

## “Is It Scriptural?”

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Of every moral or religious proposal or issue we should ask: “**Is it right?**”; “**Is it pleasing to God?**”; “**Is it God’s will?**” If our answer is the result of consulting human sources, whether conscience, feelings, experiences, parents, the majority, custom or “authorities,” it is **the wrong answer**. If our desire is to confirm what we already believe or want to believe, it is **the wrong desire**. If we would be satisfied with anything less than the Bible answer to a question, we are **too easily satisfied**. If our **attitude** would permit us to proceed without the answer of God’s word, it is **the wrong attitude**.

A better way of asking, “Is it right?”; or “Is it pleasing to God?”; or “Is it God’s will?” is “Is it **Scriptural?**”

This implies that the Scriptures are the standard for determining what is right, what is pleasing to God, and what is the will of God. This implies also that the Scriptures are complete or adequate. Further, this implies that the Scriptures are authoritative or binding. Unfortunately, many people think that they can determine what is right or pleasing to God or the will of God from sources other than the Scriptures. But, “God has spoken,” and the result is the Scriptures.

That volume or collection of writings known as “The Bible,” an expression meaning “The Book,” is referred to within the pages of that volume as “*the Scriptures*” (**Matthew 22:29; Luke 24:45; Acts 17:2, 11; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 3:15-16**).

## What Is The Bible?

1. It is the revelation of God to man, **John 1: 18; 14:9; Acts 17:22-23**.
2. It is the revelation of God’s will to man, what God expects man to know, to believe, to do, to be, **1 Corinthians 2: 1-13**.
3. It is that which has been breathed (inspired) of God by the Holy Spirit through chosen men, **2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16**.
4. It is the revelation of man’s origin (**Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7**), purpose (**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Micah 6:8; Acts 10:34-35**) and destiny (**Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 25:46**).
5. It is the revelation of man’s condition and need, **Romans 3:9-12, 23**.
6. It is the revelation of God’s way of salvation from sin, deliverance from punishment for sin, and reception into heaven, **Acts 16:17; Titus 2:11-12**.

## Satan’s Influence

**It is Satan, and not God, who has sought to convince men that:**

1. The Bible is incomplete, inadequate, only part of God’s will for men.
2. The Bible, as it has come down to us, is distorted and unreliable.
3. The Bible is the product of human wisdom and full of human errors.
4. The Bible is inspired in thought or substance, but not in wording or expression.
5. The Bible is not a blueprint or guide for people in the 21st century; it is archaic and only a general guide.
6. The Bible cannot be understood alike; therefore, any sincere interpretation is pleasing God.

And where does the Bible authorize the popular philosophy of our day which says: “It doesn’t matter so much what you believe and practice in religion as long as you are sincere and satisfied in your belief and practice”?

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