

I Believe What The Bible Says

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Many errors have grown out of the contention between modern theologians, some of whom under the influence of “form criticism,” have been led to regard the Bible as a cultural outgrowth rather than a divinely given book. I am not a part of that “theological rat race” and I do not allow myself to become involved in what I regard as a silly semantic “merry-go-round.” These theologians attempt to influence everyone else that the Bible is hard to read and understand because they want the praise of men for their deep philosophical concepts. They are very dogmatic and seek to dominate all that they come in contact with. They put words into the mouths of any that will listen to them, and if any do not listen to them, they curse and ridicule to no end. I have personally experienced this action.

I will never try to put words in the mouth of another man to enable him to defend his position, nor will I allow others to select words for me with which to explain mine. Man always judges himself. Many times he opens his mouth and utters things so unfounded in Scriptures that he has to keep building upon them so that he doesn't sink in his own verbal litany of fabricated beliefs. He gets further and further away from what God has revealed to us. He is on the broad road that leads to destruction in the Lake of Fire.

Historical evidences prove that the Bible that we have in our hands today is the same as what was said in the past. I believe it just as I believe that Abraham Lincoln once lived and was President of the USA—from historical evidences. However, the evidences are found in the original languages only, not always translated correctly into our English language Bibles.

God's history is the Bible. I believe that God has spoken to us and his chosen witnesses accurately wrote down what he said. God's word is in the Bible, but not every word that is in the Bible is the word of God, as anyone can easily determine for himself by reading the book of Job. Here in one volume you have the words of Satan, Job, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the shuhite, Zophar the Naamathite, and a young man (who is ignored by the others) by the name of Elihu, a Buzite who stood it as long as he could and said he either had to speak or explode. All of these had their say before the Lord entered the discussion and wound it up. So when I am asked if the Bible is the word of God, I am forced to say that some of it is and some not: but God wanted us to have it all.

And since God's revelation does occur within the context of space, time and history, and was gathered up and incorporated into what we call the Holy Bible, it does not choke me up to say that I believe the word of God is contained in the Bible. This will make it clear to you that I am not at all concerned with the many theories upon which men hang up their mental overcoats, as a dear Christian friend once wrote.

What I am interested in doing is making very clear to you that I receive the word of God without any doubt or quibble, as a divine guideline for my feeble human existence. I trust it, respect it, and I intend to allow the sacred Scriptures to take me by the hand and lead me into a closer walk with the living Word, the Son of God, and my

