

Lesson 3 – The Veracity of the Bible

1) Who wrote the Bible?

2 Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but _____ of God spake as *they were* moved by the _____.”

NOTE: The Word of God was inspired by the Holy Spirit and penned by holy men of God. Its authenticity is vindicated by countless prophecies that have been fulfilled, and the effect it has had on changing the lives of men and women throughout the ages.

2) How much of the Bible is inspired by God?

2 Timothy 3:16 “_____ scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

NOTE: The Bible is not a buffet. You cannot pick what you like, and discard that which you disagree with. The Bible is a supernatural book, and it leads the searcher of its pages to deep, profound insights, as we ask God to open our understanding as we study it.

3) Do you mean to tell me that even the Biblical creation account is true?

Psalm 119:160 “Thy word is true from the _____: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.”

NOTE: The Bible makes bold claims about its accuracy. It is the only book that explains the dilemma facing the whole of humanity in the origin of sin, the solution to the sin problem, and the future freedom from its existence. It is a unique book on the horizon of classical literature.

4) How can we be sure that the Bible hasn't been tampered with and altered?

Psalm 12:6-7 “The words of the LORD *are* pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt _____ them from this generation for ever.”

NOTE: God has protected and preserved His Word for centuries. When the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947, the content of those scrolls contained the majority of the Old Testament, and when the book of Isaiah was compared to the same book of Isaiah in the Dead Sea Scrolls they were virtually identical. God has preserved His Word for the succeeding generations because of His great love for humanity.

5) How long will the Word of God last?

Matthew 24:35 “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my _____ pass away.”

NOTE: The world will pass away, but the Word of God will not pass away. In an age where we cannot trust anything, we can wholly trust in the Word of God.

6) What is the primary reason that God gave us His Word?

Romans 15:4 “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have ____.”

NOTE: God’s Word is all about giving us the hope that we need in a hopeless age. One of the special attributes linked to the Bible is the fact that it does not gloss over the individuals that make up its pages. Biblical Heroes such as David, Paul and Peter, are portrayed not for the good things only that they did, but also their mistakes, so that we can emulate what they did right, and avoid their shortcomings.

7) How does the Bible especially make its reader wise?

2 Timothy 3:15 “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee ____ unto _____ through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

NOTE: The wisdom that the Bible offers to anyone who will read its pages is the wisdom regarding salvation. The most wonderful news ever given is contained in the Bible. The wonderful news concerning the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and how we can share in His victory.

8) Who is the main attraction in the Bible?

John 5:39 “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which _____ of ____.”

NOTE: The Bible is not only a historical book and a collection of facts, it is much more than that. The Bible is about a person, and His name is Jesus Christ. Christ is the center of its pages, and every verse, when studied with prayer and contrition of heart, will lead the searcher to Jesus Christ.

9) How must I study the Bible?

2 Timothy 2:15 “_____ to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, _____ the word of truth.”

NOTE: There is a wrong way and a right way to study the Bible. To rightly divide the Word is to look at the whole subject matter first before making any rash conclusions. We are to compare spiritual things with spiritual (See 1 Corinthians 2:13). We are to take line upon line, and precept upon precept (See Isaiah 28:9-10). In others words, we are to look at the whole weight of evidence about a subject before making an interpretation. This will save the reader from beliefs that are unbiblical in nature. The Bible tells us that in the last days people will be holding to doctrines of devils (See 1 Timothy 4:1). This is why it is of the utmost importance that we learn how to rightly divide the Word of Truth.

10) Before one opens the Bible to study it, what must that person do first?

John 16:13 “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into ____ : for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he

speak: and he will shew you things to come.”

NOTE: Before a person opens the Bible to read it, prayer must of necessity precede and accompany it. We need the same Spirit that inspired the holy men of old to give us wisdom and understanding as we read what is contained therein. Without a connection to God, Bible study is a fruitless endeavor.

11) In what way did Jesus describe the Word of God?

John 17:17 “Sanctify them through thy _____: thy _____ is _____.”

NOTE: The word ‘sanctify’ means to set apart, to make distinct and holy. Holiness is not derived, Biblically speaking, by living in a remote land and abstaining from social contact. But holiness is the result of coming into contact with the Word of God, believing what is written and obeying what God has asked us to do.

12) What must our attitude be as we discover new truths in the Word of God?

John 7:17 “If any man will do his _____, he shall _____ of the _____, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.”

NOTE: All that God is looking for from us is a willing heart and an open mind. If a person is willing to follow God in all that reveals, then the whole heavenly treasure is open to that person.

IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To follow God wherever His truth may lead you? Yes or No