

Do You Believe The Words of God?

(A rebuke to non-compliance)

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Christianity is based upon the evidence of history that testimony of the writers of the Bible are true. All the evidences are so overwhelming that even atheists admit that the Bible is written by the authors claimed. Every knowledgeable Archeologist investigating ancient ruins in the Middle East has a Bible at his side for reference. I believe everything the Bible has to say because of the evidence that supports it. It's precepts of righteous living are not hard to live by. I live by it's precepts and it's precepts are from God, so I have a clear conscience by what I have come to believe.

For those individuals that say the Bible is only true in part, I ask, "What part? How do you know which part is true or false? Have you some sort of direct line to God?" My friends, they fume and bluster, but they never come up with an answer! Their rejection of part of the Bible is not so much of the "mind," but of their "will;" not so much of and "I can't," but a whole lot of "I won't."

I pray that you reading this are not one of those individuals who say that they believe in Jesus but don't accept what he has made clear to us in the Scriptures. I pray that when you read the Bible you don't reject those things that you don't like or those things that convict you of error. "Every word of God has been proven true: He is a shield to those who take refuge in him: Add not to his words; lest he reprove you, and you be found a liar" (Proverbs 30:5-6).

When you read the Bible to find out "WHY" you believe what you believe and see that you are wrong, do you reject that truth, or do you repent (change your mind)? Think deeply on this statement, for it is very important!

In talking with a certain individual recently, I got many excuses for disbelieving certain parts or teaching of the Christ in the Bible. Would you believe this?

I asked this individual "Is your church founded upon what the Bible teaches?" The answer came quite fast—"yes." I then asked, "Why can't you then believe what the Bible says on this topic?"

Listen to his answer—"Because it contradicts what my church teaches." I then asked him the following questions:

"If your church says they are founded upon the Bible, why is it contradictory? What part is it that is contradictory? Why would they teach in opposition to what it makes clear? Is it because of ignorance, pride, or some things they don't want to admit being wrong on?" He couldn't answer any of these questions, so then I went on to say:

"If any men teach or propagate something that is in direct opposition to what God has revealed in the Scriptures, and then insist they are chosen by God to teach it, would you blindly follow them if you knew this? If any man teaches something that goes beyond what God has revealed in his word and says that you must, under pains of sin, believe it to be saved, are they guilty of adding to God's plan of salvation for us in Scripture?" Again, no answers, just a shrug. Then I went on to say:

“The Holy Scriptures are our *safeguard* (Philippians 3:1). They are the complete revelation from God telling us how to live our life until Christ returns (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:3–8). They are not hard to read or understand (2 Corinthians 1:13). The word says, ‘Every word of God is tested; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Add nothing to his words, lest he reprove you; and you be exposed as a deceiver’ (Proverbs 20:5–6).”

Continuing, I brought out books written by the “church fathers.” When Cyril of Jerusalem spoke and taught his disciples (students) before they could be baptized, he stated: “Do not believe me simply, unless you receive the **proof** of what I say **from the Holy Scriptures**. Keep that faith only which the church is now giving to you, and **which is certificated out of Holy Scripture.**”

I then turned to Athanasius, who wrote in “Contra Gentes,” Volume 1, page 1: “The Holy and inspired Scriptures are **sufficient of themselves for the preaching of the truth.**” Then there was Irenaeus, a great authority of the early church and held up as a “church father” who leaves us no doubt as to the completeness of the Bible. He stated: “...being most perfectly assured that the Scriptures are indeed perfect, since they were spoken by the word of God and his spirit” (Against Heresies, Volume 1, page 220). In another place he affirms that Scriptures are the foundation guide of our faith once delivered from the beginning: “We have learned from no others the plan of our salvation, than from those through whom the Gospel has come down to us, which they did at one time proclaim in public, and at a later period, by the will of God, handed down to us in the Scriptures to be the ground and the pillar of our faith. For after our Lord rose from the dead the Apostles were invested with power from on high when the Holy Spirit came down, were filled with all his gifts, and had perfect knowledge” (Against heresies, Volume 3, page 1).

At this point the conversation is all washed-up. The ones who say they believe the Bible is the word of God and then outright deny what it teaches, are just the ones Jesus spoke to when he said: “Why call me Lord, and then do not what I say?” (Matthew 7:21-27 and Luke 6:46–49).

*“As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. **There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.**”* (John 12:47–48).

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