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THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

Some people today do not reverence the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Why? Ignorant. Many do not want to acknowledge it as authority in guiding man's life. Why? Sin.

INTRO: There is no middle ground: The Bible is or it is not inspired, and thus reliable & useful.

Only one way to know: Study the evidences, testimonies, facts and proofs.

There are two main sources of proofs: Internal proofs and external proofs. Examine both.

I. INTERNAL PROOFS CONSIST OF THE CLAIMS THE BIBLE MAKES AND THE HARMONY OF ITS TEXTS.

A. Claims of the Bible.

1. Jesus claims the Bible as the standard of final judgment. John 12:48, 49. Rev. 20:12-15.
2. John claims the Bible is God's conditions for pardon. John 20:30-31.
3. Psalmist claims the same for the O. T. in his day. Psalms 119:105.
4. John says ~~once~~ outside of the Bible, outside of God's care and salvation. II John 9.

B. Prophecies and fulfillments prove its unerring harmony.

1. Prophecy against the Jews, if they reject God. Deut. 28:15. Curses. Matt. 23:37-38.
 - a. Roman legions destroyed the city and the nation in A. D. 70. Never recovered.
2. Prophecies concerning the coming Messiah. Isaiah 53. Quiet, humble, peaceful, meek.
 - a. Jews looked for a Messiah according to their FELT needs. Warrior, conqueror of Romans.
3. Prophecy of a coming Apostacy. II Thess. 2:1-5. A god on earth sitting as God of Heaven.
 - a. Rise of Roman Catholic church an exact fulfillment of this prophecy. A. D. 325.
4. Prophecies against wicked nations have all been fulfilled. Assyria, Babylon, Edom, etc.

II. EXTERNAL PROOFS CONSIST OF FINDINGS OF Archaeology, harmony with History, and Science.

A. Archaeology: study of human life of the past, by means of relics, monuments, records.

1. Writing before Moses; proved by finding of the Code of Hammurabi, a king who lived during days of Abraham and Lot. (Called Amraphel in Bible.) Gen. 14:1.
2. Accounts of Israel's kings proved by the Moabite Stone in Paris, written about 850 B.C.
3. Walls (plural) fell out. Proved in later excavations. Two walls, not battered in, but fell out as if by an internal explosion. Hand of God.
4. Fraud claimed in regard to Hittite nation for years. Bible only record of them. Reason: certain stones had not been deciphered. When were, Hittites revealed.

B. History: a recorded account of the life and activities of the human race.

1. Josephus, Jews greatest historian; records such a man as Christ existed, at time Bible said He did, lived the way the Bible said He did, died and reappeared.
2. Pontius Pilate sent his report of the crucifixion of Christ, an innocent prisoner. Called "The Acts of Pilate". Copied for world by Justin Martyr.

3. Ignatius 100 A. D., Barnabas left "Epistle of Barnabas, uninspired though, Polycarp 100 AD. Justin Martyr 120 A. D., Tacitus, Roman historian: rise of Christianity. All true.

C. Science: Observation, study and classification of known facts.

1. Bible tells of the seasons, five divisions of all things (time, space, matter, force, and motion.) Light before the Sun. Gen. 1:3 then 1:14. Kingdoms: animal, plant, mineral.
2. Bible describes the world as round, hanging on nothing, the empty space in the north.
3. Bible describes the nature of man, the duration of man, composition of man, duty of man and final destiny of man.

INV: What other book is the source of such prolific and accurate knowledge?

Since Bible is God's Word and true THEN all sinners will be lost. John 8:24. B-R-C-B.

Since Bible is God's Word it and only it can lead us to God. John 14:6-7. R-P.

Invite Christian neighbors to identify with this congregation of God's people.