God Is Not The Author Of Confusion

Likely, you have heard someone say that it really does not matter what one believes religiously. Most people in the religious world accept this ideology and shockingly I have heard such from those who declare themselves members of the Lord's church. The idea that a simple belief in God and His Son Jesus Christ is all that is necessary to be right with God is deeply embedded in the religious world. When it comes to everything else attached to religion, it is all open to interpretation and situational application. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Peter provides godly guidance and instruction when it comes to determining what one needs to believe. "Know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (1 Peter 1:20-21). Clearly, Peter is declaring that God's word is not up to individual interpretation and/or application as desired or situation specific application. What God states through His inspired writers He states to all. Thus, the meaning He intends is the meaning intended for all. Taking God's word and interpreting it or applying it to suite ones views, needs, or situation would be, and is, chaotic. Paul tells us "God is not the author of confusion" (1 Corinthians 14:33). Why then, does man seek to confuse that which is clear from God?

God's word, as He has provided it, provides us exactly what we need to know and understand so that we might be pleasing in His sight. Paul states, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Paul is specific in

his wording, noting that the Word of God, the Bible, contains everything needed by man to be pleasing to God. The instruction from both Peter and Paul complement each other helping us to understand that His words, directives, edicts are perfect as they stand as they are from God Himself.

Ridiculous is the notion that any part of God's word may be open for editing, altering, or deletion completely. Let us purpose to heed the admonition of Paul, as recorded by Luke, "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). We dare not choose from God's word that which sounds good to us, fits a narrative, or compliments what one may believe in their own mind. God's word can safely get us to Heaven. Let us purpose to follow it completely.