

An open book is shown from a high-angle perspective, with its pages fanned out. The book is set against a solid black background. The pages are white with some text visible, though it is mostly obscured by the book's curvature and the overlaid text. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box is centered horizontally across the middle of the book, containing the main title in large, bold, black capital letters. Below this box, another smaller semi-transparent grey rectangular box is centered, containing the reference 'Matthew 4:6-7' in bold, black text.

ON THE OTHER HAND

Matthew 4:6-7

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6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"

7 Jesus said to him, "***On the other hand***, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" (NASB)

"Again it is written..." (ESV)

"It is written again..." (NKJV)

"But the scripture also says..." (CEV)

THE TRUTH IS KNIT TOGETHER

- **A single passage may not be the whole truth**
 - Ps. 119:160
- **Some will set one passage up as if it needs no balance**
 - John 3:16; Eph. 2:8; 1 John 4:7, etc.
- **Sometimes we must say what a passage doesn't mean**
 - Ps. 91:11-12; Deut. 6:16; Matt. 7:1, etc.
- **Scripture does not contradict, it must be balanced**
 - Rev. 5:6-12; 1:16, 19:15-16; Ex. 34:5-7

MAINTAINING BALANCE

- **Some truths are foundational**
 - Matt. 23:23
- **Some truths need to be harmonized, not set at odds**
 - Lk. 14:26 & Eph. 6:1-3; Eph. 4:15 & Acts 7
- **We can go too far in ANY direction**
 - Deut. 5:32

**We do not need to balance scripture with the world,
we need to balance scripture with scripture**

SALVATION REQUIRES IT

Things To Which Salvation Is Attributed

- **Christ's words** - (John 6:63)
- **Preaching** - (1 Cor. 1:18)
- **Fire** - (1 Cor. 3:15)
- **The gospel** - (1 Cor. 15:1–2)
- **Love** - (Gal. 5:6)
- **Grace** - (Eph. 2:8)
- **Ourselves** - (Phil. 2:12)
- **Love of truth** - (2 Thess. 2:10)
- **Christ** - (1 Tim. 1:15)
- **Heeding and continuing in the doctrine** - (1 Tim. 4:16)
- **God's mercy** - (Titus 3:5)
- **Obedience** - (Heb. 5:9)
- **Christ's blood** - (Heb. 9:14)
- **Works of faith** - (James 2:24)

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What Must One Do To Be Saved?

- **Hear the gospel** - (John 6:63)
- **Believe Jesus is the Son of God** - (John 8:24)
- **Confess Faith in Jesus** - (Mt. 10:32)
- **Repent of sin** - (Acts 17:30)
- **Be Baptized** - (Mark 16:16)
- **Live Faithfully** – (Rev. 2:10)

