

## ***“Absolute Truth / God’s Word”***

Recently, a friend called me and said he could use some help with a particular project. The particular project was one I have dealt with many times. It is simple manual labor. It is cleaning up after a tree trimmer. I do enjoy getting my chain saw out and helping with this type of work. My answer to my friend was *absolutely*. I would be glad to help. My work materials are ready at the time of this writing and I am waiting on the call to come and help. And I meant absolutely. One cannot question that I will be there. There is no need to ask me if I am sure. He knows that he is assured of this help and I only await his call. Is this an absolute truth? I suggest it is not. I suggest it is a strong desire to help but what if something happens to deter me from helping in his time of need?

Absolute truth is a permanent fact. Absolute truth is often defined as an *“inflexible reality”*. Time, public opinion, and cultural change cannot alter the fact that absolute truth was, is, and will always be the same permanent fact.

So I ask you to think about this for a moment. What absolute truth can you give to yourself about a person who is close to you.....time is up.

Let me tell you about absolute truth regarding this beautiful world in which we live. My wife and I have spent some time traveling before and since we have retired. Traveling throughout the United States and viewing the different geography of this land is absolutely beautiful no matter where you are. I’m sorry. That is not absolutely true. I just remembered being out west, walking outside of our motel and seeing the landscape. Weeds, rocks, gravel and litter covered an adjacent area. This landscape is not typical of the west and it is not beautiful. Have you ever been to Niagara Falls? I remember seeing Niagara Falls for the first time. There is no question that this area had some of the cleanest land I have visited. When we passed this on to someone who had traveled to the same area at a different time we were shocked when they shared their opinion about the same place. It was exactly the opposite. Personal opinion can never lead to an absolute truth about a place because our views do differ. Do you understand where I am going? Different times, same places / different places, personal opinions always bring out many views. When personal opinions are a part of ones life it is most difficult to speak of things as an absolute truth. And have you ever traveled abroad? Having traveled to Israel recently, I was completely in awe of the land, the different cultures represented in this nation, and the many different opinions that come from many scholarly people about most sacred and holy places in this, the holy land.

Let me tell you about absolute truth and a person I became more acquainted with on my recent trip to Israel. The Old Testament of the Bible predates the coming of Christ from 400 to over 1400 years. There are many predictions made in the Old Testament about the future. Go take a look for yourself. Hundreds of predictions and if one takes any one of these predictions and applies it to New Testament writings it is not difficult to find their fulfillment. Most scholars or people who search this out for themselves will tell you that this fulfillment has occurred 100% of the time, no exceptions, and no other

sacred writings of any other religion can claim this absolute truth. These are permanent facts. Let me give you an example. The absolute truth that is quite dear to me.....Psalm 16: 10-11. The absolute truth of this prediction occurring, Luke 24: 6-8. Take a look for yourself.

Much time has passed since Old Testament days. Public opinions regarding just about everything in our society or the worlds society has changed with the passing of this time. That which has not changed because of public opinion, time or culture is the Old Testament predictions for the future. That future began in the New Testament and continues through today. That fulfillment of these predictions / prophesy is found in God's word and your daily life. Take a close look at both. Take a look for yourself. The person that I became more acquainted with on my recent trip to Israel is Jesus. Based on Old Testament prophesy and New Testament fulfillment it is quite simple to say that every word and deed associated with the life of Jesus, from prediction to New Testament fulfillment is absolute truth as found in God's word. What other area of one's life can this be also absolutely true?

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