# How Do You Reason?

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## INTRODUCTION

- Allow me suggest this morning that there are a lot of arguments and questions that don't matter. But there are a few that do.
- We must agree that the Bible is our source, that what God has said we will do.
- How do you reason? Do you reason with the Bible in the background? Or do you reason with the word of God imprinted on your heart?

## 1 Paul Reasoned About God, Christ and the Resurrection

**Acts 17:16–17; Acts 17:30–34**

- Paul's spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.
- So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.
- Paul reasoned with them about God, about Christ and the resurrection.
- May we never confuse issues and make it a battle of human wit or human wisdom.
- Paul understood what his charge was, and it was to teach Jesus to the masses.

## 2 Do Not Wrangle About Words

**1 Timothy 1:3–4; 2 Timothy 2:14–16**

- Myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God.
- Wrangling about words, it does no good. It ruins the hearers.
- If you put your faith in some sort of so-called scientific fact and then it's misproven, where is your faith? It is decimated and perhaps lost.
- If we stand by what God has said, no man can charge us falsely.
- We should be teaching others about God and Christ.

## 3 The Homosexual Agenda

**1 Corinthians 6:9–11**

- Are homosexuals born that way? Or is it a learned choice? Brothers and sisters, that question has entirely missed the point.
- The question we must always come back to is what does God say?
- First point homosexuality is a sin. Verse 10 says, those will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- The second point that Satan distracts us from is that we are all called to obey him.

## 4 Creation: God Never Says How Old

**Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:1–3; Romans 1:20**

- God never says how old the earth is.
- The biblical concept is God created the heavens and the earth.
- Brothers and sisters, let us not bind where the Bible has not bound.
- Let's believe God. Let's do what God says. Let's argue where God has argued.
- By faith, we understand that the universe was created by the word of God.

## 5 Other People: Yeah, But You Do

**Romans 14:10–12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 7:1**

- A favorite excuse of people today is to suggest if you come to them with something wrong, they say, Yeah, but you do.
- But that does not change for one iota what is said in God's truth.
- So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.
- They do not say that we are judged by one another.

### THE CHALLENGE

**Is the Bible in the background of your mind? Or is the word of God imprinted on your heart? We all have a decision this very morning to make. Will we do what God says?**

### MY NOTES