

The Bible IS God's Word

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T rue faith is the result of the Bible being imbedded in the heart of any human being. Weak faith is a lack of trust and confidence in the Bible. The weakness comes from man, and not from God. So how do we strengthen a weak faith? The only way I know is by *studying* God's Word and being completely convinced that it IS God's Word.

Inspiration & Revelation

The Bible claims to be a **revelation** from God. The Bible claims that it is perfectly imparted through men influenced (**inspired**) by the Spirit of God. How could one go about proving that proposition? Here are the proofs:

1. **The Unity of the Bible.** From **Genesis 3:15** to the end of **Revelation**, the theme of the Bible is the salvation of man through God's mercy. The "seed of woman" (Jesus, born of a virgin, hence "seed of woman") shall bruise the head of the "serpent" (Satan). This conflict between God and Satan over the eternal destiny of man continues unwaveringly through the Book.
2. **Fulfilled Prophecy.** Hundreds of prophecies have accurately predicted future events: the birth of God's Son through a virgin, the rise of a nation through Abraham, the death of Christ, the "suffering servant" by **Isaiah**, the prophecy of an eternal kingdom established in the days of the Roman Empire (**Daniel 2; Isaiah 2; Joel 2**), etc. An honest person will check to verify the authenticity of the prophecy and then its fulfillment. Being convinced of its veracity, one then must accept the Bible as a Divine Product!

Isaiah 41:21-24 challenges those who claim to do as God does in the Bible. It says "Present your case," says the LORD. 'Bring forth your strong reasons,' says the King of Jacob. 'Let them bring forth and show us what will happen; let them show the former things, what they were, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare to us things to come. Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; yes, do good or do evil, that we may be dismayed and see it together. Indeed you are nothing, and your work is nothing; he who chooses you is an abomination.' Man cannot do what God has done. Idols are nothing more than the invention of man's imagination.

3. **Pre-Scientific Knowledge.** The Bible is full of prescientific knowledge. **Isaiah 40:22** speaks of the "circle of the earth" long before man learned that the earth was round. **Psalms 8:8** spoke of the "paths of the sea" long before man discovered the amazing currents beneath the sea! Many more proofs like these will convince an honest person that the Bible is from God. What other product can do that?
4. **Accuracy.** The Bible is so very accurate in its prophecies, in its description of things historically, archaeologically, and geographically. Men have tried to assail this accuracy in an attempt to disprove the Bible. But the result is always the same: man is wrong; the Bible is right! See **Romans 3:4**. One example is the Bible's discussion of the Hittite nation. Modern man thought this was an error — until modern man discovered the Hittite nation in the distant north.
5. **Style.** The style of writing in the Bible proves it is from God. When discussing its heroes, it reveals both the good and the bad. When the Bible discusses current events of its day, it never tries to cover up the strengths or weaknesses of the people or nations of the day. The brevity of the Book is amazing when you consider the importance of the things being discussed.

When the Bible says "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (**2 Timothy 3:16**), it means it! God cannot make you believe and obey the Word of God. That part is wholly up to you!

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