

Is the Bible God's Truth?

The Bible declares itself to be truth, John 17:17, the words of God, preserved by God so we can know what God wants us to know about Him. We use and recommend *the King James Version* for Bible study. Modern bibles leave out many words and sometimes entire verses so it's best to use the *old King James Version* of the Bible. If you do not have a King James Bible, use the Bible you have available. To discover what the Bible says about itself, **look up the verses** and fill in the blanks.

1. Hebrews 4:12 - The ____ of ____ discerns the thoughts and intents of our hearts. The Bible is not a book filled with human ideas and personal opinions. It is God's word and God is the Author of this amazing Book. Romans 10:17 - _____ comes by hearing the ____ of ____.

2. 2 Timothy 2:15 - The Bible is the ____ of _____. It is God's truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. It is completely trustworthy. When we study it in context the Bible does not contain contradictions, mistakes or errors.

3. Psalm 12:6-7 - The words of the LORD are _____, preserved by God for ever. Psalm 119:140 - God's word is ____ pure. Philippians 2:16 - The Bible is the _____. Hebrews 4:12 says the word of God is quick (living) and _____ and it discerns the _____ and _____ of the heart.

4. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says when someone is "in Christ" they are a ____ creature (creation). Old things pass away and all things become _____. John 6:47 - Jesus says that when you believe in Him you have _____. Romans 1:2 - The scriptures of the Bible are ____ scriptures which elevates them above all other religious writings.

What does Jesus say about the Bible?

Because He is God, John 1:1, and is the Word made flesh, John 1:14, Jesus is the ultimate Author of the Bible. No one knows more about the Bible than Jesus Christ so He is our best authority on the Bible. John 17:17 - The Lord Jesus said God's word is _____. We know that the Bible is true because Jesus told us it is true. Hebrews 6:18 - It is impossible for God to _____. Titus 1:2 - God cannot _____. John 3:33 - God is _____.

1. John 8:44 - Jesus told us that the devil is a _____ from the beginning, who did not abide in the _____ because there is no _____ in him... the devil is a _____. John 8:45-46 - Jesus said: Because I tell you the _____ you don't believe me... If I say the _____ why do you not believe me? If we believe what Jesus said, what must we believe about the Bible? _____

2. John 10:35 - Jesus said that the Scripture cannot be _____. Broken means scripture cannot fail to come to pass, cannot be deprived of authority, cannot be defeated or done away with. Luke 24:25 - Jesus called some disciples _____ because they did not believe ____ that the Jewish prophets have spoken.

3. Luke 24:44 - Jesus said that ____ things must be fulfilled in the _____, and in the _____, and in the _____. This is Jesus' testimony that everything in scripture is true and will come to pass just as the Bible says. Mark 14:49 - Jesus said, The scriptures ____ be _____.

5. Matthew 5:18 - In the Hebrew language, a jot (yod in Hebrew) and a tittle (small marks that differentiate between two similar looking Hebrew letters) are like our dot over an i or our crossbar on a t. According to Jesus not even the smallest part of a Hebrew letter will pass away till ____ is _____. Everything in the Bible is true and will happen just like the Bible says. If Jesus was teaching us in English today, He would say it this way: "In the Bible every dot on an i and every crossbar on a t will be fulfilled." That is Jesus' way of saying that every letter and every word in the Bible is true and trustworthy. Jesus believed all of the Bible is true (Luke 24:25) and as His disciples we should believe what Jesus believed about the Bible.

What does the Bible say about itself?

2 Timothy 3:16. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" can also be translated: "All scripture is God-breathed." How much of the Bible is God-breathed? _____. When we speak we breathe out words. Try holding your breath and speaking at the same time. Can you do it? _____

2 Timothy 3:16 tells us God breathed out the words of scripture. "All s_____ is God-breathed" and this means the whole Bible is God-breathed. The whole Bible is God's words. "For the _____ of the _____ hath _____ it." Isaiah 40:5. Compare Psalm 33:6 where the expression "the _____ of the _____" is equivalent to the expression "the _____ of His _____."

"Hey! You just said that all Scripture is God-breathed and the whole Bible is the word of God. But I thought men like Moses, David, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Paul wrote the Bible. If it was written by men, how can the Bible be God's word?" The answer is in 2 Peter 1:21: "For the _____ (the written word of God) came not in old time by the will of man, but _____ (like Moses, David and Paul) spoke as they were _____ by the Holy Ghost."

So David wrote Psalm 23 as he was moved/led by God the Holy Spirit. God intended David to write Psalm 23 even before David was born! The same is true about Jeremiah. God was preparing Jeremiah to be a prophet while he was still in his mother's _____, Jeremiah 1:5.

David grew up and became a shepherd who took care of his father's flocks. One day he realized how much taking care of sheep and goats every day was like the loving care and protection of the LORD for His people and David wrote: "The L_____ is _____" Psalm 23:1.

God the Holy Spirit moved David to write his Psalms in such a way that he wrote precisely the words God wanted him to write. David himself described the process of inspiration in 2 Samuel 23:2 – "The _____ of the _____ by _____, and His _____ was in _____ tongue." In this verse, David gives the credit to God. Whose word was in David's tongue? _____

How long will the word of God last? The Bible has the answer. Isaiah 40:8. "The word of our God shall stand _____." Psalm 119:89. "For ever O LORD, _____ is settled in heaven." Matthew 24:35. Jesus said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words _____." 1 Peter 1:23-25. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by _____, which liveth and abideth _____ ...But the word of the Lord _____."

Review Questions

1. How much of the Bible is inspired?
2. Is the Bible the word of God or the word of men?
3. Is the Bible true? Is the Bible pure? Is the Bible holy?
4. Can we trust what the Bible says?
5. How long will the word of God last?
6. Did Jesus believe all of the Bible?
7. Does God want us to believe all of the Bible?
8. Do you believe the Bible is God's holy word?
9. Will you memorize some of the verses in this lesson?
10. Have you believed in Jesus as your Savior from sin? Yes / No