

## CAN I BELIEVE THE BIBLE AS GOD'S WORD-137

TEXT: 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Thus far we have shown that God does exist and that Jesus is the Christ.
- B. If it can be proven that the Bible is a divine production, surely all of us will immediately understand how important it is that we read, believe and obey it!
- C. Many people do not believe the Bible is God's word. Only 52% of people from the major denominations surveyed believed that the Bible was God's truth.
- D. If the Bible is not inspired of God we have no definite knowledge of:
  - 1. Character of God.
  - 2. Origin of;
    - a. Man.
    - b. Evil.
    - c. Earth.
    - d. Etc.
  - 3. Heaven, hell, or soul are the purpose of life.
- E. If the Bible is not inspired we have no:
  - 1. Promise of eternal life.
  - 2. Standard of moral values.
- F. If we want to find out if a nugget is gold we examine it. Let's examine the Bible.

### BODY:

- I. THE BIBLE IS THE MOST REMARKABLE BOOK IN THE WORLD.
  - A. Bible has been translated into 242 languages, more than any other book.
  - B. The Bible is the all time best seller by far.
  - C. More influence on civilization than any other book.
    - 1. Law.

2. Duty to government.

3. Human rights.

4. Morals.

D. The Bible has a persistent freshness. Some science books are out-dated before they come out. Yet the Bible is as fresh as the morning newspaper.

E. Men turn to the Bible in time of need and great stress.

F. The Bible answers man's most important questions.

1. Where did I come from?

2. Why am I here?

3. Where am I going?

G. The Bible's survival makes it a remarkable book.

1. Matt. 24:35.

2. Men have tried to destroy God's word.

a. Ingersol said, "In 15 years I will have this book (Bible) in the morgue." 15 years later Ingersol was dead and the Bible was stronger than ever.

b. The Bible preaches the funerals of all who oppose it.

## II. HISTORICAL ACCURACY OF THE BIBLE.

A. The Bible must prove itself completely free of historical errors, and it does.

B. Those involved in Archaeology and history use the Bible as a starting point.

C. Sir William Ramsey set out to disapprove the Bible by using the historical facts in the books of Luke (Luke and Acts). He became a believer.

D. We need the attitude of the Berians Acts 17:11. Don't be afraid to examine the Bible.

## III. THE UNITY OF THE BIBLE IS PROOF THAT IT IS FROM GOD.

A. Bible made up of 66 books.

B. Written by 40 different men:

1. Different background-Jews Gentiles.
  2. Education.
  3. Occupations and family.
- C. Over a 1,500 year period.
- D. Covering about 4,100 years.
- E. And not one CONTRADICTION!!
- F. All the parts complete the whole.
- G. Theme-"God's plan for redeeming man." Gen-Rev.

#### IV. BIBLE AND SCIENCE.

- A. The Bible is not a science text book, yet it tells many science related facts, even before science discovered them.
- B. The earth is round. 40:22. It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants [are] like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.
- C. Stars are innumerable. 33:22. 'As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.' "
- D. Paths in the sea. Psa. 77:19 Your way was in the sea, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known.
- E. Fresh water springs in the sea-Job 38:16. "Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths?"

#### V. THE BIBLE ITSELF CLAIMS INSPIRATION.

- A. Isa. Jer. Hosea, Jonah, Micah, Zephaniah and Malachi all start out by saying that this is "The word of the Lord."
- B. Such phrases as "God said," and the "Lord spake" used 3,000 + times.
- C. Some of the scriptures.
1. 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

2. 2 Peter 1:20-21, "**For no prophecy recorded in Scripture was ever thought up by the prophet himself. It was the Holy Spirit within these godly men who gave them true messages from God.**"
3. 1 Cor. 2:4-5 and 10.

CONCLUSION:

- A. The Bible is the word of God.
- B. It is:
  1. The most remarkable book in the world.
  2. It is Historical accurate.
  3. It has perfect unity.
  4. It reveals scientific facts even before science discovered them.
- C. No man who has access o a Bible can plead ignorance of God's will, because the Bible is God's inspired book.
- D. Woe unto the person who refuses to take the time and expend the energy to learn and obey the Bible.
- E. To turn one's back on the Bible is to turn away from God who authored it.
- F. Why not obey the Bible today and obey the Gospel.