelistic approach? “And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days *reasoned with them* out of the scriptures”; “And *he reasoned* in the synagogue every sabbath, and *persuaded* the Jews and the Greeks”; “And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and *reasoned* with the Jews”; “And as *he reasoned* of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee”; “And he went into the synagogue, and *spake boldly* for the space of three months, *disputing and persuading* the things concerning the kingdom of God” (Acts 17:2; 18:4, 19; 24:25; 19:8).

Our day is well into a flight from reason. When one rejects or slips away from God’s Word, he is left with his own irrational ways and means to solve his problems (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). That has never worked, a fact to which history attests. Yet that failure hasn’t deterred humanity. On the contrary, man’s vain attempts are increasing exponentially. Reason has been hijacked and transformed by mysticism. When things can’t be fixed in any practical sense, the shift is to the subjective, the imagination, the illusory, the wishful. *Feelings* become

the hopeful guide to fulfilling one’s expectations—which are never realized. That condition eliminates *reason* as a way of turning someone from their erroneous beliefs. Such conversations almost always end up with, “I hear what you’re saying, but I’m sorry, I just don’t feel that way.” When one’s hope is bound up in *feelings*, objective reasoning is dead.

That will be Satan’s modus operandi in ushering in the religion and kingdom of the Antichrist. The “feelings” orientation eliminates any sense of guilt, any sense of being judged or of being wrong. How can one’s feelings be determined as “wrong”? The person himself becomes the arbiter of truth (“Your truth is your truth and my truth is my truth”). It’s only a slight variation of Satan’s offer to Eve: “...ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” The person himself becomes a “god,” which is the lie that began in heaven with Lucifer’s self-exaltation (Isaiah 14:13-14) and is the ambition of the Antichrist and all who choose to follow him.

The flight from reason is a trip into utter darkness and separation forever from God, the One who so loves us that He sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the full penalty for our sins and offers us the gift of eternal life with Him.

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— 2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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**QUESTION:** I've heard several speakers say that Jesus was afraid that Satan would kill Him prematurely in the Garden of Gethsemane before He could get to the cross. And that's why He cried out, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me," the "cup" being a premature death in the Garden. Is that true?

**RESPONSE:** Dying on the cross as the sacrifice for sin was the culmination of Christ's purpose in being born into this world. The prophets had foretold it and Christ himself had confirmed it (Matthew 16:21; John 12:32-33). Nothing and no one could have killed Him or otherwise prevented the fulfillment of His mission.

Jesus is God. Neither man nor Satan could take His life. He declared, "I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:17-18). How, then, could He have been afraid that Satan might take His life? Christ is also perfect, sinless man—the one and only God-man. As man, He would not for a moment have been in fear of Satan slaying Him, for He was walking in perfect obedience to and under the complete care of His Father. To suggest such a fear indicts Christ with the rankest unbelief. Furthermore, Christ is God and infinitely stronger than Satan!

Remember also that after asking if the cup might pass from Him, Christ said, "Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). If the "cup" He wanted to escape was death in the Garden, then by saying, "nevertheless...thy will be done," Christ was suggesting that it might be the Father's will for Him to die in the Garden at the hands of Satan rather than to pay for our sins upon the cross, which is unthinkable.

Nor was the "cup" the physical pain of being crucified. Many had bravely endured the crucifixion, and Jesus was no coward. The "cup" from which He shrank was the awful separation from God that His justice required as the penalty for sin: that His holy soul would be made "an offering for sin" (Isaiah 53:10). He would be "made [to be] sin for us" (2 Corinthians 5:21). His prayer, therefore, was an earnest request from Son to Father: "Might there not be some other possible means of saving sinners?" The Father's answer was "No." We know, therefore, that Christ's death upon the cross as our sin-bearer was and is the only way of salvation. Horrible beyond comprehension, what He endured we will never know. He fully paid the penalty for us.

**QUESTION:** What's your view of extraterrestrials?

**RESPONSE:** There are many biblical reasons for not accepting the idea of intelligent life beyond earth other than angels and demons. First of all, it would be impossible for morally responsible humanoids anywhere in the universe to keep from sin. If they had the genuine right of choice, it must inevitably have been used to disobey God. Thus they would require salvation. Jesus Christ is the only Savior, and His death is the one and only perfect sacrifice for sins ever offered in the universe (Hebrews 9:23-28; 10:12-14). If there are morally free agents on other planets, they would have to believe in Christ for salvation.

God has gone to great lengths to give us a historically verifiable eyewitness record of His Son's birth, life, death, and resurrection—and this message is contained in a Bible that can be verified in many ways by the inhabitants of earth

(geographically, archaeologically, historically, etc.), and which would not be available to ETIs. It would seem both unfair and a violation of God's way of dealing with mankind for beings elsewhere in space to be required to believe in a Savior who was crucified on a distant planet. The Bible seems to indicate that this Earth is the only such place in the universe. When Satan is cast out of heaven, he comes to Earth. It is on this planet that the battle will be fought that results in Satan's defeat and imprisonment in the abyss; it is on this earth that Christ will reign for 1,000 years while Satan is locked up; it is to this planet that Satan will return when he is released; and it is on this planet that Satan will meet his final defeat and his eternal doom will be sealed.

Finally, if life happened by chance on this Earth and evolved upward, then it could seemingly happen elsewhere in the universe. But if, as we believe, human life resulted from a purposeful act of God, and if sin is inevitable for such beings, and if the human soul is the prize for which Satan and God do battle, then it hardly makes sense to have this same process repeated on countless other planets throughout the cosmos. That would imply that God didn't know all that would happen and that this "experiment" had failed on Earth and "tried again" elsewhere, which denies His omniscience.

**QUESTION:** In the past you have talked about being "sure about going to heaven." Would you please comment on the following statement by Dr. A. W. Tozer in his *Renewal Day by Day*: "The man who is seriously convinced that he deserves to go to hell is not likely to go there, while the man who believes that he is worthy of heaven will certainly never enter that blessed place."

**RESPONSE:** The only certainty of heaven to which I have ever referred is based upon faith in Christ and His Word, which promise eternal life as a free gift of God's grace. Heaven is the believer's sure destination, not because he merits it but because of the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: "I give [my sheep] eternal life; and they shall never perish" (John 10:27-28); "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5:13); etc. Although confident of heaven because of what Christ has done, the believer is at the same time very conscious of his own unworthiness. It is, in fact, the realization that he deserves hell that has caused him to turn to Christ. In contrast, Tozer is referring to "the man who believes that he is worthy [in himself] of heaven." That person is lost because obviously he has not believed the gospel and is not trusting Christ alone for his salvation.

## QUOTABLE.....

We will all worship something. Whether we are atheists, agnostics, or believers in some religion, we are all worshipers. Where do you turn your mind and heart to gain meaning, fulfillment, control, protection, and significance in your life? What has your affection? What do you meditate upon? When you lay your head on your pillow at night, what do you think about? Who or what is your God?

—MARK CAHILL

(EXCERPT FROM *ONE HEARTBEAT AWAY: YOUR JOURNEY INTO ETERNITY*)



# LETTERS

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**Hello,**

(Concerning Dave's article "Pre-Wrath Rapture") Thank you so much, precious brother!! This doctrine has caused incredible pain to us and our fellowship! Thank you for taking the time to respond. It means sooo much to us! God bless you and all you do. MS (email)

**Dear TBC,**

Thank you for the links that you sent about *The Chosen*.... I especially liked the 17-minute video by the former Mormon which had a brief clip of Dave Hunt speaking! I wonder if he videoed it in response to *The Passion of the Christ*, which I also refused to see.... It was appropriate for *The Chosen* as well! Not a surprise but very impressive.

Please let Tom know that he did a superb job on his December article! I was wondering how any Christian who loves the Word could go "ape" over *The Chosen*.... I definitely did not know Mormons had a lot to do with it and how Dallas can say

these Mormons are our brothers and sisters is *very* disturbing and must be "called out" (as Tom and TBC did!). Thank you for your adherence to the Holy Scriptures *no matter what anyone says!* May the Lord give TBC extra jewels in your crowns at the Judgment Seat of Jesus to cast at His feet! GB (email)

**Dear TBC,**

Thanks for this truth, Tom and TBC. Before psychotherapy, and to this day, people generally had good, honest, trustworthy Christian friends that they could talk to about their problems, insecurities, shortcomings, and errors of life in private. Talking it out with one of these friends was just as, or more, effective than psychotherapy and psychology [could offer] and is far less expensive, both financially and spiritually. All psychiatrists and psychologists do is attempt to eliminate the righteous shame people's consciences cause them to feel as a result of their sin, if their hearts haven't become too hardened to sense it. CH (email)

## TBC NOTES

### Poem Time!

Most of us who read the TBC newsletter may remember this favorite poem ("The Sacred Hour" by William Blane) that Dave Hunt has shared in part from time to time. Given the astounding popularity of *The Chosen*, advocated by numerous evangelical shepherds who have led their sheep to drink from that muddy stream polluted by the contrived and corrupted biblical beliefs of man, the time is more than critical for being reminded of how precious and pure is God's Word (Proverbs 30:5).

O tell me not of worldly lore  
And treasures of the earth!  
To him who draws from Heaven's store  
They can be little worth.

I sail a sea of Love divine,  
Unfathomed and unbound;  
I search a deep and wealthy mine  
Where gems of Heaven are found.

The Spirit's breezes gently blow  
That I may sail this sea;  
His is the light to search and show  
God's deep, deep things to me.

O Book of wondrous depths and heights,  
Of wisdom ever new,

Which in ten thousand various lights  
Brings Jesus into view;

Whatever truths in thee I trace  
New aspects meet mine eye,  
And of His glory and His grace  
Page unto page doth cry!

Of Science and Philosophy  
I've heard the spreading fame;  
They're broad and deep, and urged,  
they say,  
By many a pressing claim.

'Tis said Philosophy hath charms  
Which prove celestial birth;  
That Science, with distended arms,  
Grasps heaven in grasping earth.

I know not; neither have I tried  
Their claims to disallow;  
A trusting heart is satisfied  
With neither why nor how.

They come from God if they be right,  
If true they lead to Him;  
But who would shun the noonday light  
To grope in shadows dim?

And who would leave the Fountain Head  
To drink the muddy stream,  
Where men have mixed what God  
hath said  
With every dreamer's dream?

How dim is every earthly light  
When sun's celestial glow!

No earthly visions lure the sight  
Where God His face doth show.

'Tis sweet in prayer on God to call  
While He my voice doth hear,  
But sweeter when His sayings fall  
Upon my opened ear!

For this I leave the paths of men  
And shun my friends' abode;  
No earthly claims can stay me when  
My spirit pants for God!

O not for wealth, nor fame, nor power,  
Nor love, nor truest friend,  
Would I forego the sacred hour  
Which with God's Word I spend!

I steal it from the hours of sleep  
If leisure be not given,  
For only this the soul can keep  
In touch with God and Heav'n.

And thus to hearken unto Him  
For one sweet, fleeting hour,  
Is balm to wearied heart and limb—  
Restoring grace and power.

Dear Book of treasures all divine,  
My precious, priceless store!  
How rich I am since thou art mine!  
How poor I was before!

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# NEWSWATCH

News stories are selected for reader awareness and as an exercise  
in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

## ARE BIRDS "COUSINS" TO REPTILES?

**ICR.ORG, 11/30/21, "ARE BIRDS "COUSINS" TO REPTILES?" [EXCERPTS]:** According to the evolutionary sequence of events, birds are supposed to have evolved from reptiles. If that had occurred in the past, it would mean that today's birds such as robins and roadrunners would be distant cousins of reptiles such as cobras and crocodiles.

The Darwinian tale portrays today's birds as winged dinosaurs that supposedly survived a global extinction event that supposedly occurred about 66 million years ago. Is there any eyewitness report supporting this magical scenario, or even evidence of any such time frame? No and no. Also, don't look for missing-link fossils of such reptile-to-bird transitions. Those missing links are still missing.

There are myriads of errors in this evolutionary speculation, but only a few are mentioned here. In particular, this pseudoscience scenario requires swallowing at least three invalid and drastic premises:

1. The assumption that reptiles are not fundamentally different from birds.
2. The assumption that a secret agent (oxymoronically named natural selection, as if naturalistic outcomes were intended) can accidentally invent—and then secure (i.e., genetically "lock down")—such traumatic transitional transmogrifications.
3. The assumption that any such transitions' biochemical and genetic details, in defiance of entropy's universal destructiveness, repeatedly escaped thermodynamic reality.

(<https://bit.ly/3raVp0L>)

## SEGREGATED BUS LINE AGAINST MIGRANTS

**FREEWESTMEDIA.COM, 11/21/21, "DUTCH TOWN GETS SEGREGATED BUS LINE AGAINST MIGRANTS" [EXCERPTS]:** There will be a new, direct bus connection between Ter Apel and Zwolle station. In this way authorities hope to separate the nuisance-causing asylum seekers from an asylum center in Ter Apel from Dutch passengers in Emmen. Evidently, segregation is the only way to avoid the nuisance caused by migrants.

The hope is that the direct bus connection will prevent people in Emmen from having to deal with petty crime and assault while Ter Apel asylum seekers can still travel with a regular connection.

In addition, the municipality of Emmen, together with Vluchtelingenwerk, wants to see what can be done to return asylum seekers who have been deported from Ter Apel to their country of origin.

This is probably also the reason why the mayor has indicated that they would take "extra measures" together with the police and enforcers to solve the problem. For example, the municipality intends to use area bans "for the biggest rioters," reported De Telegraaf.

The harsh reality is that nuisance-causing asylum seekers will not be facing any federal deportation measures from The Hague however.

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## WHITE AND ASIAN APPLICANTS LARGELY SHUNNED

**THECOLLEGEFIX.COM, 12/2/21, "WHITE AND ASIAN MALE APPLICANTS LARGELY SHUNNED FROM INVESTMENT PROGRAM AT WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY" [EXCERPTS]:** White and Asian male student applicants, with the slim exception of veterans or those with disabilities, are the only students who are not encouraged to apply for a lucrative learning opportunity offered through Washington and Lee University's Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics.

The program is offered by the Williams Investment Society, or WIS, "a student organization that manages a portion of Washington and Lee University's endowment in equity securities," its website states.

"To promote equality of opportunity, the WIS has developed a successful diverse shadow program and we encourage you to apply if you self-identify with any of the following communities: Women, Black, Latinx, Latin, Native American, LGBTQ+, Veterans, and Students with Disabilities," the society states in advertising the program.

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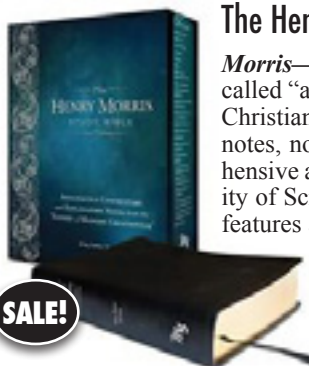
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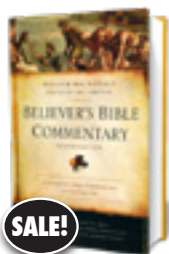
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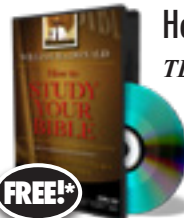


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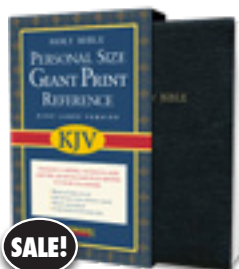
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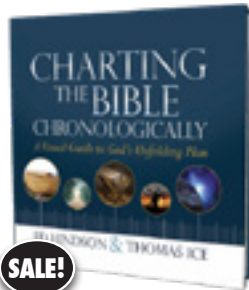
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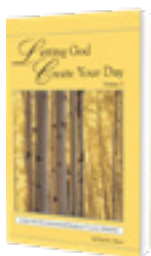
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