

Has God Spoken?

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“DID GOD REALLY SAY?”

**Can We *REALLY*
Trust the Bible?**

**What the Bible Claims
About Itself**



**The B I B L E,
Yes, that's the book for me!**

**I'll take my stand on the Word of God,
The B I B L E.**

**Jesus loves me,
this I know,
For the BIBLE,
tells me so!**

Gen. 3:1, “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’”

Gen. 3:2, “And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

Gen. 3:3, “ ‘but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.” ’ ”

Gen. 3:4, “Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘**You will not surely die.**’

Gen. 3:5, “ ‘For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’

Gen. 3:6, “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”

Who is this God?

ESSENCE OF GOD

HOLY

Sovereign/Creator

Omniscient

Righteousness

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God's Holiness: He is one of a kind, distinct, unique. He alone is God.

Deut. 32:39, “Now see that I, even I, am He, and there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor is there any who can deliver from My hand.”

Questions About the Bible

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Isn't the Bible just another human book, subject to error and expressing different opinions about God?

Many scholars believe there was no real Moses, no Exodus, no real David. How can we trust a book that makes up people as the authors?

Isn't the Bible full of contradictions and errors?

Hasn't the Bible been changed over the years because it has been copied and translated so many times?

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Doesn't the vast number of translations indicate that we can't really know what the Bible says? It seems that the translators just make up things as they go along.

How can we be sure the Bible we have today is the same as what was originally written?

Didn't the church (a few powerful men, Constantine, etc.) just arbitrarily decide which books should be included in the Bible and which books should be rejected (and didn't this just reflect their male-dominated, power-hungry agenda)?

Questions About the Bible

What about the gospels that were hidden or rejected or prevented from being in the Bible? Why shouldn't these missing or hidden gospels be included also?

There are so many different interpretations of the Bible, how can we know which is right?

Isn't the Bible the product of an evolving religion that originated with the Babylonians and Assyrians?

Doesn't the Bible contain historical and scientific errors?

Questions About the Bible

What exactly was my point when I said that the main thing is not that the Bible is all about Jesus?

What Does the Bible Claim for Itself?



1. The Bible claims to be the objective communication of God to man.

It does not claim the *ideas* are inspired ...

It does not claim that the Scripture *contains* the Word of God. It *is* the Word of God.

It does not claim that it *becomes* the Word of God when you *have a religious experience* with the Bible.

It claims to *record the exact words* of God.

“God said” is used 46 × in the Bible;

“God spoke” 12 ×

Ex. 34:10, “Then **God said, ‘Behold, I am going to make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform miracles which have not been produced in all the earth, nor among any of the nations; and all the people among whom you live will see the working of the LORD, for it is a fearful thing that I am going to perform with you.’”**

Deut. 6:25, “Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the LORD our God, as **He has commanded us.”**

Claims that the Bible precisely quotes God:

**“the Lord said” 233×;
the Lord spoke, 133×;
“says the Lord” 502×**

**Isa. 1:18, “ ‘Come now, and let us reason together,’
says the LORD, ‘Though your sins are as scarlet,
they will be as white as snow; Though they are red
like crimson, they will be like wool.’ ”**

So the Bible claims that God objectively communicates something to man well over 900×

Heb. 1:1, “God, after **He spoke long ago to the fathers by the prophets in different times and in different ways,**

Heb. 1:2, “in these last days **has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the universe.”**

2. The Bible claims to be a unique inspired revelation from God.

2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is **God-breathed and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God (any believer) may be well prepared, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” ~RD**

2 Tim. 3:15, “and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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(verbal)

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**The Holy Spirit is the Author of both the Old
Testament and New Testament: 2 Sam. 23:2–3; Mark
12:36; Acts 1:16; 28:25; John 14:26; 1 Thess. 4:2;
2 Thess. 3:6, 12, 14.**

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pres pass ptcp
instrumental
to bring, carry**

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aor pass indic 3 sing
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Acts 27:17, “When they had taken it on board, they used cables to undergird the ship; and fearing lest they should run aground on the Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and so were driven.”

2 Sam. 23:2, “The **Spirit of the LORD spoke** by me,
and His word was on my tongue.

Zech. 7:12, “And they made their hearts like flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent **by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.”**

1 Cor. 2:13, “which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.”

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3. Thus inspiration includes the minute details of Scripture. Inspiration extends to the grammar and the details of the words.

Matt. 5:18, “For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.”

Matt. 22:29, “But Jesus answered and said to them, ‘You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures, or the power of God.’ ”

Matt. 5:17, “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

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“Jot” = ’ *yodh*, the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet

tough, touch, though

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Fun, Pun, Run, Bun

Matt. 22:31, “But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying,

Matt. 22:32, “ ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

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Gen. 22:17, “blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your **descendants [seed]** as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your **descendants [seed]** shall possess the gate of **their [His]** enemies.

Gen. 22:18, “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” ~NKJV

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4. Thus the Bible makes a claim to be absolute Truth. Not merely truth that is the result of human observation, but a universal truth that goes beyond all other truth. A truth by which all other standards may be evaluated.

Num. 23:19, “God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has **He said, and will He not do it? Or has **He spoken,** and will He not make it good?”**

Psa. 19:9, “The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD **are true; they are righteous altogether.”**

**Psa. 119:142, “Thy righteousness is an everlasting
righteousness, and Thy law **is truth.**”**

**Psa. 119:151, “Thou art near, O LORD, and ALL
Thy commandments **are truth.**” [emphasis
added]**

**John 17:17, “Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word
is truth.”**

Deut. 4:2, “You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”

Jer. 26:2, “Thus says the LORD, stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, who have come to worship in the LORD’s house, all the words that I have commanded you to speak to them. **Do not omit a word!”**

5. As absolute Truth the Bible has everlasting value.

Isa. 40:8, “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.”

**Matt. 24:35, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but
My words shall not pass away.”**

Matt. 5:17, “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.”

Isa. 59:21, “ ‘And as for Me, this is My covenant with them,’ says the LORD: ‘My Spirit which is upon you, and **My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring’s offspring,’ says the LORD, **‘from now and forever.’ ”****

Isa. 55:11, “So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.”

6. As Absolute Truth it is the source of guidance and direction.