Biblical answers about God's Word

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What is God's Word?

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were <u>moved by</u> <u>the Holy Ghost</u>." (2 Peter 1:21)



What is God's Word?

"All scripture is <u>given by inspiration of God</u>, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

"Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book." (Jeremiah 30:2) What is God's Word?

"... thy word is truth" (John 17:17b)

"Thy word is true from the beginning ..." (Psalm 119:160a)

The Bible is filled with "God said".



What does God's Word point to?

Jesus said, "If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye <u>believe</u>, if I tell you of heavenly things?" (John 3:12)

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)



What is the Bible?

The word 'Bible' means 'library of books'.

The Holy Ghost through the Church showed what inspired books were to be part of the canon (standard) of Scripture (66 books) to be in the Bible.

"Then said I, Lo, I come: in <u>the volume of the book</u> it is written of me" (Psalm 40:7)

"Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read ..." (Isaiah 34:16a; see also Jeremiah 30:2)

How has God's Word been published?

- There is a record in Heaven produced by God. "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." (Psalm 119:89)
- This record has been transferred to Earth. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11).
- This record has been published on Earth. "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." (Psalm 68:11)

How does God's Word affect the inner man?

"... the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63b)

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a <u>discerner of the thoughts</u> <u>and intents of the heart</u>." (Hebrews 4:12)

See also Romans 12:2 & Ephesians 5:26.

How does God's Word affect the inner man?

It produces faith.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 3:15)

How important is God's Word?

"I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast <u>magnified thy word</u> <u>above all thy name</u>." (Psalm 138:2)



Does the Bible have any errors in it?

The Word of God reflects God's nature as the Author of truth. The Holy Ghost is called "the Spirit of truth" (see John 14:17).

"God, that cannot lie" (Titus 1:2)

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13)

For more information read '*Dealing with so-called contradictions in the Bible*' by C. Savige & M. Verschuur on www.victoryfaithcentre.org.au/books

Who is the enemy of God's Word?

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (Genesis 3:1)

"... Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts." (Mark 4:15b)



What major device is used against the Word?

"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." (1 John 4:6)

The spirit of error works to produce a foundation of error in people's lives and their societies.

Foundation of error

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3)

What is the last days prophecy about the Word?

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send <u>a famine</u> in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but <u>of</u> <u>hearing the words of the LORD</u>" (Amos 8:11)

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears" (2 Timothy 4:3)



Is God's pure Word available today?

"But what saith it? <u>The word is nigh thee</u>, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach" (Romans 10:8)

It is important to be consistent if we say, "I believe God's Word" to not then seek to change it by "private interpretation" (see 2 Peter 1:20).

For more information read '*Why faith Christians should only use the King James Bible*' by C. Savige on www.victoryfaithcentre.org.au/books