

God, The Author of the Bible

Quote:

“And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

2 Timothy 3:15-17

The Bible - Inspired and Infallible

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 - “...no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation [origination]. For 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 Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:20, 21)
1. Both the Old and New Testaments are equally important - See 2 Timothy 3:16; Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:11
 2. The Bible proven to be accurate and reliable:
 - a. Statements later vindicated by science:
 - The scriptures told us the earth is round hundreds of years before Christ. See Isaiah 40:22 (“It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth...”). Many disputed this until the 1500s, when sailors began circumnavigating the earth.
 - Consider the words of God to Job - “Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? ...,” (Job 38:22). It wasn’t until the 1800s that it was found that they are nearly all unique.
 - b. The witness of Archaeology - for example - Babylon - After centuries of uninhabited ruin, it was rediscovered in the 19th century (Isaiah 13:19-21; Jeremiah 51:37).
 - c. The Bible's internal structure - though written by different men at different times all its books agree without contradiction.
 - d. The witness of Bible prophecy. One example of this is Israel:
 - Their scattering predicted - Deuteronomy 28:63-67; Matthew 23:37-38.
 - To be preserved while in dispersion - Jeremiah 30:11; 33:24-26.
 - To be regathered in the land of Israel - Romans 11:1; Joel 3:1-2; Ezekiel 38:8; Jeremiah 30:3.
 - Jerusalem to be recaptured by the Jews prior to Armageddon - Joel 3:1-2; Zechariah 12:2-3; 14:1-2.

God

1. Has no beginning and will know no end - [Psalm 90:2](#); [1 Timothy 6:15-16](#).
2. God is everywhere present by His power - [Jeremiah 23:24](#).
3. Has a name: Yahweh - literally: "He Who Will Be". Was revealed to Moses in [Exodus 3:13-18](#).
4. Created the earth with a clear purpose - To fill the earth with His Glory. "But as truly as I live all the earth shall be filled with the glory of Yahweh." [Numbers 14:21](#) cp [Isaiah 11:9](#); [Habakkuk 2:14](#); [Psalm 72:19](#). This glory of God will be revealed in both the natural and the spiritual creation.
5. God's glory was revealed to Moses at Sinai ([Exodus 34:5-7](#)) after Moses requested to know God's "way" and His "glory" ([Exodus 33:13,18-19](#)). It is His eternal qualities and character, as well as His physical majesty. God's glory (His name or character) can be described under two main headings:
 - Goodness - [Romans 11:22](#) - God is merciful, kind and loving.
 - Severity - [Romans 11:22](#) - God will also not clear the guilty.
6. God created mankind with a purpose in mind - that all should reflect (or manifest) His glorious character - [Genesis 1:26](#); [1 Peter 2:9-10](#); [1 Corinthians 10:31](#).
The only man to do this perfectly is Jesus Christ: "I have manifested Thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world..." [John 17:6](#); cp [John 1:14](#); [2 Corinthians 4:6](#).
7. God is calling out of the nations, individuals for his name (to reflect His character). Those who respond to His calling will be granted immortality at the return of Christ to the earth. "God at the first did visit the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name" [Acts 15:14](#); [Romans 5:1-2](#); [2 Timothy 4:1,8](#).
8. During the thousand year reign of Christ, first the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Yahweh ([Isaiah 11:9](#)) as all men come to know of God. Then as all are educated in the ways of God - the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh ([Habakkuk 2:14](#)).
God's purpose with the earth will finally be completed when all sin and death is removed. This will be when Christ hands the kingdom back to God at the end of the 1,000 year reign and then - "God will be all in all" ([1 Corinthians 15v28](#)), and the earth will be filled with the glory of Yahweh as all men manifest the glory of Yahweh mentally, morally and physically ([Numbers 14:21](#)).

Useful References:

- Story of the Bible (HP Mansfield) Volume 1 pp9-33
- The First Principles of the One True Faith (J Ullman) pp3-7
- Preparing for Baptism (CSSS) - p6-7