

# **Fake News**

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Isaiah 8:12 (ESV)

Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread.

**God-consciousness redefines urgency:** “Do not call conspiracy all that people call conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear.” So many supposedly facts prove to be false or do not come to fruition. **If we are continually moved by all of these, we are in constant turmoil.** God’s people are not without fear, but our whole approach is different. Whatever the News, fake or otherwise, *we see God at work in the events swirling around us, and through God we stabilize ourselves.*

Isaiah 8:13 (ESV)

But the LORD of hosts, HIM you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

Whatever the News, fake or otherwise, “The Lord of hosts, HIM we shall regard as holy.” In other words, **“Dare to treat God as God”**. Don’t respond to life in a way that makes God look helpless and weak and worthless. Living emotionally as if God were powerless is **practical atheism**. **Christians must respect God enough to live like HE actually exists.**

Isaiah 8:14–15 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> HE will become a sanctuary **and** a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling [to both houses of Israel], a trap and a snare [to the inhabitants of Jerusalem]. <sup>15</sup> And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.

**Whatever the news, fake or otherwise, how we treat God determines how we experience God, either as a sanctuary or a snare!** Every one of us will experience God one way or the other. **If we take him into account as God, we will enter his sanctuary and experience his presence.** **But if news, fake or otherwise, compel us, we end up colliding with God and tripping over HIM as a snare.** Jesus himself quotes this OT verse as concerning Himself in Matthew 21:44, “The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” Some people dismiss Jesus as irrelevant. Therefore, they ultimately stumble, fall, and are broken. But also, Christians often respond to life in a way that makes God look helpless and weak and worthless as if God were powerless which is **practical atheism!** However, Christians who **“Dare to treat God as God”** cling to the truth of God whatever the news.

Isaiah 8:16-17 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples.

<sup>17</sup> I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face [from the house of Jacob], and I will hope in him.

Do not call conspiracy all that people call conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear! God says, “Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching,” HE means, “Preserve this neglected WORD, teach it, and stand on it.” ***Treasuring God’s Word and finding hope in God are, to Christians, inseparable!*** Binding up the testimony or treasuring God’s Word will lead to hope trusting in the Lord.

## **Christians are the answer to Fake News!**

Isaiah 8:18 (ESV)

Behold, I (Jesus) and the children whom the LORD has given me are “signs” and “portents” [in Israel] from the LORD of hosts, [who dwells on Mount Zion].

**This verse quoted in Heb.2:13 is a foreshadowing Christ and his church. Jesus and Christians are signs and portents!**

**Sign literally means 1) A Mark or 2) A Banner!**

**Portent literally means:**

- 1. Divine act or special display of divine power**
- 2. Sign from God or a token of a future event**
- 3. Miracle**
- 4. A marvelous sign showing power**
- 5. Dictionary: a sign or warning that something, especially something momentous or calamitous, is likely to happen**
- 6. or An exceptional or wonderful person or thing**

**Therefore, whatever the news, Fake or otherwise, we as walking miracles, “Do not call conspiracy all that other people call conspiracy, and we do not fear what others fear. We are #1 through #6! **Therefore, we run to the Word of God:****

Isaiah 8:20 (ESV)

**To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn (light).**

***Our only safety from Fake News is seen in this verse: “To the teaching and to the testimony!” In other words, “Run to the truth of God!”*** And those who don’t and do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn, no illumination within. Even with the Bible open before us, real faith and unreal faith are as different as light and darkness. God imparts to Christians who **“Dare to treat God as God”** a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of God, so that the eyes of their hearts are enlightened to all that God is.

**Clue:** Those who listen to Fake News are always distressed!

Isaiah 8:22 (ESV)

And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

**Do not fear News, Fake or otherwise! Do not call conspiracy what everyone else calls conspiracy! Run to the Word of God! Jesus said:**

John 14:1 (ESV)

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in ME!

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.***