

Understanding the Difficult Words of Jesus

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION – FREE-WILL OFFERING

New Beginnings Community Church, Nipomo, CA

Thursday, February 23, 2012

7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

1575 Orchard Ave

Begins promptly at 7:00 P.M. Nursery Provided

BY DR. E. WILLIAM BEAN

Dr. E. William Bean is Director of the Centre for the Study of Biblical Research and a U.S.A.



Advisory Board member of the “Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation.” Dr. Bean authored the book, “New Treasurers: A Hebraic Perspective to New Testament Teachings” and,

writes for two periodicals, “Restore” and, “Illustrated Bible Life.” In addition he has written introductions for “EKS Publishing Company” and “Meet the Rabbis,” authored by Dr. Brad Young. In addition he has served as a member for the “International Synoptic Society.”

Dr. Bean has sat under the teachings of scholars in Jerusalem. His own teachings exhibit why it is hard to understand the words of Jesus. An example would be: What Jesus meant when he said, “If therefore thine eye be single” (Matthew 6:22-23)?

“...but it has a single disposition only, simple and pure, that says the same thing to everyone...It has no double sight or hearing; for whenever such a man does, or says, or sees anything, he

knows that the Lord is looking into his soul in judgment” (T Benj). The concept of “The single eye,” is an idiom. Idioms are a group of words that only have meaning within the context in which they are used. This idiom was found in the Pseudepigrapha: Literally, referring to books written during the Hellenistic age in the name of an ancient biblical figure. Hebrew and Christian scholars meet together in Jerusalem to discuss the language and culture during the “Second Temple Period.” Dr. Bean will be discussing the phrase: “For if they do

these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry” (Luke 23:31)? Does this have a relationship with Ezekiel 20:47?



“And say to the forest of the south, ‘Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein.’” Dr. Bean will also speak at the morning worship on Sunday, February 26, at 10:00 A.M.