Is The Bible Inspired by God?

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INTRODUCTION

- But if this was just some made up words of men, if this was some sort of compilation that was not inspired by God, then all of a sudden our faith is in vain, our faith is in trouble.
- Is the Bible inspired by God? How would you prove that? I think it's an important question that we need to be ready for.
- Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you, yet do it, with gentleness and respect.

1 What the Bible Claims in Terms of Inspiration

2 Peter 1:20–21; 2 Timothy 3:16

- For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.
- All scripture is breathed out by God. All scripture is inspired by God. That is what the Bible claims to be.
- This claim is important because it forces one of two conclusions that the Bible is the Word of God, or that the Bible is not.
- But no book that lies to its readers is a good book. The Bible is what it says, or it is a fraud.

2 Circular Reasoning Implies the Bible Is Unified

Genesis 12; Galatians 3

- The number one argument against the type of reasoning we're going to go through this morning is that it's just circular reasoning to prove the Bible by the Bible.
- If it's true that it's circular reasoning to prove the Bible by the Bible, that implies that the Bible is unified and it is together. That is ground that the Bible skeptic does not want to give.
- How is it that the book of Genesis matches so well with the New Testament writers?

3 How Is It That the Bible Is Historically Accurate?

Luke 1:1–4; Luke 3:1

- Luke is claiming to be an eyewitness, so Luke's account should be examined just as any other work of history should be examined.
- Until the mid-1900s, the rest of the world didn't know a whole lot about Pilate. That is until there was found an inscription.
- If the Bible is continually to be proven accurate, then it must be taken seriously as at least a historical document.
- The believer's eyewitness testimony is just as credible as that of a non believer.

4 Prophecies Were Written After the Events They Predict?

Isaiah 53:4–7; Matthew 27:11–14

- But he was pierced for our transgressions. Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds, we are healed.
- Isaiah prophesied around 739 to 690 BC.
- The latest date I could even possibly find on when the Septuagint was completed was about 132 BC.
- It means that over a hundred years before Jesus lived, Isaiah prophesied of the death that Jesus would face.

5 The Prophecies Were Vague and Jesus Intentionally Fulfilled Them?

Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:1; Isaiah 11

- But how does any man who is not God choose where he'd be born?
- From you shall come forth for me, one is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.
- The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
- How is it that Jesus, not being God, chose not only where to be born, but his family's lineage?

6 Would Anyone Choose to Be Crucified for a Hoax?

- No one would choose to be crucified on the cross just for a hoax. But Jesus did choose to be crucified on the cross.
- It's noted that there's about 65, what we'd call direct prophecies of Christ.
- Do you know what the odds of one person fulfilling just 48 prophecies is? 10 to the 157th power.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **This morning we all must make a decision. Do we believe him? Do you believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God? If you do, trust in Jesus.**

MY NOTES