



The Caller

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Confidence Corner John F. Board

In this week's *Confidence Corner* we want to examine an often-repeated argument to help us confirm that the Bible is God's Word. The argument is usually referred to as the Unity of the Scripture. If a book ultimately

comes from God we ought to expect it to have a unified theme. The Bible does have such a unified theme but consider some thoughts in connection with this idea.

Some 40 different authors wrote the 66 books of the Bible. These authors were not alive at the same time. Some men lived very early in the history of civilization while others lived some 1600 years later. Yet, the Bible fits together as if all the people who were writing all lived at the same time and discussed exactly what each person would write and how all of that would fit together.

Consider as well that the writers were all involved in various positions/occupations. Some of the writers were kings while others were prophets and priests. Tentmaker's, shepherds, fishermen, and a doctor all were guided by God to write the Bible. Again, the message they wrote has perfect continuity.

Lastly, consider that the writers of the Bible used three different languages to pen Scripture. In the Old Testament Hebrew was the main language used. Aramaic sections are found at certain points of the Old Testament as well. In the New Testament, the language employed by the writers was Koine Greek. These writers, though employing different languages, wrote one united message from God.

Some might find it hard to believe all the information written above. Such is most often the case because people fail to realize the ever-important fact that these writers were not writing on their own. God guided them in every word that they wrote. When one considers the ultimate writer of the Bible was God almighty, there is no surprise that it conveys a perfect harmonious message!

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This past weekend could be seen as a quite historical one. April 22, 2019 was a day that many movie and super hero fanatics had been dreaming about. **Marvel Studios'**

Avengers: Endgame has arrived for many fans and has been seen by a large majority of the population. Many of them are chomp'n at the bit to talk about it in broad daylight. There are some who have not yet seen it but plan to see it in the near future. No spoilers for those who have yet to see it please! They don't want to know the ending of the movie before they see the ending.

This article will not be spoiling the ending of **Endgame**, but it will be spoiling another ending and a monumental day. Spoiler Alert! There will be a day when this world will be no more. Jesus is coming back and He is coming back to judge the world. We do not know exactly when He will return, but we do know that it could be at any moment. 2 Peter 3 gives us a detailed revealing of what the day will be like. A day like that is something we like to look forward to. It is a day that we want to know what it will be like. It's a day we want to be ready for. It is a day we will need to be ready for if we hope to see the happy ending we all look forward to.

Are you ready for that great day coming? I assure you it will be eternally more magnificent than any Avengers movie. It will be an event that NOBODY will ever forget.

*Mitchell's
Weekly
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Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — Right & Wrong: What's the Big Deal? Psalm 119:97-105

**P.M. — Jonah
Jonah 1:1-3**

Do You Want to be Victorious?

What if I told you that you could be victorious in the most important contest in the world? Would you find that interesting? Would you find that hard to believe? Well the most important contest we will ever be engaged in is the contest for our souls. This is a contest between Satan and us, only we are not alone in the battle. We have Jesus fighting on our side with us!

The past few weeks I have watched a number of young athletes battle on the tennis court. Each one of them desiring to be victorious each time they step on the court. The anxiety that athletes face because they desire to win but do not know what the outcome will be can be overwhelming. Some athletes never excel because of this performance anxiety!

How great is our God Who has revealed to us that the victory is already won. In the book of Revelation we have a final picture of the victory of the saints of God because of the victory of their leader, Jesus! As we sometimes sing, we do have "Victory in Jesus."

Wayne Jackson conveys the thought of Jesus as a victorious commander in clear words as he writes:

One of the concluding visions of the Apocalypse pictures the victorious "King of kings, and Lord of Lords." He is riding triumphantly on a white horse—a symbol of conquest (19:11-16). He is faithful and true and, consistent with his holy character, he will "judge" and "make war." The judging discriminates between the godly and the ungodly; the war signifies the punishment to be inflicted upon the rebellious.

His garment is red with the blood of his enemies (cf. Isaiah 63 from which the imagery is borrowed). Those who have served faithfully under his leadership likewise are on white horses and are clothed in white garments, signifying their purity and/or victory. By his word he smites the rebel nations and breaks them with his rod of iron (cf. Psalm 2:9). His enemies will feel the fierceness of his wrath and find no relief ever after (cf. 14:9-11).

Yes, the victory can be ours not because of who we are or what we might do, the victory is ours because we have served the One who provided the victory. Do you suffer anxiety over how you might win the battle with Satan? If so, lay that aside today and trust in the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Recognize Him as your Lord and submit to His will. As you obey the gospel plan of salvation, and as you live faithful to Him, know that we already know that because of Christ we have the victory over Satan!

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