



THE BIBLE
IS
THE WORD OF
GOD

Introduction

A. The Greatest Question of All

1. Is the Bible really the Word of God?

2. If not, we are wasting our time

3. If so, nothing else even compares in importance

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B. Five Reasons Why The Word Of God Is Important

1. We Should Live By It

Luke 4:4

And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

2. It Should Increase In Influence

Acts 19:20

So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

3. It Is The Basis Of Faith

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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B. Why Is The Word Of God Important? - continued

4. To Be Used in Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

5. The Word Of God Is God

Revelation 19:13

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

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C. We Believe the Bible To Be The Verbally Inspired Word of God

2 Peter 1:20-21

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Why?

I. Because Of Its Unity And Perfection

A. What a great library it is

1. Over 40 different authors

2. Written over a period of 1600 years

3. All agreeing on one central theme

B. Compared to any other literature, it stands alone

C. No contradictions, it is always right

Psalm 119:140

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

II. Because Of Its Fulfilled Prophecy

A. The many prophecies

1. The empires of Daniel's prophecy

Daniel 8:21

And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

2. The return of Israel and subsequent dispersion

II. Because Of Its Fulfilled Prophecy

B. Prophecies concerning Christ

1. His birth

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

2. The place of His birth

Micah 5:2

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

II. Because Of Its Fulfilled Prophecy

B. Prophecies concerning Christ - continued

3. His rejection and death

Isaiah 53:8

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

II. Because Of Its Fulfilled Prophecy

C. Prophecies concerning the last days

1. The return of the Jews to their homeland

(Ezekiel 37)

Ezekiel 37:21

And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

II. Because Of Its Fulfilled Prophecy

C. Prophecies concerning the last days - continued

2. The rise of Russia (Ezekiel 38-39)

Ezekiel 38:14

14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?

15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

III. Because Of Its Scientific Accuracy

A. The Bible is not primarily a book of science

B. When it speaks on scientific facts, it is correct

1. The creation of man

Genesis 1:26-27

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

III. Because Of Its Scientific Accuracy

B. When it speaks on scientific facts, it is correct – cont'd

2. Life in the blood

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

III. Because Of Its Scientific Accuracy

B. When it speaks on scientific facts, it is correct – cont'd

3. The roundness of the earth

Isaiah 40:22

It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

III. Because Of Its Scientific Accuracy

B. When it speaks on scientific facts, it is correct – cont'd

4. The earth in space

Job 26:7

**He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and
hangeth the earth upon nothing.**

III. Because Of Its Scientific Accuracy

B. When it speaks on scientific facts, it is correct – cont'd

5. The rotation of the earth

Job 38:12-14

**12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days;
and caused the dayspring to know his place;**

**13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that
the wicked might be shaken out of it?**

**14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a
garment.**

Luke 17:34-36

IV. Because Its Accuracy Is Guaranteed By Jesus Christ

A. Its eternity

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

B. Its unchanging nature

John 10:35

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

IV. Because Its Accuracy Is Guaranteed By Jesus Christ

C. Its fulfillment

Mark 14:49

I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.

IV. Because Its Accuracy Is Guaranteed By Jesus Christ

D. The things men disbelieve in the Bible are confirmed by Christ

1. The creation

Matthew 19:4-6

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

IV. Because Its Accuracy Is Guaranteed By Jesus Christ

D. The things men disbelieve in the Bible are confirmed by Christ - continued

2. Noah

Matthew 24:37-39

37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

IV. Because Its Accuracy Is Guaranteed By Jesus Christ

D. The things men disbelieve in the Bible are confirmed by Christ - continued

3. Sodom

Luke 17:29

But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

IV. Because Its Accuracy Is Guaranteed By Jesus Christ

D. The things men disbelieve in the Bible are confirmed by Christ - continued

4. Jonah

Matthew 12:39-41

39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

V. Because It Works

A. For Our Salvation

Acts 16:31

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

B. For Our Changed Life

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

V. Because It Works

C. To live as God wants us to live

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

What We Should Do With The Word Of God?

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.