The Word of God

How do we know that God's Word is from God himself?

1. The Scripture's say so:

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NIV)

16 All **Scripture** is **God-breathed** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NASB95)

20 But know this first of all, that no **prophecy of Scripture** is a matter of one's own interpretation,

21 for no prophecy was ever made **by an act of human will**, but men moved by the Holy Spirit **spoke from God**.

2 Samuel 23:1–2 (NIV)

1 These are the **last words of David**: "The **inspired** utterance of David son of Jesse, the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, the hero of Israel's songs:

2 "The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue.

2. Because of the fulfillment of Scripture:

51 Prophecies to reveal the one

- 1. Messiah would bless the nations through Abraham's lineage (Genesis 12)
- 2. Messiah will make covenant with Isaac's ancestors (Genesis 17)
- 3. Messiah's scepter will come through Judah (Genesis 49)
- 4. Messiah would come through David's offspring (**2 Samuel 7**)
- 5. Messiah would come through a virgin and he will be called Immanuel (Isaiah 7)
- 6. The Messiah will end up in Egypt (Hosea 11)
- 7. The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5)
- 8. Messiah's ministry will destroy the devil's work (Genesis 3)

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- 9. Messiah would have a sinless, blemish-free life and ministry (Exodus 12)
- 10. The Messiah will be humbled in order to serve mankind (Psalms 8)
- 11. Messiah would become the perfect sacrifice (Psalms 40)
- 12. The Messiah would preach righteousness to Israel (**Psalms 40**)
- 13. The Messiah would teach in parables (Psalms 78)
- 14. The Messiah's parables would fall on deaf ears (Isaiah 6)
- 15. The Messiah would be a stone that causes people to stumble (Isaiah 8)

- 16. Messiah's ministry would begin in Galilee (Isaiah 9)
- 17. The Messiah would draw the Gentiles to himself (Isaiah 11)
- 18. The Messiah would have a miraculous ministry (Isaiah 35)
- 19. The Messiah would be preceded by a forerunner (Isaiah 40)
- 20. The Messiah's forerunner would come in the spirit of Elijah (Malachi 4)
- 21. The Messiah will be a gentle redeemer of the Gentiles (Isaiah 42)
- 22. The Messiah would be despised and rejected (Isaiah 53)
- 23. The Messiah will set the captives free (Isaiah 61)
- 24. The Messiah will have a throne that is everlasting (Daniel 7)
- 25. The Messiah will bring an end to sin (Daniel 9)
- 26. Jerusalem will rejoice as the Messiah comes to her upon a donkey (Zechariah 9)
- 27. They would plot to kill God's Messiah (Psalms 31)
- 28. The Messiah will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11)
- 29. The Messiah will be quiet before his accusers (Psalms 38)
- 30. The Messiah would be abandoned by those closest to him (Psalms 31, 41)
- 31. The Messiah will be our Passover Lamb (Exodus 12)
- 32. Like the Passover Lamb, none of The Messiah's bones will be broken (Exodus 12)
- 33. The Messiah will be mocked and abused (Isaiah 50)
- 34. They would cast lots for the Messiah's clothing (Psalms 22)
- 35. The Messiah's blood will be spilled for atonement (Leviticus 17)
- 36. The Messiah will be lifted up, and everyone who looks on Him will live (Numbers 21)
- 37. The Messiah's thirst will be quenched with vinegar and gall (Psalms 69)
- 38. The Messiah would be forsaken (Psalms 22)
- 39. The Messiah would be scorned (Psalms 22)
- 40. The Messiah's suffering would include thirst (Psalms 22)
- 41. They would pierce the Messiah's hands and feet (Psalms 22)
- 42. The Messiah will cry, "Into your hands I commit my Spirit" (Psalms 31)
- 43. The Messiah's resurrection was prophesied (Job 19, Psalms 118)
- 44. God's Messiah will not see decay (Psalms 16)
- 45. The Messiah will conquer death (Isaiah 25)
- 46. The Messiah will usher in a new covenant (Jeremiah 31)
- 47. The Messiah will ascend into the heavens to distribute gifts (Psalms 68)
- 48. The Messiah will judge the world justly (Psalms 9)

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- 49. The Messiah will have all authority over judgment (Isaiah 22)
- 50. The Messiah will pour out his Spirit (Isaiah 44)
- 51. The Messiah will have a worldwide impact (Micah 5)

3. Because of the Eye-witnesses:

2 Peter 1:16 (NASB95)

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

1 Corinthians 15:3–8 (NASB95)

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

6 After that He appeared to **more than five hundred brethren** at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared **to me** also.

Why should we study God's word?

1. Because we live in the last days:

Daniel 12:4 (NASB95)

4 "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the <mark>end of time</mark>; many will go **back and forth**, and **knowledge will increase**."

2. To avoid being deceived:

Acts 20:28-30 (NASB95)

28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

2 Timothy 3:13 (NASB95)

13 But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.