

## **AND GOD SAYS . . .**

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We live in very interesting times. Every thing has to be double checked because of so much inaccuracy, whether on purpose, negligence, or accidental. For example, I just received an email about the new prison in Cook County, Illinois. It is a beautiful edifice. All glass exterior, extravagant weight room, large gym, etc. The email attributes the building to the extravagance of, then, Senator Obama. The only problem was, the prison is not in Cook County but in Australia so Obama had nothing to do with it.

Another example is the unemployment figures released by the Labor Department stating that “total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 243,000 in January, and the unemployment rate decreased to 8.3 percent....” At first glance, these figures look promising. But the truth is—there isn’t any real change at all. These figures merely reflect adjustments of past errors and a lower joblessness than expected. One report stated it this way, “It’s kind of like when politicians talk about cutting the budget, but what they really mean is that it’s not increasing as much as originally expected. It’s not a cut... it’s still getting bigger. I guess that’s how unemployment figures work as well.”

There is one source of absolute truth, however, that we can always count on—God’s Word. I am not talking about how man interprets His Word, but what God says as He intended it. Man tries to play all kinds of games with God’s Word to make it fit his own understanding and desires. But God’s Word will accomplish what He sends it to do (Isaiah 55:11). So when God says that you must believe in Jesus to be saved and go to heaven, that is what He means. Because you think you can believe in Allah, or Buddha, or the Great Spirit, or a good life, or whatever, doesn’t change what God said. Jesus said it as clearly as he can. He said, “No one comes to the Father but by me” (John 14:6). This Jesus is not any other but the one and only Son of God who came in the flesh and died, was buried, and rose again from the dead. The apostle Paul wrote that this was of “first importance (1 Corinthians 15:3).” It is a non-negotiable. Some day every knee will bow before Him. Are you prepared to meet Him on His terms?

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