

WHY SHOULD YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE?

2 Timothy 3:10-17

INTRODUCTION: Today's big question is "Is the Bible true? Why should you believe the Bible is truly God's Word? So today we will talk about why you should believe the Word of God is true?"

I. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE CLAIM ABOUT ITSELF?

Now just what are the claims of the Bible about itself? First, the Bible claims to be the very Word of God, not the word of men: 1 Thessalonians 2:13. The apostle Paul was not preaching the word of man but the very Word of God. Hebrews 4:12-13. This Book, the Bible is unlike any other book. Most books you read, but this Book, the Bible reads you! Second, the Bible claims it is inspired by God and not an invention of man: 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Jesus talked about that: John 3:7-8. Wind, Spirit, and breath—all those come from the same Greek word. Just as God breathed into man and made Him a living soul, so God breathed into His Word and made it a living Word from God. 2 Peter 1:19-21. The Bible was not dictated by God; it was inspired by God. Third; The Bible is the truth of God, not the musings of men. The Bible is not the thoughts and ideas of men; it is the truth directly from God. John 17:17. Our Lord Jesus believed the Old Testament. Jesus believed in Adam and Eve. Jesus believed in Noah and Cain and Abel.

II. WHY SHOULD YOU BELIEVE WHAT THE WORD OF GOD CLAIMS?

Here we are right back to our original question: "Why should you believe what the Bible claims about itself? First, the Bible has proven itself over the years to be unique, reliable, and true! The Bible has sixty-six books in the one book. Thirty-nine books in the Old Testament and twenty-seven books in the New Testament. It was written over a period of 1,500 years. It was written by forty different authors that came from many different walks of life. Some were kings, some were fishermen, shepherds, prophets, and priest. The Bible was written in three different languages—Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. The Bible was written on three different continents. Yet the Bible has a common story line.

III. THE BIBLE IS THE STORY OF SALVATION!

That story line is the message of salvation. The Bible tells us that God created everything, but man fell into sin. But then man tried to hide from God, but God came seeking mankind. God has made a way so that men can once again be in right relationship with Him. In the Old Testament God promised a Savior and in the New Testament God sent the Lord Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. In the Old Testament people got saved by faith and in the New Testament people get saved by faith. The Bible warns against others giving a different gospel from the one given in the Word of God: Galatians 1:8-9.

IV. THE BIBLE IS SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE AND HISTORICALLY ACCURATE!

When we speak about science disproving the Bible that is science falsely so called: Isaiah 40:22. The science of Isiah's day said the earth is flat, but the Bible says the earth is a globe. Science used to say the earth is on the back of an elephant. What did the Bible say: Job 26:7. The Bible says you cannot number the stars, but the scientist of the Old Testament days said there are 1,023 stars. Jeremiah 33:22. When the Bible speaks of history it is accurate. When the Bible speaks of prophecy for the future it is always accurate: Isaiah spoke 150 years before a

man named Cyrus was born and told exactly what Cyrus would do: Isaiah 45:1, 4, 13. There are forty-eight prophecies concerning the coming Messiah. Now for Jesus Christ to fulfill all forty-eight would be very tough: Micah 5:2 tells us where the Messiah was to be born. Jesus was to be born of a virgin and He was. The Bible has withstood the tests of both time and scrutiny! For years and years people have tried to destroy the Bible. Satan hates the Word of God because the Bible tells us that Satan is a liar and God is the truth! 1 Peter 1:24-25. The Old Testament covers from "in the beginning all the way to 420 B.C. The New Testament is written in just less than 100 years. Over 500 people saw the risen Christ: 1 Corinthians 15:4-6; Acts 26:26. The Bible is life changing. One of the greatest testimonies for the truth of the Word of God is the millions of lives that it has changed. 1 Peter 1:22-23. The seed of the Word of God is imperishable. There is life in the Bible because it is the very Word of the living God! If you come to the Word of God with an open heart seeking the truth you will believe the Word of God. The Word of God and the God of the Word are inseparable. Revelation 19:13; John 1:14. Jesus is the Word of God, and the Bible is the Word of God; they are connected! Psalm 138:2 KJV. When you seek the truth with all your heart you will find the Bible is the truth and Jesus Christ is the truth!