

**Christ in Prophecy**  
**Q&A 9: “Tough Bible Questions with Ron Rhodes: Part 2”**

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**Opening**

**Dr. Reagan:** Last week we had an exciting question and answer session with Dr. Ron Rhodes the founder and director of Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries. This week, we invite you to join us once again as we continue to bombard him with tough questions concerning the Bible. Stay tuned.

**Part 1**

**Dr. Reagan:** Greetings in the name of Jesus our blessed hope and welcome to Christ in Prophecy and I am delighted to have back with me again this week as my special guest Dr. Ron Rhodes who is the founder and director of Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries located in Frisco, Texas that’s a suburb of Dallas. Dr. Rhodes is an expert in the Bible and one of the things he specializes in is answering tough questions. Welcome back to our program brother.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Thank you it’s good to be with you today.

**Dr. Reagan:** I tell you we had a lot of fun with you last week.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well, I like having you know bombs dropped on me like that.

**Dr. Reagan:** Well we’re going to try to really make you squirm this week.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Uh oh!

**Dr. Reagan:** I’m also glad to have with us our newest staff member Nathan Jones, Nathan is our Web Minister. Now that’s not just a Web Master folks, he’s a Web Minister.

He's on there every day all day long answering tough questions. So he knows what it is to be on the hot seat and he does that with people all over the world. I tell you what last week we ended our program by asking Dr. Rhodes what were some of the toughest questions he's ever received. And he gave us three questions and I want to start with those. Nathan, fire them.

**Nathan Jones:** Alright, you ready?

**Dr. Rhodes:** Hmm.

**Nathan Jones:** Why did God command the Israelites to wipe out a whole nation like the Canaanites?

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well that is a tough question and there's all kinds of people arguing against Christianity based on questions like that. The way I'd like to answer it is this. If you have a human being who develops a cancer in the body, your physicians going to want to excise it. He's gonna wanna remove that cancer, the reason why he wants to remove the cancer because if you don't remove it, it's going to grow. And it'll grow so that it takes over the entire body and ends up killing the entire body. Well the Canaanites were very much like a cancerous growth in human society. God does not take pleasure in any human being perishing I mean that's the back drop here. But the Canaanites refused to repent. They refused to turn back to God and they became like a cancer in society. These were people who would take little babies and stick them on an open flame in worshipping false gods. And there's stuff that I can't even mention on a television show. So horrible that they did that they were like a cancer. And I might mention to you that they had a forty year warning. They saw what happened to the Egyptians when God was delivering Israel from Egyptian bondage. They heard about the God of Israel and His miracles. They had forty years to repent but they refused to repent. Here's something else to think about, Jeremiah 18 portrays God as saying if I promise judgment against a nation and that nation repents, I will withhold the judgment that I had promised. But if the nation does not repent then it will be judged. The Canaanites refused. They were hard hearted. And so that all of humanity could be saved and not die from this cancerous growth called the Canaanites, the entire nation had to be wiped out.

**Nathan Jones:** You saw that with Nineveh, right? They repented and...

**Dr. Rhodes:** ...that's a perfect illustration. You know I don't think Jonah particularly liked it but—

**Nathan Jones:** He hated their guts.

**Dr. Rhodes:** He kind of wanted that judgment to fall. I mean you have to understand that the Assyrians had a bad rep and the fact is that they did repent and based upon God's promise in Jeremiah 18, God relented and withheld the judgment that he had promised. If the Canaanites had done the same thing God would have relented there too.

**Dr. Reagan:** Okay Nathan what was the second tough question?

**Nathan Jones:** Well, universalism, that's the big topic of the day. Is Jesus the only way to heaven?

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well I've been asked that question a lot of times and a lot of times people will say you're being narrow minded in claiming that Jesus is the only way. I don't think that that's being narrow minded. You know there are some things that are narrow that are good. Sometimes there's only one operation that will save your life.

**Dr. Reagan:** That's right.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Sometimes there is only one road out of the forest. There's only one correct formula for some of the popular soft drinks. I want my wife Carrie to be faithful to her one and only for her entire life. That's narrow but it's good. You know when I fly from California to Texas I not only want the pilot to land in Dallas, but I want him to land on the right runway. That's narrow but it's good. And so yes God's way of salvation is narrow but it's good but here's the thing, God's heart is wide open – wide open! He offers this narrow gift to people who are rich or poor, doesn't matter what your skin color is, doesn't matter whether you're male or female. God's heart is wide open and offers that same wonderful gift to all people. As for Jesus being the only way, it's ridiculous to

say that all religions lead to God. They all have different concepts of every doctrine. If one is true, the others are necessarily false.

**Dr. Reagan:** What is particularly disconcerting to me is the number of Christian leaders who are now buying into this and talking about different roads to God. When Jesus himself said “I am the way the truth and the life, and there’s no other way” it’s like they’re calling him a liar.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well a lot of people have assumed that all religions are essentially the same and only superficially different. The truth is that all religions are essentially different and only superficially the same. And it’s real important to understand that while all the other religions basically try to take bad men and make them better by ethics. Christianity seeks to take dead men and make them alive. You see we are dead in sin and dead people can’t help themselves. They need an external Savior to come in and rescue them. And that’s exactly what Jesus has done.

**Dr. Reagan:** And every other religion also emphasizes works as opposed to Christianity that says we’re going to be saved by grace through faith.

**Dr. Rhodes:** That’s right it’s kind of interesting you point that out because Christianity paints man’s problem as worse than any other religion. You see all the other religions say that well you’ve got some ethic problems you need to do some good works. But Christianity says, listen even your good works are like righteous rags compared to God you’re unholy you’re defiled in just every way. So there’s no way that you can work your way to salvation. But you see even though Christianity paints mans picture real, real bad, we’ve also got a real, real good solution, because salvation becomes a gift that is received through faith and that gift is based upon Jesus.

**Dr. Reagan:** Now last week as we ended our program you identified three of the toughest questions that you’re asked and we’ve had two of those I don’t remember what the third one was, do you remember Nathan?

**Nathan Jones:** Yes. The third one, you said is—

**Dr. Rhodes:** He always remembers everything have you noticed that?

**Dr. Reagan:** Well he's a lot younger than us.

**Nathan Jones:** Hey, I'm getting ready if I get these questions you can teach me. Okay, as we're all Christians we all have the Holy Spirit inside us. But for some reason, the same Christians can come up with different interpretations of the same verse. How can that be? Well that's a good question. You know the Holy Spirit does guide us into truth, first Corinthians chapter 2 verses 13 and following talks about that. The way I look at it is this you might compare the Holy Spirit to a radio station that sends out a perfect signal. It's a perfect signal that's always the same it never varies in any way. Christians however are like radio receivers now some radios work really good and others don't work so good. Some radios have bad batteries some radios have a busted antenna, some radios have a little bitty speaker you can hardly even hear it. By analogy the point that I'm making is that different Christians have different things wrong. Some Christians are a little bit too close to the world, some Christians may not have repented of all their sins. Some Christians may not read the Bible very often. And because of these different levels of problems among Christians I believe they have different levels of receptivity to that perfect signal.

**Dr. Reagan:** I love that. I love that illustration, you're a master at illustrations just remind me of C.S. Lewis!

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well that's a compliment.

**Nathan Jones:** Wow.

**Dr. Reagan:** Because I've often made, without using the illustration, I've just made the point that hey it has to be filtered through a fallen mind. And one of the things that really bothers me is people who think that every thought that comes into their head is from the Lord.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Owe, yes.

**Dr. Reagan:** And they go around laying prophecies on people and all kinds of guilt trips on people and so worth, when it's being filtered through a fallen mind.

**Nathan Jones:** Even worse every feeling is from the Lord.

**Dr. Reagan:** Oh yeah.

**Dr. Rhodes:** It's kind of like using a computer with bad software. Now there's going to be some crashes that take place so you've got to keep in mind that we're using faulty equipment.

**Dr. Reagan:** Okay.

**Dr. Rhodes:** I admit I've got faulty equipment. I'm glad you guys do too.

**Dr. Reagan:** Okay, well in just a moment we're going to come back and talk about why you believe that the Word of God is really from God and not man's search for God and therefore full of myth legend and superstition. Okay?

**Dr. Rhodes:** Sounds good to me.

## **Part 2**

**Dr. Reagan:** Okay Dr. Rhodes let's pick up where we left off I said we were going to come back and ask you the question. What about the inerrancy of the Word of God? How do we know that the Bible really is from God as opposed to it being man's search for God and therefore full of myth legend of superstition?

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well that's a good question I tell you what got my attention big time. I didn't become a Christian until I was 18. And what got my attention was Biblical prophecy.

**Dr. Reagan:** Oh you're a man after my heart!

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well I tell you what, I had never heard of Bible prophecy. I had gone to a liberal church all my life. And as it happened I was out in Hollywood at the time and these Christians I ran into started talking to me about Bible prophecy and I said, "What's that?" And they showed me over a hundred prophecies that came literally true in the first coming of Christ. You know like he's going to be born in Bethlehem, Micah 5:2. You know he's going to be crucified, Zechariah 12:10, for our sins Isaiah 53. I mean on and on all these prophecies came literally true. And then they talked to me about prophecies of the Second Coming and how things are starting to line in our own day, that are laying the foundation for the fulfillment of those verses. And that led me to believe this Bible that I've just been ignoring for the first eighteen years of my life truly must be the Word of God. Because only God can declare the end from the beginning you know and so I became a Christian out of that.

**Dr. Reagan:** And we're not talking about general prophecies that are vague like Nostradamus stuff that you can interpret to mean anything. We're talking about specific prophecies.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Very specific stuff. And a lot of the stuff could not be controlled for example by Jesus. For example Jesus could not pick His birth place, Micah 5:2 is very clear that He would be born in Bethlehem. And when you look at all of those prophecies over a hundred prophecies converging on a single person, what are the odds? What are the odds of one person fulfilling well over a hundred prophecies from the Old Testament? You know the statisticians tell us it's astronomical!

**Dr. Reagan:** Right. And it's not only just prophecies about the Messiah. The Bible is full of prophecies about other individuals about towns about cities about nations that all came true that have already been fulfilled.

**Dr. Rhodes:** And something I didn't know, I mean I had no concept that so much of the Bible was prophecy. As far as I knew, prophecy might just have been a little minor thing in the Bible. But prophecy virtually permeates this book from Genesis to Revelation. And I think that the whole reason why God put prophecy in the Bible is because there's a lot of false prophets and false apostles claiming to speak for God but see they cannot tell the future from the beginning like the true prophets and apostles.

**Dr. Reagan:** You love illustrations I heard a man speaking one time on the Bible and he opened it up to questions and somebody said, “Well what would you say if you could only give one proof what would you say is the greatest proof that the Bible really is the Word of God?” He said, “The yellow pages of the phonebook.” And they said, “What do you mean?” He said, “Just go to the yellow pages of the phone book. Look in there and see, what are the names of lawyers? What are the names of the CPAs? What are the names of the department stores? They’re all Jewish names. Proof positive the Bible is the Word of God because God said I’m going to disperse the Jews all over the world and I am going to preserve them and he has done it.”

**Dr. Rhodes:** Wow, well you know its also amazing that you know talking about the Jews, Israel coming back as a nation in 1948 and Jews streaming back ever since there. I mean who would have thought.

**Dr. Reagan:** I know, I know.

**Dr. Rhodes:** And if you had lived in the 1800’s, I mean there were Christians writing prophecy books in the 1800s talking about the rebirth of Israel.

**Dr. Reagan:** It’s going to happen.

**Dr. Rhodes:** It’s going to happen. And a lot of Nay Sayers saying no way.

**Nathan Jones:** They laughed at them.

**Dr. Rhodes:** They laughed at them.

**Dr. Reagan:** Okay Nathan, you’re biting at the bit. What is it?

**Nathan Jones:** Well, I’m looking again in one of your many books, *What Did Jesus Mean: Making Sense of the Difficult Sayings of Jesus*. Alright what did Jesus say that was so difficult?



**Dr. Rhodes:** Well one would be did Jesus advocate hating mother father spouse and children? You know Jesus said if you come to me and you do not hate your mother, your father, your spouse, and your children you cannot be my disciple. That's a hard saying...

**Dr. Reagan:** That is a hard saying.

**Dr. Rhodes:** When you think about it so you know what you have to do is look at the context and what we have to do is to understand that there are other verses that clear things up. For us for example Jesus would never break one of the Ten Commandments. One of which is honor your mother and your father.

**Dr. Reagan:** That's right.

**Dr. Rhodes:** As well Jesus taught elsewhere we're supposed to love even our enemies. So what does Jesus mean when he says that if you don't hate your mother and your father and your children and your spouse? Well among the ancient Jews the word for hate according to ancient rabbinical writings could mean to love less.

**Dr. Reagan:** Oh.

**Dr. Rhodes:** To love less.

**Nathan Jones:** Interesting.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Jesus was saying unless you love your spouse, and your parents, and your children less than Me you cannot be my disciplines. Now the parallel verse in Matthew says, that if you love your mother or your father more than Me than you are not worthy of Me. So the key thing is to interpret words according to their proper context and their intended meaning.

**Dr. Reagan:** Give us another example of a puzzling statement of Jesus.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well I think of one example in the New Testament where Jesus was talking to a man to whom He was calling to enter into Christian service. And the man

said, "Well let me bury my father first." And then Jesus says, "Let the dead bury the dead." Whoa I mean what's that about? Let the dead bury the dead. Does that mean that the dead are going to come up out of the grave and bury somebody else that's dead? I mean how does that work? Well apparently you know as you look at the context everything gets a little bit more clear. Apparently this man was the only Christian in the family and this man now that he'd become a Christian was being invited into missionary work with Jesus. So Jesus tells him let the spiritually dead bury the physical dead.

**Nathan Jones:** Interesting.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Let the spiritually dead bury the physically dead. A number of other scholars have pointed out that in this case it may well be that the father wasn't even dead yet. So the man might have been giving an excuse. You know, "Let me wait a couple years until my father dies and I'll bury him and then I'll serve you."

**Dr. Reagan:** Let me tell you one that people are always throwing at me and it has to do with the Phoenician woman. You know the one I'm talking about where Jesus said I've come to the Jews not to the Gentiles and she said well even the dogs get the crumbs off the table. And people said man, this is supposed to be a man of love and He speaks like this?

**Dr. Rhodes:** I looked at that verse and to me what's going on is an illustration of the sense of humor that Jesus probably had. You know the ancient Jews did have this idea that the Gentiles were like dogs. And that you're not supposed to throw food to the dogs you're supposed to give it to the children. So I can imagine Jesus having a little twinkle in His eye when he said to the woman, "Don't you know that I'm not supposed to give the dogs this?" And then Jesus goes on to tell the woman that your faith is great and your request has been granted, so it's really kind of doing a little play on the pharisaic teachings.

**Dr. Reagan:** Well let me ask you specifically about one that is very puzzling to a lot of people and that's Matthew 5:17. Where Jesus said do not think that I come to abolish the Law or the prophets I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. And yet Hebrews indicated

that when Jesus died on the cross that the Old Covenant was abolished and a New Covenant was instituted.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well that's a good question, you know when you look at some of the ancient rabbinic writings one thing that you come very clear upon is that the word abolish can mean one who disobeys or does not have proper respect for the authority. Now here's the thing, the Pharisees didn't think that Jesus was showing respect to the law.

**Dr. Reagan:** Right.

**Dr. Rhodes:** The Jews thought that Jesus was in fact disobeying the Law. After all Jesus was hanging around with sinners He was doing these miracles on the Sabbath and so forth, and so they thought that Jesus was disrespecting the Law. Jesus says I have not come to abolish the Law or disrespect the law I have come to fulfill the Law. And Jesus not only fulfilled the Law externally like the Pharisees did, He fulfilled it internally. You know those Jews thought that as long as you did things externally you were okay. Jesus said the Law deals with the inner heart. Now in terms of those verses that talk about the Old Covenant being passed away and the New Covenant coming into being that has to do with the Cross and after. The New Covenant was enacted and brought into being at the death of Christ it's based upon the blood of Jesus. So at that point in fact the Law did pass away and we have a New Covenant which is based upon the forgiveness of sins provided in the death of Jesus.

**Dr. Reagan:** Thank you. Nathan I know you had a question about angels so why don't we move to that right now?

**Nathan Jones:** Certainly I was looking at your book.

**Dr. Reagan:** Another book.

**Dr. Rhodes:** One of my favorite topics.

**Dr. Reagan:** What's the title of it?

**Nathan Jones:** *Angels Among Us: Separately Fact from Fiction*. Alright.

**Dr. Rhodes:** It's a very interesting topic.

**Nathan Jones:** It says it all right there, are there angels among us? I mean some people are really obsessed with angels, and what are they doing among us?

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well I think that there are angels among us. I see nothing in the New Testament that indicates that angels have stopped their activity back in the First Century.

**Dr. Reagan:** In fact book of Hebrews says they are among us.

**Dr. Rhodes:** They are among us in fact in Hebrews 1:14 it says that angels are ministering spirits. And ministering means a servant they're like these spirit servants that are involved in different ways.

**Dr. Reagan:** Ron, I wanna tell you every time I get on an airplane, I pray Lord surround this thing with your angels.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Amen. Hey, man after my own heart. Sometimes I'll think that God gets amused when I remind Him that He's sovereign. "You're sovereign Lord." "Yes, I know son."

**Dr. Reagan:** Go ahead I'm sorry.

**Dr. Rhodes:** But anyway the angels do many things for example did you know that at the moment that you die there are angels there who guide you into Heaven? That's Luke 16. We certainly know that the angels are involved in guarding us, for example Psalm 91 verses 9-11 says that if you make the Lord your God your dwelling place He will assign His angels to watch over you.

**Dr. Reagan:** Wow.

**Dr. Rhodes:** And we see that illustrated in Second Kings 6 with Elijah and his servant. They were surrounded by a hostile army moving in and the servant was real scared. I picture him as kind of a Don Knott's type. You know and so Elijah says, "Lord open his eyes so that he can see." And then the eyes were opened and there were angels around them protecting them. Those are just a couple of the things that the angels are doing.

**Dr. Reagan:** Incidentally that's another prayer, I really do, I pray when I'm leaving I pray that the Lord will put an angel at my house to protect my wife and our property while I'm gone. In fact, put a really big ugly one there that'll scare everybody away.

**Nathan Jones:** Speaking of looks I mean did they all have peroxide blonde curly hair and wings and white robes?

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well that's a good question, one thing that I think is real clear, today a lot of people portray very feminine angels.

**Dr. Reagan:** Owe, yes.

**Dr. Rhodes:** But every appearance we have in the Bible is in the male form and we have Michael and Gabriel. So I told my publisher do not put a feminine angel on the cover of my book so they stuck a wing on it.

**Nathan Jones:** So they skipped it all together.

**Dr. Rhodes:** We've got a wing.

**Dr. Reagan:** Well, now, you haven't mentioned probably the most intriguing verse in the Bible concerning angels and that is that we should show hospitality to strangers because some have entertained angels unaware.

**Dr. Rhodes:** That's right. You know I think that there's every possibility that once we get to Heaven we're going to actually discover that some person, some apparent human being, was actually an angel assigned by God to help us through some circumstance.

**Dr. Reagan:** And I've heard story after story a long that line.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well I have too and I also believe that even when they don't appear that they are also working behind the scenes. And we may be in Heaven one day and an angel walks up to us and says, "You remember that time that rescue came out of no where? That was me."

**Dr. Reagan:** Well now the subtitle of your book is separating fact from fiction. What would be some of the fiction?

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well just to give you an example of the fiction, you know Hollywood keeps telling us when you die you become an angel, have you heard that one? I mean that's just all over Hollywood.

**Dr. Reagan:** I would say that's a number one fiction about angels.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well it probably is. You know the Scriptures indicate in Colossians 1:16 that Christ was the one who created all the angels He created the principalities and the powers and the thrones and the dominions. Those were words that were used in the First Century of angels. And all throughout the Bible we find a distinction between humans and angels. For example, Psalm 8 says humans were created lower than the angels but in First Corinthians 6:3 it says that in the afterlife we as human beings will rule over the angels. First Corinthians 13 draws a distinction between the languages of human and angels, Revelation 5 portrays angels and redeemed humans surrounding the throne of Christ singing praises to His name. So any way you look at it, from beginning to end, angels and humans are portrayed as distinct beings.

**Dr. Reagan:** Right. Okay, you have another book that has to do with the eternal state and that one is on Heaven.

**Nathan Jones:** He's got it right here he brought them all.

**Dr. Reagan:** What do you mean by the subtitle?

**Dr. Rhodes:** *The Undiscovered Country*. Well you know Shakespeare wrote a play called *Hamlet* and in that play he calls death and what lies beyond death the undiscovered country.

**Dr. Reagan:** Oh that's where you get it.

**Dr. Rhodes:** That's where I got it. I thought it was a great term to refer to what many people today know very little about. Now of course the Bible tells us all about it. So the way I kind of spin this is that the Bible is our map not only of the undiscovered country but how to get there. You see the Bible shows us everything that we need to know. In fact, Scripture says, "No eye has seen no ear has heard no mind has conceived of what lies ahead for those who love God."

**Dr. Reagan:** Amen one of my favorite Scriptures.

**Dr. Rhodes:** But the spirit has now revealed them.

**Dr. Reagan:** That's right.

**Dr. Rhodes:** You know and so the Spirit wrote the Bible, you know the Spirit inspired the writing of Scripture so we have what we need to know in the Bible and that's what this book is all about. Ron Rhodes steps out of the way and lets the Word of God speak on the issue of Heaven.

**Dr. Reagan:** That is a book Christians really need to read because I have found that if you ask just an average Christian, "What is your hope?" They say, "Well my hope is Heaven." "What does that mean?" And they become totally inarticulate. "Well, you know it's gonna live forever with God." "Well what does that mean? Are you going to have a body? Are you going to be identifiable? Are you going to be on a cloud? Are you going to be playing a harp?"

**Dr. Rhodes:** Owe, yes!

**Dr. Reagan:** And the one thing that shocks so many people is when I start talking about we're going to spend eternity on a new earth and they say new earth? I thought I'm going to ethereal heaven?

**Dr. Rhodes:** Listen Dave, if I thought I had to spend eternity sitting on a cloud playing a harp, I mean. Gee.

**Nathan Jones:** I would get an accordion.

**Dr. Rhodes:** That would get boring.

**Dr. Reagan:** You see that's what I was taught when I was a kid and I had no desire to go to Heaven.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Yeah, yeah I hear you. But you know that would be torturous. Bling! Bling! I mean.

**Nathan Jones:** That's from the Looney Tunes isn't that where it came from?

**Dr. Reagan:** I would say the number one question people ask about Heaven is will we know each other in heaven?

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well very clearly I think we will, in fact, that was the hope of the Thessalonians in First Thessalonians four. A lot of them had questions about whether they'd see each other and Paul assures them that there's going to be a big family reunion and you'll recognize each other you'll spend eternity with each other.

**Dr. Reagan:** At the transfiguration they recognized Elijah and Moses!

**Dr. Rhodes:** That's right and you know the great thing about it all, is we're going to get a body upgrade.

**Dr. Reagan:** Hey I am ready!



**Dr. Rhodes:** No more grey hairs, no more hairs falling out, no more cholesterol build up, no more kidney problems, no more heart problems. It's gonna be a perfect body and the best of all you get to still eat. Jesus in His resurrection body ate four times and apparently if you eat in your resurrection body you don't gain weight.

**Dr. Reagan:** Amen! Maranatha come quickly Lord Jesus! Amen.

**Nathan Jones:** A seven year banquet would do it.

**Dr. Reagan:** Okay, thank you.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Amen and amen.

### **Part 3**

**Dr. Reagan:** Dr. Rhodes one area that you've done a lot of writing on that we have not had time to get into is the area of cults.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Yes.

**Dr. Reagan:** And one thing that really caught my attention was this book: *The Ten Most Important Things You Can Say to a Mason*. Caught my attention because so many Christians are involved in masonry and they don't look up on it as a cult they look upon it as a wonderful thing to be involved in. We only have about 50 seconds for you to respond to that but what would you say to a Mason? Well, Dave, Masons do have a view of the Bible, God, Jesus, sin and salvation. They believe the Bible is one of many different holy books, they believe God is the great architect of the celestial lodge above, he's not a trinity rather his name is Jabulon which is a combination of the words Jehovah and Baal and Osiris those are pagan gods. Jesus is just a good moral teacher. In terms of sin they don't believe in original sin they just believe that men are imperfect and by following the recommendation of the lodge you can get rid of those rough edges. And then of course Heaven is this idea of the celestial lodge above. It's a complete re-definition of Christianity from beginning to end.

**Dr. Reagan:** Well it really isn't Christianity.

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well it's a false version

**Dr. Reagan:** That's right, that's right.

**Dr. Rhodes:** And they teach that all religions lead to God and they say that all the different names of God in the world religions are really the same God.

**Dr. Reagan:** Well I would highly recommend they get in touch with you and get a copy of this book because there are many people caught up in. Why don't you just tell people how to get in touch with you?

**Dr. Rhodes:** Well the best way to get in touch with us to go to our website which is [www.ronrhodes.org](http://www.ronrhodes.org) and at that website you can download all kinds of free materials not just about the masons but other groups as well, you can sign up for our free newsletters. We have one that goes out on the internet as well as one that goes out by snail mail. And we look forward to serving you in any capacity that we can.

Well folks that is our program for this week. Hope you will be back with us next week because Dr. Rhodes has very graciously agreed to come back. And we are going to hit him with tough questions about Bible prophecy. Until then this is Dave Reagan speaking for Lamb and Lion Ministries saying, "Look up, be watchful, for our redemption is drawing near."