

Where the Bible came from - Inspiration

Why take a look?

The Heavens declare the glory of God.

Relativism and materialism are broken cisterns.

1. God is the fountain of truth.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

John 8:31-32 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

1 Timothy 2:4 [God our Savior] wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

2. God gave us his Word in Scripture by inspiration.

Matthew 1:22-23 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Is 7:14

Luke 16:27-31 He answered, "Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment." ²⁹ Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them." ³⁰ "No, father Abraham," he said, "but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent." ³¹ He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

2 Peter 1:19-21 We have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:15-16 From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 We also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

John 10:35 If he called them "gods," to whom the word of God came—and the Scripture cannot be broken—

Matthew 5:18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the

least stroke of a pen (ἴωτα ἐν ἡ μίᾳ κεραία), will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

3. The evidence for verbal inspiration is reassuring for a Christian.

a. Grace Alone

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

b. The unity of the Bible

i. The variations serve to supplement each other, not to contradict each other.

John 19:19-20 Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

The seven words on the cross.

ii. **Alleged contradictions often disappear upon closer investigation.**

2 Samuel 24:24 But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them.

1 Chronicles 21:25 David paid Araunah six hundred shekels of gold for the site.

c. It's true.

Acts 17:8 And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city (πολιτάρχας) when they heard these things.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

d. Over 2000 precise prophecies are all fulfilled.

Isa 45:21 Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me.

e. The miracles

John 20:30-31 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.