

THE FORGOTTEN PRACTICE OF DEBATING

What do you think about debates? A debate lets different ideas be examined side-by-side. It is not sinful fighting but a God-given way of showing that truth is superior to lies.

In 1 Kings 18, Elijah debated the prophets of a false god. In the end, the truth was clear and lies were exposed.

Some people today imagine that Jesus said only positive things to make people feel better. Actually, Jesus often debated and as a result, it was obvious that He taught the truth (John 6, 8; Matthew 22:15-46). People who say “I don’t debate religion” are not like Jesus. Paul debated religion and said “Imitate me just as I also imitate Christ” (read these verses: Acts 15:2; 17:2; 18:4; 19:8; 1 Cor. 11:1).

Religious groups once debated Bible topics. Did you know that Baptists used to challenge Methodists to publicly debate baptism? That was useful. Today in Kentucky two men are debating the topic of God versus evolution. We invite you to write us if you disagree with an article. We can even discuss publicly debating a useful topic (is your preacher willing?). Elijah, Jesus, and Paul prove that honorable debate is God’s tool to spread truth and defeat error. **WWW.QVCOC.COM**