

"Is The Bible Trustworthy? "



Day 1

Sermon Sentence: The Bible is the infallible, inerrant Word of God and is therefore applicable for all of life's decisions.

Psalm 12:6-7

Matthew 24:35

Proverbs 30:5-6

Matthew 4:4

The Bible is the Lord's word to the world. The Bible, for all those that truly follow the Lord is His very Word to us and should be held in reverence. In these times that we are living in it is not uncommon to hear people say that they are Christians but they don't take the Bible literally or there are parts of the Bible that should be considered outdated or ignored.

- 1.) What is your opinion of the Bible?
- 2.) Is the Bible inerrant?
- 3.) Should the stories in the Bible, such as "Noah's Ark", "The Exodus" and "Jonah" be taken as literal events or just parables to be learned from?
- 4.) Is the Bible infallible?
- 5.) What about the story of creation? Some Christian have adopted a creation / evolutionary view of the world. Should the creation account be taken as written?
- 6.) What are the dangers of "picking and choosing" which scriptures are relevant or true?

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Why should we believe that the Bible is the inspired, preserved Word of God? The Bible is a very unique book! Think of all the books you know and compare them to the Bible. Chances are almost any book that you can think of was written by one maybe two authors over the course of a short time frame.

Consider these facts concerning the Bible...

- 66 books with 40 authors.
- Written in 3 different languages.
- Written on 3 different continents.
- Written over a span of 1500 years.
- Most of the authors never met.
- Tells one continuous story.

- 1.) What would happen if you asked everyone you know to write one chapter of a book that you only give them the main topic?
- 2.) We all share a common timeframe and culture, if we did not, would it be possible for us to tell the same story?
- 3.) How much of a factor would writing this story be if the timeframe was increased to 1500 years?
- 4.) What if the authors never met?
- 5.) What happens when not only culture is a variable but language as well?
- 6.) Compare the Bible to other religious books such as the Book of Mormon or the Koran, can they make any similar claims?

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Isaiah 55:11

Deuteronomy 18:17-22

It is said that approximately 27% of the Bible is prophecy. That is almost 30% of the book! The Bible is probably the most scrutinized book in all of History and yet no one has ever been able to debunk it. For a book to make the astounding number of prophetic claims that have also been fulfilled to the letter is unique to say the least and if the Bible contained failed prophecy it would be sure that Bible critics would have used this fact to destroy the authority of the Bible long ago.

- 1.) How many prophecies were fulfilled by Jesus alone?
- 2.) Can you think of other events that were prophesied that came true?
- 3.) Daniel 2:31-35, This is a very popular prophetic account. What is being described in this dream?
- 4.) Name one book from the OT that has many unfulfilled future prophecies.
- 5.) Name one book from the NT that is almost entirely future and yet to be fulfilled.

Comparing the Bible to other so called religious books, are there any others that can make similar claims to the amount of fulfilled and unfulfilled prophecy? Can these books match the 100% accuracy of the Bible or do they contain known failed prophecy?

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Job 38:4

The Bible is not "vague" when it tells stories, often times the Bible will quote the exact King that was in power or the country the story takes place. It gives specifics as to seasons and large world events such as floods and droughts that make timing the stories and placing them geographically much easier. The Bible's version of historic events has been under constant attack throughout the centuries by the world's "academics" who have sought to discredit the accounts recorded. Of course this is impossible because it is the truth and usually the more they try the more accurate they find the Bible to be and have been unsuccessful in discrediting it as a historic book.

- 1.) Do you think it is possible to prove events such as the global flood from the Bible?
- 2.) Can you find extra Biblical references to Israel, and events such as the Exodus?
- 3.) Can you identify some places that still exist today that are mentioned in Biblical stories?
- 4.) What about the historical accuracy of nations and Kings? Does the Bible give an accurate account of the nations that Israel interacts with?
- 5.) Lastly, are there any other books you can think of that record a period of history as large as the Bible as accurately and specifically?

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Day 5

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The Bible is probably the most printed book in all of History and is available in most languages throughout the world. There are also more collaborating ancient proof manuscripts for this one book than any other ancient work of literature in the world. For instance even considering a literary work written by Homer has less proof of authenticity than the Bible. It could be said that we have more proof for the Bible's accuracy than any other book in all of history.

Hebrews 4:12

No discussion about the Bible would be complete without hitting on the ability of the Bible to describe the absolute truth of the human condition and through the power of the Word lead to changed lives. No other book in the world can better identify the fallen nature of man, the various problems with man's sinful nature and the solutions that only God can offer.

- 1.) Do you know the history of the English Bible?
- 2.) What source documents were used in the translation of the Old Testament into English? What language was the OT originally in?
- 3.) What source documents were used to translate the New Testament into English? What language was the NT originally in?
- 4.) Can you feel the inspiration of God's words when you read the scripture as it describes the fallen nature of man?
- 5.) If we don't believe the Bible is the inspired, preserved word of God, then where does that leave us?