

Only a book of legends, myths, and fables? Is it true that the only thing true about it is the small, almost unknowable, kernels of truth in all those stories?

Remember, behind all legends is some truth. From nothing comes nothing. It is true that almost every ancient culture had its creation and flood stories. Every culture shows a common origin in morals and human relationships. Even the fanciful tales of creation and the flood that many cultures held were all based in fact originally. However, the Bible story is notably different from these. It is not written like a myth or a story. It is not embellished with detail like a human story. It is matter-of-fact and simplistic in form. It shows no sign of being molded and modified by time.

Could it be that the Bible story is the original that all other stories have modified into the numerous legends that are still around? Could it be that the only truth older than the written Scripture is God Himself, the Author? Is it too much to suppose that man in all of his embellishments of history are all subsequent to the Bible record? Maybe even evolutionary theories and all its curiosities are simply the next step in man's legend development. Is it possible that the "scientifically enlightened" modern man is simply a paganism at its worst? After all, such so-called science often quickly moves from a piece of truth and soon becomes a wide-ranging doctrine of thought.

To the Christian who sees with the eyes and mind of God revealed in

Scripture, all of these questions above are resoundingly true! Legends, myths and fables are fun, but they can soon become the basis of human thought. The Bible stands supreme in the area of ideas because it stands apart from human creativity.



**In Times of  
NEED, Read the  
Psalms!**

By Mark N. Posey

Psalm 119:105

The book of Psalms is one of the greatest books of the entire inspired scripture. It is the book of human emotions. Every experience of man is reflected in this book regardless of the occasion, emotion or mood. If one will identify their mood accurately and sincerely, there is a Psalm that will reflect that mood. For example:

- If you are afraid, read Psalm 56, 91 & 23.
- If you are discouraged, read Psalm 42.
- If you are lonely, read Psalm 71 & 62.
- If you are burdened or oppressed with the problem of sin, read Psalm 51 & 32.
- If you are worried or anxious, read Psalm 37 & 73.
- If you are angry, read Psalm 58 & 13.

- If you are resentful, read Psalm 97 & 77.
- If you are happy and want words to express it, read Psalm 92 & 66.
- If you are feeling forsaken or abandoned, read Psalm 88.
- If you are grateful and need expressions of appreciation, read Psalm 40.
- If you are doubtful and your faith is weak, read Psalm 119.

There is a Psalm that will reflect your mood and mine. Therefore the Psalms address the human heart.

**BUILD UPON THE ROCK**

Jesus once told a story of two men (Matthew 7:24-29). He called one of



them "wise"; the other He called "foolish". What was the difference in

these men?

Jesus said that both men built houses. When the wise man constructed his house, he made sure that it had a good, strong base called a "foundation." Even today houses are built on solid foundations, generally on concrete made of rocks. Jesus said that when the wise man's house was finished, a big storm came. The rain fell, the winds blew, and the floods came. But, the wise man's house stood firm. He was "wise" because he built his house on such a good, solid base.

However, the foolish man built his house on a poor foundation of nothing

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but sand. When the storm came with its rains, winds, and floods, the foolish man's house collapsed. The house could not stand against the storm, because its foundation was too weak.

Why did Jesus tell this story? Was He only interested in teaching people about how to build strong houses? No, Jesus was teaching people how to build strong lives. The "foundation" on which a wise man builds his life is obedience to Jesus' teaching.

If we learn the things Jesus teaches us in the New Testament, and if we live our lives by doing what Jesus says, then our lives will be on a good foundation. And when "storms" come (when people aren't nice to us, when we get hurt physically, when someone we care about dies, and so on) our lives will still be able to stand firm. Each person must be "wise" and build his life around Jesus. Are you wise or foolish?

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Kenneth &  
Evelyn  
Dunn  
10/12

Prayer List: **Cancer:** Kenneth Dunn; Rhonda Bogus; Rick Campbell; Debbie Boggs; Lowell Crumfield & Barbara Hill; Tammy Hodges; Barbara Francis; Jeff Wiley Hamilton.

**Healthproblems:** Virgil Steele; Donald Rife; Eugene Holdren; Patricia Rotenbury; Steve and Pam Poorman's-daughter; Glenna Dempsey; Marlin Harles; Hazel Farr & JR Farr; Jean Walden; Kara Christian; Gary Durham; Arnold Dempsey; Ken McWilliams; Gene Booth; Wanda Rowe; Diane Haleston; Billy Myers; Zack Holland; Mini Mills; Darlene Myers; Rex "Jimmy" Backus; Dosie Branscome & Katie Hensley. **Strokes:** Richard Clement; Amanda Lance. **Other:** Shelby Lindsey-fibromyalgia; Kenny Asbury-problems with his neck; Kyle Hockenberry-recovering from military injuries; Betty Bailey-not eating; The Brooke family, Ken McWilliams friend Wolf - recovering from eye surgery; Junior Taylor-is not doing well; Darrell Fletcher's Father Franklin Fletcher-aneurysm in his brain; Emma Steele-recovering from knee surgery; Elaine Rocchetti- surgery on broken arm; Travis Durham-back problem; Darla Pitzer-recovering from surgery on her finger. Steve Mullins-heart problem; David Carrico-Leukemia; Gary Durham's mother Lura Durham-dizziness; Ken McWilliams friend Wolfe-son and his wife were involved in a bad car accident; Emilee Begil-Hand foot mouth disease; Christine Asbury-back problems; Shelia Gates-fractured her knee; Samantha Metheny's Grandmother; Connie Hill's mother-has a broken wrist; Robin Hodges; Betty Scott-tests; Brittany Hill- she was 9 weeks pregnant and lost the child; Hazel Anderson-fluid around her heart; Caleb Hill - pneumonia in his left lung, a viral infection and cough; Blake Morris-Eye surgery on Oct 18; Karma Burns -heart surgery; Debra Lagos-issue with her pregnancy; Justin Begil's nephew Payton -meningitis. **Alzheimer's:** Zella England; Mary Lou Thomas, & Leo Hamby. **Nursing home:** Peggy Barie is in the Loving Hands Adult Care; Ethel Pitzer- Country View Assisted Living; **Military:** Zachary McConnell. **Sympathy:** Dr. Lane's grandmother and mother passed away; Paul Noe Family.

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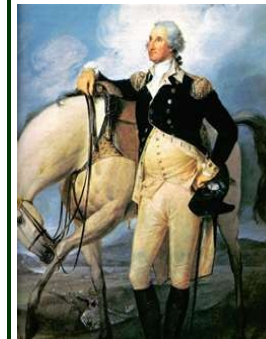
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#### THE STUFF OF LEGENDS By Dennis Curd

Legends are stories that linger on because of their teaching quality or their fanciful nature. We tell children legends about George Washington never telling a lie or throwing a coin across a river. We tell fables that teach morals. We tell of conquering heroes that cause a stir of emotion and a swelling of heart. Even if these stories have been bolstered and added to by time and retelling, the story is almost always based on some truth some-where behind the legend.

Many people place the Bible stories in the same category. They say they are but fanciful stories of a noble people, the Israelites. Yet, despite their nobility, they were simply people, and they embellished their stories just like anybody else. They recorded those stories on paper and so ever since they've remained somewhat static, but before that they had been modified through the ages. Is this all the Bible is today?