

THE WORD OF GOD

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INTRODUCTION

- A. *“And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the word of the message, even the word of God, ye accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe.”* (I Thess. 2:13).
1. Paul as he remember how they accepted the message.
 2. Not as the words of men, but as “The Word of God.”
- B. WE ARE SAVED BY THE WORD OF GOD!
1. Acts 11:14; *“who shall speak unto thee words, whereby thou shalt be saved.”*
 2. The angel’s message to Cornelius to send for Peter.
 3. James 1:21, We are told to receive the engrafted word which is able to save our souls.
 4. I Cor. 1:21, *“it was God’s good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching (things preached) to save them that believe.”*
 5. Romans 1:16, The Gospel is God’s power to save.
- C. These Are But A Few Of The Passages That Show Us The Power Of God’s Word.
1. For our lesson this morning.
 2. What is God’s Word.
 3. How do we recognize God’s Word. With so many different things being taught, and do we know which is from God?
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- A. WHAT IS THE WORD OF GOD?
1. *“The Spirit of Jehovah spake by me, And his word was upon my tongue.”* II Samuel 23:2.
 2. *“And we have the word of prophecy made more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.”* (II Peter 1:19-21).
 3. *“Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness; that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.”* (II Timothy 3:16,17).

- B. HOW DO WE KNOW THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD?

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1. *“how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? Which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard; God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will.” (Heb. 2:3,4).*
2. How old is the Bible you have?
3. **IF** there was evidence that it was not what it claims to be you know the Devil and every atheist in would shout it from the highest hill.

THE WRITTEN WORD

A. The O.T. written word was just as authoritative as it was when it was spoken.

1. Jesus called an appeal to the written word an appeal to the voice of God. When one reads the written Word, he is listening to the voice of God. *“...have ye not read that which was spoken unto you, (who lived centuries after the prophets spoke and wrote; fb) by God saying....” (Matt. 22:31; from Exodus 3:6).*
2. To listen to the written word was to listen to the voice of the prophets. *“They knew him not, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath...” (Acts 13:27).*
3. The expression “Moses and the Prophets” has reference to Old Testament writings (Luke 16:29-31).
4. An appeal to a prophecy of Jeremiah, concerning the New Covenant is called the witness of the Spirit to us. (Heb. 10;15,16).
5. To make void the written word was to make void the word of God. (Matt. 15:7-9).

B. Since these things are true of the Word of the prophets, by whom God spoke in times past, why are they not also true of the Word spoken by His Son and those whom His Son sent? (Heb. 1:2; 2:1-4).

What Is Not God's Word

A. HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT IS NOT THE WORD OF GOD?

1. With all of the different things that are being taught..
2. Which comes from God - and which from man?
3. Is there a way we can know which is God's Word.
4. We offer these points that shows when a message is NOT from God.

B. DEUT. 18:15-22. READ!

1. The importance of the message. vs 15-18.

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2. There will come false prophets. vs 19-21.
 3. HOW CAN WE TELL THE DIFFERENCE??
 - a. If what they say doesn't come to pass Can't be found in God's Word - Then it didn't come from God.
 - b. As then, even now God gives us a way of checking to see if it came from Him.
 - C. IF THE MESSAGE CHANGES, IT IS NOT FROM GOD!
 1. *"For I, Jehovah, change not; therefore ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed."* (Malachi 3:6).
 2. James 1:17, God is consistent.
 3. Doctrines and messages that change with time and situation does not come from God!
 4. Compare that which is being taught, with the teaching over a period of time. Has it remained the same?
 - D. GOD'S WORD NEVER CONTRADICTS ITS SELF.
 1. Lessons that contradict, cannot both be from God.
 2. Examples of contradictions and changes.
 - a. Black people have no souls... Black people now have souls and can be saved. (Mormons).
 - b. Jesus said we can not know the time of end of world, but the date was set in 1844, 1917, 1988, etc. (J.W.'s, Adventist).
 3. Creeds Of Men.
 - a. Infant damnation.....Infant secure. (Several denominations)
 - b. In New Testament times baptism was essential for salvation...But today that is not so (B. Manual) (If it were true in N.T. it is true now, if it is not true now, was not true then,)
 - c. These teachings as with all man made creeds would make the Bible both change and contradict its self.
 - E. GOD'S WARNING:
 1. *"Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you."* (Deut. 4:2).
 2. *"I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book."* (Revelation 22:18,19).
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CONCLUSION

A. NEW TESTAMENT IS FINAL BECAUSE:

1. No mediator could bring another Covenant and take Christ's place (Heb. 8:6; 9:16; 12:24).
2. There is no blood which can take the place of His blood. No other blood is necessary or possible, because His once-for-all sacrifice is sufficient to bring remission of sins. (Heb. 8:12; 9:11028; 10:1-20).
3. No other covenant is prophesied for the future.
4. The New is the Everlasting Covenant. (Heb. 18;20).

B. *"And that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work."* (II Timothy 3:15-17)

C. HAVE YOU OBEYED THE WORD OF GOD WHICH IS ABLE TO SAVE YOUR SOUL???
