

“Opinions Against The Truth”

Lesson Text: Matthew 16:13-17.

gnome (γνώμη, 1106), “an opinion, purpose, judgment,” Ex. 2 Corinthians 7:25. (Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, Vol. 2, p. 499).

alethes (ἀληθής, 227), “true to fact,”conforming to reality, John 4:18, “truly,” lit., (Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, Vol. 2, p. 645).

I. Examples Of Opinions In The Bible.

- Jacob **Genesis 37:33.**
- Job’s Wife **Job 2:9.**
- Job’s Three Friends **Job 8:1-6.**
- The Israelites To Aaron **Exodus 32:1**
- The Israelites To Moses **Exodus 14:11-12.**
- Korah **Numbers 16:3**
- Naaman **2 Kings 5:11-12.**
- Nathanael **John 1:46.**
- Jewish Leaders **John 9:16; vs. 24-25.**
- Peter **Matthew 16:22-23; Matthew 17:3-4.**
- Paul **Acts 26:9-10.**
- Some Christians **1 Corinthians 15:12.**

II. What Causes Opinions Conflicting With The Truth?

- Ignorance Of The Truth- Every Example in Point I.
- Preconceived Notions Against The Truth- Naaman, Job’s Friends, Nathanael, Jews...
- An Unwillingness To Accept The Truth- Korah, Naaman, Jewish Leaders- **John 5:40.**
- False Teachers Who Taught Contrary To The Truth- **Acts 15:1-2; 15:24.**

III. Modern Day Opinions Of Men.

- *“One Church Is As Good As Another”*
- *“All Religions Teach The Same Thing.”*
- *“The Church Of Christ Is Just Another Denomination”*
- *“God Will Accept You As Long As You Are Honest And Sincere.”*
- *“You Don’t Have To Be Baptized To Be Saved.”*
- *“You Cannot Fall From Grace And Be Lost.”*
- *Jesus Was A Fraud, Not The Son Of God.”*

IV. How To Unravel Opinions Against The Truth.

- Know The Truth- **John 18:37b; 2 Timothy 2:15.**
- Live The Truth- **Matthew 4:4; 3 John 4.**
- Uphold The Truth- **2 Corinthians 10:4-5.**