Can We Still Believe the Bible is the Word of God?

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INTRODUCTION

- I believe this Bible is inspired by God. What I mean by that is verbally inspired, infallible, and inerrant.
- Postmodernists look at everything in relative terms. There is no such thing as absolute truth, except that one statement.
- The Bible is the Word of God. Can modern man still believe this? I can tell you that many would say absolutely not.

1 What the Bible Says About Inspiration

2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:19–21; 1 Corinthians 2:10–13

- All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction and righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- It comes from a Greek word that literally means God breathed.
- What the Bible says about Scripture is that God is the source of it.
- Prophecy never came by the will of man. But holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit directed these men, these holy men of God, that it gave them the words God wanted them to speak.

2 Old Testament Claims: Thus Says the Lord

Exodus 4:12–15; Jeremiah 26:2

- There are over 3,800 introductory formulas like this. Thus says the Lord. The word of the Lord came to me.
- Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.
- All the words that I command you to speak to them, do not diminish a word.
- If you believe that this is God's word, Old and New Testaments, would you want to leave out one word if God said it?
- The Bible is full of expressions from one end to the other where people are saying this is what God said, and this is what inspiration means.

3 What About the New Testament?

2 Peter 3:1–2; 2 Peter 3:16; John 12:48

- It appears that the Apostle Peter considered the Apostle Paul's writings to be a part of Scripture in the New Testament.

- He lumps them together, beloved. One is Scripture, so is the other.
- It is written, said Jesus. Referring then to the authoritative nature of Scripture.
- He who rejects me and does not receive my words, he has that which judges him, the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.
- It is consistent from one end of the Bible to the other. It claims to be his word. It claims we'll be judged by it. It claims to be inspired.

4 Internal and External Evidences

- Either the Bible is inspired of God, or it's the biggest fraud that's ever been. There is no middle ground here.
- The doctrines of this book are unlike any other doctrines you'll read anywhere else.
- Hundreds of prophecies pointing to the coming of Messiah. Jesus Christ the man fulfilled every one of them.
- It talks about real people in real places in real time.
- This book is not a scientific textbook, when it speaks of things about our world, it is accurate.

5 The Unity of the Bible

- This internal evidence that seems to me so powerfully supports this book could not have been written by men.
- The writers of this book span over about 1,600 years.
- The earliest writer of the Bible, Moses, about 1500 BC, wrote books of law and history in the Hebrew language.

MY NOTES