

- The Bible is the world's most fascinating book. It is the best-selling book of all time and is widely considered to be some of the finest literature ever written. It has been translated into thousands of languages - it is the foundation of modern laws and ethics. It guides us through difficult circumstances, gives us wisdom, and has been the foundation of faith for believers for thousands of years.
- The Bible is the very Word of God and makes clear the ways to peace, hope, and salvation. It tells us how the world began, how it will end, and how we are to live in the meantime.

**PEOPLE RUN FROM THE PAIN. THEY
SEEK TO ESCAPE. ESCAPISM.**

Some turn to **CYNICISM**

- Hebrews 12:15 (NASB95) — *15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;*
- Hebrews 12:15 (LBLA) — *15 Mirad bien de que nadie deje de alcanzar la gracia de Dios; de que ninguna raíz de amargura, brotando, cause dificultades y por ella muchos sean contaminados;*

- Job 10:1 (NASB 2020) — *1 “I am disgusted with my own life; I will express my complaint freely; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.*
- Job 10:1 (LBLA) — *1 Hastiado estoy de mi vida: daré rienda suelta a mi queja, hablaré en la amargura de mi alma.*

What is your final authority?

To WHAT to WHOM do you
turn?

TURNING BACK TO THE SCRIPTURES
WILL PROVIDE SOMETHING THAT
NOTHING ELSE WILL PROVIDE.

- Psalm 119:81 (NASB95) — *81 My soul languishes for Your salvation (KJV for thy deliverance); I wait for Your word.*
- Psalm 119:81 (LBLA) — *81 Mi alma desfallece por tu salvación; en tu palabra espero.*

- Psalm 119:82 (NASB95) — *82 My eyes fail with longing for Your word, While I say, “When will You comfort me?”*
- Psalm 119:82 (LBLA) — *82 Mis ojos desfallecen esperando tu palabra, mientras digo: ¿Cuándo me consolarás?*

- Psalms 119:85-86 - *85 The arrogant have dug pits for me, Men who are not in accord with Your law. 86 All Your commandments are faithful; They have persecuted me with a lie; help me!* NASU
- Psalm 119:85–86 (LBLA) — *85 Fosas me han cavado los soberbios, los que no están de acuerdo con tu ley. 86 Todos tus mandamientos son fieles; con mentira me han perseguido; ¡ayúdame!*

- Psalms 119:87 - *87 They almost destroyed me on earth, But as for me, I did not forsake Your precepts.* NASU
- Psalm 119:87 (LBLA) — *87 Casi me destruyen en la tierra, mas yo no abandoné tus preceptos.*

- Psalms 119:89-90 - *89 Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. 90 Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations;... NASU*
- Psalm 119:89–90 (LBLA) — *89 Para siempre, oh SEÑOR, tu palabra está firme en los cielos. 90 Tu fidelidad permanece por todas las generaciones;*

- Psalms 119:92 - **92** *If Your law had not been my delight, Then I would have perished in my affliction.* NASU
- Psalm 119:92 (LBLA) — **92** *Si tu ley no hubiera sido mi deleite, entonces habría perecido en mi aflicción.*

**THE BIBLE TALKS IN TERMS OF
RIGHT AND WRONG**

GOOD AND BAD

YES AND NO

TRUE AND FALSE

SINFUL AND HOLY

• **IDENTITY**

• **TRUTHFULNESS**

• **RELIABILITY**

THE IDENTITY

- Luke 24:27 (NASB95) — *27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.*
- Luke 24:27 (LBLA) — *27 Y comenzando por Moisés y continuando con todos los profetas, les explicó lo referente a Él en todas las Escrituras.*

- Luke 24:32 (NASB95) — *32 They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”*
- Luke 24:32 (LBLA) — *32 Y se dijeron el uno al otro: ¿No ardía nuestro corazón dentro de nosotros mientras nos hablaba en el camino, cuando nos abría las Escrituras?*

- The word translated ***scriptures*** is *graphe* – we get our word graph from it.
- It means “*the writings*”, “*that which is written*”. It means “*the sacred writings*”.
- *That’s an Identity. That’s a title.*

THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE SCRIPTURES

- John 17:14–17 (NASB95) — 14 *“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 “I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. 16 “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.*
- John 17:14–17 (LBLA) — 14 *Yo les he dado tu palabra y el mundo los ha odiado, porque no son del mundo, como tampoco yo soy del mundo. 15 No te ruego que los saques del mundo, sino que los guardes del maligno. 16 Ellos no son del mundo, como tampoco yo soy del mundo. 17 Santificalos en la verdad; tu palabra es verdad.*

- James Montgomery Boice wrote *“We talk about the Word of God as truth. We are right to do so, but we have to acknowledge that when we speak along those lines that the world of our day no longer believes in truth.”*

- Francis Schaeffer – *“Today, unlike previous generations, people— though they speak of truth and falsehood, are not speaking of truth in the Biblical sense, or even in the traditional sense to mean that which is true now and will always be true universally. Rather they mean that which is true now, but not necessarily tomorrow – or yesterday, for it may be true for me but not necessarily true for you.”*

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO FREE US? IT TAKES TRUTH.

- John 8:32 - *32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*"
NIV
- John 8:32 (LBLA) — *32 y conoceréis la verdad, y la verdad os hará libres.*

THE RELIABILITY OF GOD'S WORD

- 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NASB95) — *13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.*
- 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (LBLA) — *13 Por esto también nosotros sin cesar damos gracias a Dios de que cuando recibisteis de nosotros la palabra del mensaje de Dios, la aceptasteis no como la palabra de hombres, sino como lo que realmente es, la palabra de Dios, la cual también hace su obra en vosotros los que creéis.*

- 1 Peter 1:22–25 (NASB95) — *22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, “ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, 25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.” And this is the word which was preached to you.*
- 1 Peter 1:22–25 (LBLA) — *22 Puesto que en obediencia a la verdad habéis purificado vuestras almas para un amor sincero de hermanos, amaos unos a otros entrañablemente, de corazón puro. 23 Pues habéis nacido de nuevo, no de una simiente corruptible, sino de una que es incorruptible, es decir, mediante la palabra de Dios que vive y permanece. 24 Porque: TODA CARNE ES COMO LA HIERBA, Y TODA SU GLORIA COMO LA FLOR DE LA HIERBA. SÉCASE LA HIERBA, CESE LA FLOR, 25 MAS LA PALABRA DEL SEÑOR PERMANECE PARA SIEMPRE. Y esta es la palabra que os fue predicada.*

**BUT THE TRUTH WILL
ABIDE FOREVER.**

THREE WORDS

- REVELATION
- INSPIRATION
- ILLUMINATION.

- God gave his truth – THAT'S REVELATION.
Men received it and wrote it down.
- INSPIRATION – when men received and recorded his truth. They wrote his truth by INSPIRATION
- Today WHEN WE UNDERSTAND AND APPLY HIS TRUTH – That's ILLUMINATION.

- **REVELATION HAS CEASED.**
- Jude 3 (NASB95) — *3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.*
- Jude 3 (LBLA) — *3 Amados, por el gran empeño que tenía en escribiros acerca de nuestra común salvación, he sentido la necesidad de escribiros exhortándoos a contender ardientemente por la fe que de una vez para siempre fue entregada a los santos.*

- **INSPIRATION HAS CEASED.** Because Revelation has ceased. The need for Inspiration has ceased. God has given us his word.

ILLUMINATION IS ON GOING

- Right now, the Holy Spirit is working-
instructing you and challenging you
and **warning you and thrilling you** and
affirming you and giving you hope and
direction...
- This is why it's not just men writing it,
creating it... it is the **INSPIRED WORD OF**
GOD – INSPIRATION

AND THIS IS WHERE THE CRITICS ATTACK –

The Critical Point of our confidence in the Bible is Inspiration.

- *2 Timothy 3:14–17 (NASB95) — 14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*
- *2 Timothy 3:14–17 (LBLA) — 14 Tú, sin embargo, persiste en las cosas que has aprendido y de las cuales te convenciste, sabiendo de quiénes las has aprendido; 15 y que desde la niñez has sabido las Sagradas Escrituras, las cuales te pueden dar la sabiduría que lleva a la salvación mediante la fe en Cristo Jesús. 16 Toda Escritura es inspirada por Dios y útil para enseñar, para reprender, para corregir, para instruir en justicia, 17 a fin de que el hombre de Dios sea perfecto, equipado para toda buena obra.*

NIV – God breathed.

Vs 16 – “All scripture is God
Breathed”.

All scripture is God Breathed.

All scripture is breathed out by
God.

- 2 Peter 1:19–21 (NASB95) — *19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*
- 2 Peter 1:19–21 (LBLA) — *19 Y así tenemos la palabra profética más segura, a la cual hacéis bien en prestar atención como a una lámpara que brilla en el lugar oscuro, hasta que el día despunte y el lucero de la mañana aparezca en vuestros corazones. 20 Pero ante todo sabed esto, que ninguna profecía de la Escritura es asunto de interpretación personal, 21 pues ninguna profecía fue dada jamás por un acto de voluntad humana, sino que hombres inspirados por el Espíritu Santo hablaron de parte de Dios.*

Vs 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will –

- *but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*
- *This is a nautical term. It's used in Acts 26 and 27 of Paul's ship when wrecked in the storm.*

CAN I RELY ON IT?

- There is one theme throughout this great Psalm 119. *“I rely on thy Word, O God.”*
- A.T. ROBERTSON preacher and biblical scholar whose work focused on the New Testament and Koine Greek.
- *“Evidence of the inspiration of scripture is that it has withstood so many years of poor preaching.”*

THREE WONDERFUL BENEFITS WE EXPERIENCE WHEN WE RELY ON THE WORD OF GOD.

- Psalm 119:98–100 (NASB95) — *98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For they are ever mine. 99 I have more insight than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. 100 I understand more than the aged, Because I have observed Your precepts.*
- Psalm 119:98–100 (LBLA) — *98 Tus mandamientos me hacen más sabio que mis enemigos, porque son míos para siempre. 99 Tengo más discernimiento que todos mis maestros, porque tus testimonios son mi meditación. 100 Entiendo más que los ancianos, porque tus preceptos he guardado.*

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OFTEN IT IS THE SIMPLEST
TRUTHS THAT HOLD YOU
TOGETHER IN THE MOST
COMPLEX OF SITUATIONS.

- “Doctor Barth, what are some of the most profound thoughts that you’ve had on all of your trip?”
- With a twinkle in his eye he replied, “Hmmm... The most profound thought?”
- And said, “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.”

**“IF IT WEREN’T FOR THIS BOOK, I
WOULDN’T KNOW THAT JESUS
LOVES ME.”**

AND NEITHER WOULD YOU...

AND THAT IS PROFOUND.

AND THAT IS THE TRUTH.