

Five Reasons to Believe the Bible is God's Word

Psalm 68:11, Matthew 24:35, II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21

The Bible is the Word of God. This simple declaration is the anchor for our faith. We call the Bible a book, but it's a library of 66 books, written by over 40 different authors over a period of 1500 years. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself. Why should we believe this? Are there reasons for us to confidently trust and obey?

The Bible claims inspiration from God.

II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21

The Bible claims Divine authorship. Although physically penned by human authors, clearly, the Holy Scripture comes from the heart of God. Bad men would not write a book that plainly condemns sin. Good men would not assert, "...thus says the Lord," if God didn't say it. Only God could have inspired and delivered His Word.

1. The Bible is an enduring book.

Matthew 24:35, I Peter 1:25

The Bible is not the book of the month or the year. It is the book of the ages. God's Word has survived kingdoms, empires, and civilizations. The more the Thomas Paine's, Voltaire's, Ingersoll's, and O'Hare's try to stamp out the fires, the more the coals spread.

2. The Bible transforms lives.

Psalm 119:130

The testimony of the ages bears the truth that this book, The Word of God, changed my life.

3. The Bible has universal application and appeal.

John 3:16

God's Word is not a one-man book. It's not a one nation book. The Bible is not even a one age book. It's good for the first century and the space age. Even though some parts are thought to be over 4000 years old, they speak as currently as today's newspaper. All races, genders, sects, and nationalities respect its truth. No other book has such appeal and application.

4. The Bible is scientifically accurate.

Isaiah 40:22

The Bible was not written as a book of science, but when it speaks on scientific matters, it is accurate. There have been many assertions through the years that infer error in the Bible concerning scientific realities. Each time the truth of science is pursued, the veracity of the Scripture is revealed.

5. The Bible contains fulfilled prophecy.

Isaiah 11:11-14

Prophecy is writing history before it happens. All religions of the world have their Bibles, but the Christian Bible is the only one that contains prophecy. Why is this so? Because the authors of those human books had enough sense to know that the moment, they placed a word of prophecy in their texts and it failed, their work would be discredited, and their movement would cease. The Bible speaks with daring boldness about events that will happen to civilizations, nations, and even individuals - 2000, 4000, 6000 years into the future. Surely this is the Word of God!