

BE CONFIDENT ABOUT THE BIBLE

Revelation 22:18-19

Introduction: Through the centuries Satan has tried to destroy the Bible and if he couldn't do that then he would attempt to discredit it and cause people to doubt parts of it therefore raising questions in some people's minds whether the Bible is accurate, authentic and which parts are true and which parts are not true. Either the Bible is word for word true or it is not. To receive God's offer of salvation it is imperative that a person believe God's Word. To be useable by God it is imperative that a person believe God's Word. God makes it very clear that the Christian is to believe and revere the Bible but sadly not all Christians do. It is "believed" but given only "lip" service by many. Christian, the Bible is God's Word and every single Word is true. Think about these facts:

I. SCIENCE IS PROVING GOD'S WORD IS WHAT GOD SAYS IT IS

1. Science sceptics who are determined to prove things happened differently from what the Bible says need to know both science and the scriptures and not use "hypothetical" theories to try to prove the Bible wrong. If scientists stay with FACTS and not theory, there can be no argument with the Bible.
2. In 1861 scientists listed 51 facts they said the Bible was wrong about. Since then every single fact they listed has been disproved and the opposite was true. The Bible was right.
3. There was a time when scientists said that the world was flat and there were only 1026 stars. Even disease was stopped (the black plague) when somebody began to follow the Bible's instructions about isolating diseased people from everybody else.
4. Science seems determined to explain God and His Word away but they are doing the opposite. Every discovery they make seems to only make it more clear that the Bible is accurate and true. Not once has the Bible been proven wrong by scientific investigation.
5. Remember the "story" about a scientist who challenged God by telling God that he could make anything God has made. He even said that he could make a world. Then God told him to go make his own "dirt."

II. HISTORY IS PROVING GOD'S WORD IS WHAT GOD SAYS IT IS

1. God's Word is not a history book, but it has history in it. Naturally there are critics in this area as well. Historians are always trying to find errors in the Bible such as:
 - Moses didn't write the first five books because people in those days couldn't write but discoveries have proven that people of that day had a very detailed written language.
 - Daniel's story of Belshazzar and his feast was a fake. Discoveries have proven that there was a Belshazzar and he was a king.
 - There never was a total world wide flood. Every year discoveries are being made showing that the entire world was flooded.

2. Every time historians say something about the Bible is wrong, discoveries prove otherwise and that the Bible is true.

III. THE UNITY OF THE BIBLE PROVES THAT GOD'S WORD IS WHAT GOD SAYS IT IS

1. 66 books with 40 authors over a period of 1600 years written in 13 countries, three continents by people of different backgrounds: shepherds, kings, soldiers, scholars, historians, unschooled fishermen make up the Bible.
2. There are different subjects, written at different times in three languages and all revealing the story of God and His people and it reads as ONE Book.
3. The Bible has but one theme: Salvation and it has but one hero, Jesus. It has one villain, Satan, and one purpose, to glorify God.
4. Designed by the master architect, God.

IV. THE FULFILLED PROPHECIES PROVE THAT GOD'S WORD IS WHAT GOD SAYS IT IS

1. Over 300 Old Testament prophecies dealing with Jesus were fulfilled in the New Testament.
- Birth in Bethlehem by a virgin. Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, a cross, whipped, a sword, dead for three days, raised from the dead, and more.
2. The first Christians laid down their lives and others as well through the centuries for the TRUTH of the Bible.

V. THE EVER LIVING QUALITY OF SCRIPTURE PROVES THAT GOD'S WORD IS WHAT GOD SAYS IT IS

1. It has endured opposition from the very beginning. Been laughed at, scorned, burned, laws made against it, illegal to have it, etc.
2. Despite all Satan's attempts to destroy, bury the Bible, it has survived, no other book can claim that.
3. Religious writings of pagan religions have come and gone, but the Bible remains.
4. The wisdom of man comes and goes, changes with each generation, but the Word of the Lord endureth forever.

VI. THE LIFE CHANGING QUALITY OF THE SCRIPTURE PROVES THAT GOD'S WORD IS WHAT GOD SAYS IT IS

1. The Bible is alive and powerful, like a sword and dynamite.
2. The Bible has the power to change lives, to bring eternal life, to take away guilt, to sanctify those

who believe it, to bring truth and maturity. One never grows old spiritually when feeding upon it. It brings comfort to the sick, satisfaction to the scholar. One can study it for a lifetime and never touch the surface or the bottom of it.

3. The Bible is everything God says it is. Either it is believed or it is not!

CONCLUSION:

1. Satan does not want God's Word here. He does not want the world to believe a word of it and would have everybody believe that it contains errors, therefore one cannot trust any of it.
2. The Bible is entirely God's Word with every single word coming from Him.
3. God's love for every person is revealed through His Word and the place He has waiting for those who would believe His Word is described within the pages of His Word.
4. God makes it clear in His Word that there is only one way to Him and that is through His Son Jesus.
5. In God's Word, one learns how God wants His family to live.
6. Every single letter and word in the Bible is true. Will you believe that? Do you believe that?
7. If you believe that every single letter and word in the Bible is true, then what are you going to do about it?