



# THE FOREST FOR THE TREES



**Is the Bible meant to be closely examined? Can we base a doctrine on a small amount of evidence? Are we guilty of “missing the forest for the trees” by insisting on a hermeneutic that focuses so much on the little details?**



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- "Justification by works of the Law" is a lot like drinking saltwater — the more gulps you take, the thirstier you get.





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- **Remember that hollow adherence to sound doctrine has always been despicable to God (Micah 6:6-8, Amos 5:21-24, Hosea 6:6).**



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- **Genesis 15:6 is frequently used by NT writers to prove a gigantic point, though it is a very small piece of information (Gal. 3:6, Ja. 2:23, Rom. 4:3, 4:9–10)**

**LIVE THE MISSION**

