

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**)
1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 or 1 in 10¹⁷
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**)

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 **end of time**; 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**.