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Making Sense of the Bible - Adam Hamilton

Making Sense of the Bible's Challenging Passages - Chapters 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 pp. 207 through 254

Prayer by Rev. M

God's Violence in the Old Testament - 207

God expected people to kill loved ones if they did certain things (e.g., working on the Sabbath) - 208 Look at Deuteronomy 20:16-18. - Entering the Promised Land, must kill every person Look at Joshua 6:20-27 - Joshua and the Battle of Jericho Contrast with Jesus - 212-213 Rationalization - bottom of page 214 Summary - last paragraph - 217

Suffering, Divine Providence, and the Bible - 219

How much control do you personally think God has over suffering? over weather? over governments? Old Testament - good are rewarded, bad are punished New Testament - bad things can happen to good people - 222-223 Book of Job - God permits Satan to test Job - 223 Read last paragraph - 230

Can We Trust the Gospel Accounts of Jesus? - 231

Read Adam's confession on 241 and 242

Did Jesus Really Say That? - 243

prophetic hyperbole - 244 - "over the top" exaggeration glance through chapter to give examples

"No One Comes to the Father Except Through Me" - 247

Does God designate certain people who cannot believe in Jesus as Savior even if they want to? or Does God give every single person free choice to believe or not believe? How does Matthew 28:18-20 fit with this discussion?

Closing Prayer

Each person say something that surprised them in this Book Study.

Rev. M: The B-I-B-L-E **Everyone: Yes, that's the book for me.** Rev. M: I stand alone on the word of God. **Everyone: The B-I-B-L-E**