

## You Are Inadequate

By: Robert Lupo

Do you ever feel like you aren't good enough? Despite all of your studying, you only managed to get a "C" on your test. Your presentation didn't make the splash at the office that you thought it would. Or maybe you're frustrated with your abilities as a parent. You just feel inadequate.

Inadequacy is a feeling we may experience at a variety of times in our lives. We want to do a good job at what we do, and when we fail, it can be very frustrating. But with a little more practice or experience we can work to reach higher levels of success.

There is one area, however, where you will always be inadequate. No matter how hard you try or how much you practice, you will never be as holy as God. In **1 Samuel 2:2**, Hannah prayed, "No one is holy like the Lord, for there is none besides You." That probably seems obvious to most people. Of course no one is as holy as the Lord, but sometimes our actions don't reflect this. Sometimes, our actions are those of someone who thinks he is equal with God.

When we approach Scripture, do we look to find God's teaching (cf. **2 Pet. 1:20**)? Or do we seek to validate our preconceptions? When we go to God in prayer, do we make our requests known as humble servants seeking the Lord's grace (cf. **2 Chron. 7:14**)? Or do we address Him as an equal who owes us a favor?

In First Samuel, we learn that Hannah was barren, and she wanted nothing more than to have a son. So, she went to the temple and prayed fervently to the Lord. In chapter 1, verse 11, Hannah made a vow. If God would give her a son, then she will dedicate him to the Lord.

Hannah demonstrated a heart that truly understands God's supremacy. When she prayed, she didn't treat God like He was a servant, bound to grant her every desire. Instead, she thought to see what she might do for the Lord. So, God heard her.

Do we respect the authority of God? How often do we make demands of God, but never make an effort to fulfill His demands of us? We beg God for forgiveness, but never take the necessary steps to repent of our sin. We seek an understanding of God's words but rely on our own wisdom to determine their meaning.

Hannah respected God's holiness. She understood her total inadequacy to compare to His perfection. So, she humbled herself. We are inadequate. We will never measure up to God's standard. So, in all that we do, we must be humble. "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (**1 Pet. 5:6-7**).

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# 13 Things Every Teen Needs to Know (#4)

By: Selected

You are going to hear hundreds of times in your life (if not thousands) that God loves you and Jesus loves you, but don't let the echoing of these truths dilute their impact in your life! I have something else that I hope you will truly consider, take to heart and keep with you for the rest of your life.

Lock this in your heart: **The Bible truly is from God, every word of it!** Just like with other truths, there will be people (some close to you and some who don't even know you) who will make fun of you and belittle you for believing the Bible is anything more than a carefully devised invention of a group of devious men. Don't listen to them; don't follow after them. Use the brain that God gave you and investigate the overwhelming evidence for yourself.

**Truth: The Bible claims to be from God!** "All Scripture is breathed out by God" (2 Tim. 3:16). No part of Scripture "was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (2 Pet. 1:21). God told us in the Bible that He's the one who gave us the Bible (not man)!

**Truth: The Bible is flawlessly accurate in its every detail!** The Bible does not contain a single error, there is not a single fact that has ever been proven to be false, and it is a book that is chock-full of details after details. There is no way that this kind of accuracy could be found in a human production! The only explanation is God!

**Truth: The Bible is seamlessly united in its theme, message and purpose!** While written by about 40 different men over a period of about 1,600 years, there is a beautiful harmony that characterizes its pages. There is not a single contradiction or deviation from its subject matter or objective. There is no way that this kind of unity could be found in a human

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**Truth: The Bible contains tremendous prophecies and fulfillments!** The Bible predicted the details of the overthrow of nations, the rise of kings, the coming Messiah, the promised kingdom, etc. And every single prophecy was fulfilled exactly as it was foretold, including Jesus fulfilling all 332 Messianic prophecies. Man does not know the future, cannot see it and cannot predict it (with any detailed accuracy). But God does! God is the only explanation for the Bible!

**Truth: The Bible demonstrates incredible scientific foreknowledge.** There are scientific principles and facts in the Bible that were not discovered, corroborated, believed or even imagined by man until hundreds (and sometimes thousands) of years after they were written. How is that even possible? It is possible because God is the only explanation for the Bible!

The evidence is irrefutable: **The Bible is from God!**



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Upcoming Events

Friday, Sept. 29: Game night here at the building at 6:30pm. Please bring finger foods, drinks and games.

Sunday, October 1: Monthly potluck luncheon after morning service. Please bring a potluck dish/dessert to share. There will also be a 12:45pm service.

Saturday, Oct. 7: Youth Devo at the Jobes' home at 6pm.

Area Events:

Nov. 11: Weber Road church of Christ Bible Bowl.

\*More Area events are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.\*

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Ben Moseley who is having health issues.

The Starling Family, on the passing of their relative, Natijah Williams. She was 10 years old and was hit and killed by a car last week.

James Husak who will be having more tests done and is also experiencing pain in his back.

Rick Bass' aunt, Mary Alice Cassel. She is having medical issues.

James Prince who was in a car accident last week.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Les Daltry, Kin and Sandra Marie, Veronica Serenil, and Clark Withers.

Service Roster

Week of September 24, 2023

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading..... Dan Fielder  
Song Leader .....Rick Bass

Opening Prayer..... Bill York  
Closing Prayer..... Lupe Escojido

Lord's Supper & Offering

Bread.....Mike Atkinson  
Cup.....James Cammock  
Offering..... Ron White  
Assist..... Willie Fossati  
Assist.....Jack Jobes  
Assist.....Mack Terry

Sunday Evening

Song Leader ..... Doug Jobes

Opening Prayer.....Ken Dorries  
Closing Prayer.....Bryce Dolan

Lord's Supper & Offering.....Willie Fossati/  
James Cammock

Wednesday Evening

Adult Class ..... Brandon Starling  
Song Leader.....Jake Jacobs  
Devotional .....Joseph Sheeran

Other

Prepare Communion for September.....Bass

Congregational News

Birthdays

Jack Jobes.....Sept. 25  
Tam Archer.....Sept. 27  
Clarisa Soliz.....Sept. 29  
Haley Fuentez.....Sept. 29

Food Helpers for the month of Sept. - Team A

If you have any prayer requests or upcoming events to be announced, please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

New addresses for Sabrina Gonzalez and LC Islas:  
  
Sabrina Gonzalez  
6515 Ocean Drive  
Apt 918-A  
Corpus Christi, TX 78412  
  
Luis Carlos Islas  
6515 Ocean Drive  
Apt 904  
Corpus Christi, TX 78412

## Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons  
Ron White

## Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism  
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence  
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

## Our Preacher

Brandon Starling

## Weekly Reading

“For I consider that sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”  
Romans 8:18

## Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

## Attendance Records

Week of September 17, 2023

A.M. Bible Class.....71  
A.M. Worship.....98  
P.M. Worship.....68  
Wednesday Bible Class.....72

*Financial information is located on the bulletin board in the hallway.*

## Supported Works

John & Carla Moore *Bible Land Passages*

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