

THE SPIRITUAL IMPORTANCE OF BIBLE TWOS

Introduction

- 1) **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** – “Two are better than one...”
 - a) There are many circumstances when it is a great advantage to have two people – in times of calamity, hardship, and hostility; also in times of searching, study, problem-solving, etc.
- 2) When two things are presented together, they can be either complementary or contrasting
 - a) The left and right of the same shoe style are complementary as a pair (cf. Amos 3:3)
 - b) There are some opposites that are complementary and go together well (sugar and spice)
 - c) Oil and water are contrasts and do not mix together (cf. 2 Cor. 6:14-15)
- 3) This lesson will consider the importance of complementary and contrasting “twos” in the Bible

I) **Complementary Twos**

A) **Day and Night** (Gen. 1:5)

- 1) Represent the divinely created cycles of nature and the passing of time (Eccl. 1:5)
- 2) Two opposites that complement and work together in God’s creation

B) **Male and Female** (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18; Matt. 19:4-6)

- 1) Two different genders/sexes created for reproduction and companionship in marriage
- 2) Only two genders were created, and later taken on the ark (Gen. 6:18-20)
- 3) The concept of “multiple genders” is a departure from God’s way
- 4) Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Joseph and Mary, Priscilla and Aquila

C) **Moses and Aaron** (Ex. 4:10-16; 7:1-2)

- 1) Some people work well together as a team – help, rebuke, strengthen (Prov. 27:6, 17)
- 2) Mixture of talents and provide companionship (Lk. 10:1)
- 3) David and Jonathon, Elijah and Elisha, Paul and Barnabas/Silas/Timothy (Phil. 1:27)

II) **Contrasting Twos**

A) **Old and New Covenants** (Gal. 4:24)

- 1) First covenant became old when a second better covenant was announced (Heb. 8:6-13)
- 2) The first covenant was taken away and a second covenant established (Heb.10:9)
 - a) Cannot have both covenants in force at the same time (Heb. 7:12-13)

B) **Light and Darkness** (Jn. 3:19-21; 1 Jn. 1:5)

- 1) Christians have been called out of darkness into the light (1 Pet. 2:9)
- 2) Must walk as children of light and avoid darkness (Eph. 5:8-11)

C) **Two Opposite Ways** (Matt. 7:13-14)

- 1) Earth or Heaven (Matt. 6:19-21; cf. Col. 3:2)
- 2) Heaven or Men (Matt. 21:25)
- 3) God or Riches (Matt. 6:24)
- 4) Obey or Not Obey (Matt. 7:24-27)
- 5) Say No but Repent and Obey or Say Yes but Not Obey (Matt. 21:28-32)
- 6) Self-Righteousness or Humility (Lk. 18:9-14)
- 7) Wise and Ready or Foolish and Not Ready (Matt. 25:1-13)

D) **Good and Evil** (1 Pet. 3:11)

- 1) Opposing forces that cannot coexist; one will overcome the other (Rom. 12:9, 21)
- 2) Victory is assured for the faithful (1 Jn. 5:4; Rev. 17:14)

Conclusion

Two Bibles – one open, one closed	-----	The Bible will inform your mind
Two minds – one open, one closed	-----	Your mind will decide your choice
Two choices – one obedient, one rejects	-----	Your choice will determine your destiny
Two destinies – one joyous, one sorrowful	-----	Your destiny will last forever