

## **The Need For A Standard**

The sixth U.S. President, John Quincy Adams convened a special meeting of Congress to make a case for the need of a Bureau of Weights and Measures. Mr. Adams stated, “Gentlemen, the bushel measure that I hold in my right hand is from the state of South Carolina . . . my left hand . . . New York...there is a difference of sixty eight cubic inches. The one pound weight that I hold in my right hand is from the state of Massachusetts . . . my left hand . . . Maine . . . there is a difference of one ounce. Gentlemen, the United States of America needs a standard of weight and a standard of measurement.”

Likewise our Creator knows that we must have a standard to follow in order to do His will, and that standard has always been His word. From Adam to Moses, God spoke His will directly to the fathers by various means (Heb 1:1). From Moses to Christ, God spoke through the Law and the prophets (Lk 24:27, 44). From Christ to the present, God has spoken to us through His Son and those who heard Him (Heb 1:2; 2:3; John 14:25); that body of knowledge is complete in the New Testament (2 Pet 1:3; Jude 3; 1 Cor 14:37; Eph 4:3). Do your religious convictions rest on the councils of men or on the word of God? This bit of divine wisdom has been true in every age, “Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar” (Prov 30:5-6; cf. Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19).

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