Evidence of Inspiration

"Inspiration" is the process by which God worked through the Holy Spirit to deliver His written word to man (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21). The Bible claims to be inspired, yet man rejects it as simply a work or a compilation of man. It is not hard to understand why some reject the claims of inspiration. Some simply cannot stomach the alternative; that of submitting themselves to God's will.

The claims of men are, in reality, baseless. The Bible provides many pieces of evidence regarding its inspired nature. For evidence to be credible, it must lead one to the proper conclusion. Some think they are providing evidence in support of their rejection by bringing up such things as science, history and other major fields of study. In reality, the Bible spoke regarding these things long before they were discovered by science (known as Scientific Foreknowledge). There are many examples of such, but time or space will not allow much discussion here. One classic example is seen in circumcision. Hebrews circumcised their male babies on the eighth day, per God's instructions (Gen. 17:12). We now know why. It is because prothrombin, a clotting agent, is at its peak on the eighth day. Now we produce it by giving our children a vitamin K shot and performing the procedure immediately.

There are many such evidences in the Scriptures. We can take great comfort and be assured that our Bibles are indeed the word of God. May we accept that fact, study it regularly, and apply the truths that are included therein for our salvation and spiritual growth.

Sermon: I Believe the Bible Because...(2)

1. Introductory thoughts (1 Pet. 3:15; Isa. 1:18).

I Believe the Bible Because of its...

1. Scientific Foreknowledge

A. Oceanography (Psa. 8:8-9; Job 38:16; Eccl. 1:7; Gen. 6:15)B. Medicine (Lev. 17:11-14; Gen. 17:12

2. Historical Accuracy (Jno. 3:12; 20:25; Lk. 24:39-40)

3. Preservation (Isa. 40:8; 1 Pet. 1:22-25)

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