

Some Verses On What The Bible Says About God's Word

Intro: The Holy Bible is a diverse book. It contains poems and songs, history and narrative, romance and grief. The Bible contains almost every type of literary style. However, it was more than a book, it is a compilation of sacred writings God gave us to know and love Him better. It truly is the Word of God (1 The. 2:13 “¹³For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”) The Bible is God speaking to us today. I want to notice some verses highlighting some principles regarding the Bible.

I. ON THE INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES.

A. Inspiration is:

1. The infallible, inerrant, recording of God's Will to man resulting in the Scriptures.
2. Warfield wrote that it “concerns the influence of the Spirit of God upon the biblical writers to produce a divinely authoritative Scripture” (2:839).
3. McDonald writes: “Inspiration has been defined as that direct influence of God on the writers of the Bible by which, while they did not cease to be themselves, they were so moved, guarded, and guided by the Holy Spirit that their resulting productions constitute the written Word of God” (308).

B. Some Scriptures

1. 1 Cor. 2:12-13 “¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. ¹³Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”
 - a. These words came from the Spirit and gave a spiritual message.
 - b. In teaching these words they were inspired to speak, they were teaching a spiritual message and they had the mind of Christ; 1 Cor. 2:16 “¹⁶For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”
 - c. They wrote those same words down in the Scriptures; Eph. 3:3-4 “³How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, ⁴Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)”
2. 2 Tim. 3:16 “¹⁶All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”
 - a. *Inspiration of God* is from the Greek θεόπνευστος (*theopneustos*).
 - b. It is a combination of two words meaning God and breathed.
 - c. Paul is affirming that the Scriptures come from the very breath of God or God-breathed, thus not of human origin.
3. 2 Pet. 1:20-21 “²⁰Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. ²¹For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.”
 - a. Since the Spirit is carrying them along, their writings are infallible.
 - b. It is free of all mistakes or errors, it is never changing or altering, and it is indestructible.

II. ON THE LIFE-GIVING NATURE OF SCRIPTURE

A. When man reaches the age of accountability, he commits sin.

1. Rom. 3:23 ²³For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"
2. Jam. 1:14-15 ¹⁴But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."
3. Being dead in trespasses and sin, man needs life (spiritual life).

B. Scriptures give man life.

1. This was true even in the Old Testament; Deu. 32:45-47 ⁴⁵And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel: ⁴⁶And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. ⁴⁷For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong *your* days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it."
2. Mat. 4:4 ⁴But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."
3. God's Word is living.
 - a. John 6:63 ⁶³It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life."
 - b. Heb. 4:12 ¹²For 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 discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
4. When that living seed is sown in the good and honest heart, it produces life.
 - a. Luke 8:11, 15 ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God... ¹⁵But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep *it*, and bring forth fruit with patience."
 - b. 1 Pet. 1:23 ²³Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."
5. It is that Word that gives life.
 - a. John 10:10 ¹⁰The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly."
 - b. 2 Pet. 1:3 ³According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:"
6. It is that Word which will judge us on the last day.
 - a. John 12:48 ⁴⁸He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."
 - b. Rom. 2:16 ¹⁶In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."

III. ON THE PURPOSE OF SCRIPTURE

A. Books are written for a variety of reasons.

B. The Old Testament

1. To define and highlight sin.
 - a. Rom. 7:7 ⁷What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet."
 - b. Makes one realize the need for a Savior.
2. Show man's inability to sinlessly keep the Law.
 - a. We are born sinless, and as we grow, we reach an age of accountability and choose the wrong.

- b. Gal. 3:22 ²² "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."
- c. Thus, it shows our need for someone who can justify.
- 3. Prepare the world for Christ.
 - a. Needing someone who can justify us makes us realize the need for a Savior—the Messiah.
 - b. Through the Old Testament God was preparing the way and time for Christ.
 - (1) Gal. 4:4-5 ⁴ "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ⁵ To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."
 - (2) The Law of Moses and the prophets.
 - (a) Luke 24:27 ²⁷ "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."
 - (b) Luke 24:44 ⁴⁴ "And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me."
- 4. Provide historical examples.
 - a. Rom. 15:4 ⁴ "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."
 - (1) Examples of patience or steadfastness.
 - (2) Examples giving us comfort.
 - (3) Examples to give us hope.
 - b. 1 Cor. 10:6, 11 ⁶ "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. ⁷ Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. ⁸ Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. ⁹ Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. ¹⁰ Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. ¹¹ Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

C. The New Testament

- 1. Bring people to believe; John 20:30-31 ³⁰ "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: ³¹ But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."
- 2. To teach man how to live; 2 Pet. 1:3-4 ³ "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: ⁴ Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."
- 3. Thus, preparing us for an eternity with God.

IV. ON THE ETERNAL NATURE OF SCRIPTURE.

A. Man's life is fleeting at best.

- 1. Pro. 27:1 ¹ "Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."
- 2. Jam. 4:14 ¹⁴ "Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."
- 3. 1 Pet. 1:24 ²⁴ "For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away."

B. This world will end.

1. Isa. 51:6 “⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.”
2. 2 Pet. 3:10, 12 “¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. ¹¹Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, ¹²Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”

C. God's Word will remain.

1. Mat. 24:35 “³⁵Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”
2. 1 Pet. 1:23-25 “²³Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. ²⁴For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: ²⁵But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

V. ON THE PERFECTION OF SCRIPTURE.**A. It is complete.**

1. Psa. 19:7 “⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.”
 - a. The Hebrew word translated *perfect* is *tamim*.
 - b. It means complete, whole, entire (Gesenius and Brown, Driver, Briggs and other lexicons).
 - c. God's law is everything needed to bring a soul back to God.
2. 1 Cor. 13:9-10 “⁹For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.”
 - a. The context is the cessation of miraculous powers.
 - b. Time is uppermost in consideration: present time is that which is in part contrasted with future time when the perfect comes.
 - c. *Perfect* means complete, having attained the end or purpose (BDAG).
 - d. At the time of Paul's writing, they did not have the *perfect* or the complete revelation of God's Word.
 - e. When they had the complete revelation (the perfect), then miraculous powers would cease.

B. God's Word is flawless.

1. Psa. 18:30 “³⁰As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.”
2. Pro. 30:5 “⁵Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.”
 - a. *Pure* means refined by smelting.
 - (1) God's Word is flawless with no mixture of error.
 - (2) Psa. 12:6 “⁶The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.”
 - b. The context is that man can know God because He has revealed Himself in His flawless Word.
 - c. God's Word has stood the test of life and thus a perfect guide.

C. Being complete:

1. There is no further need of revelation.
2. We have all we need to live pleasing to God and attain heaven's home.

Conclusion: God's Word is from Him and will give us life. It is all we need to go to heaven and spend eternity with Him. Let us make sure we study it, learn it, place it in our hearts, and live it in our lives.

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