LOGIC & THE BIBLE · LESSON 2

The Problem: Set Out and Explained

Romans 4:1–12

Name _____

TEACHING SPINE L02-S13

KEY VERSE *"For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."* Romans 4:3

BIG IDEA The Bible is written to be understood by reasoning. Those who claim it upholds irrationality, or that inferred truth cannot bind, misunderstand how God communicates.

MAIN POINTS

1. Logic is a _____
2. Irrationality breeds _____
3. Paul reasons from _____
4. Men resist reason _____

A. THE PROBLEM STATED

Logic Is a Discipline

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The **statement** _____
carries the truth of its conclusion

The **person** _____
draws out what he believes is carried

An inference is correct only if it matches _____

The Importance of the Problem

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Some who claim to teach the Bible hold that it upholds _____

Reaching conclusions the evidence doesn't warrant is where _____ come in.

Two Irrational Claims

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CLAIM A

"If it isn't stated explicitly, man may come to his own conclusions about worship."

Nadab and Abihu offered fire "which he _____ them not." (Lev. 10:1)

The problem: _____

CLAIM B

"Any conclusion reached by human reasoning is human, not divine, and cannot bind."

Does this claim pass its own test? Why not?

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Deducing What Is Implied

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Paul uses the _____ at which Abraham was counted righteous to show that circumcision was not its basis.

BOARD WORK · ROMANS 4:9–11 L02-S07

P1 Abraham believed God; it was counted for righteousness. (Gen. 15:6)

P2 That came before Ishmael's birth, when Abraham was _____. (Gen. 16:16)

P3 Abraham was circumcised at _____. (Gen. 17:24)

∴ _____

∴ _____

Genesis 15 never states Abraham's age. How do we know P2? _____

Explicit Statements, Correct Conclusion L02-S08

> *"Therefore we _____ that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."* Romans 3:28

The Greek word, *logizomai* , also appears in Romans 4:3 as _____

B. THE HABITS OF MEN

> *"As oft as reason is against a man, so oft will a man be _____."* Thomas Hobbes L02-S09

Minds That Seek the Lowest Level L02-S10

THE LOWEST LEVEL

One easy way I take someone's word without testing it:

_____

BEREA · ACTS 17:11

"...and _____ the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

C. WHERE WE GO NEXT

Valid, Sound, and Neither L02-S11

Valid: true premises, so the conclusion _____ **Sound:** valid, and every premise _____

DISCUSS L02-S12

If God had simply said "Do it because I said so," what would we lose? Why do you think He reasons with us instead?

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Look It Up This Week

Leviticus 10:1–2 and 16:12, strange fire

Genesis 12:4; 16:3, 16, Abraham's timeline

Deuteronomy 4:2, add not, diminish not

Job 4:7–9; 42:7, for Lesson 3