

The Bible Can Be Trusted

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Psalm 119:41 NIV May your unfailing love come to me, Lord, your salvation, according to your promise; ⁴² then I can answer anyone who taunts me, for I trust in your word.

Psalm 119:66 NIV Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands.

Psalm 119:86 NIV All your commands are trustworthy.

Psalm 119:137-138 NIV You are righteous, Lord, and your laws are right. ¹³⁸ The statutes you have laid down are righteous; they are fully trustworthy.

Five reasons we can trust the Bible:

I. INSPIRED - The Bible is God-breathed.

2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed..."; **2 Peter 3:15-16**

2 Peter 1:21 NIV84 "For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

II. MANUSCRIPT Evidence - The Bible's textual reliability is unequalled.

A. TIME = interval between the original and the earliest copy we possess

B. QUANTITY = number of manuscripts that are available

III. ARCHAEOLOGY - The biblical, historical data is overwhelming.

IV. PROPHECY - The Bible's fulfilled, predictive prophecy provides proof.

Psalm 119:89 NIV "Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens."

Isaiah 40:8 NIV84 "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

Matthew 24:35 NIV84 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

V. DURABILITY - The Bible is indestructible.

VI. Conclusion: The Bible is TRUSTWORTHY.

A. Therefore, we need to OBEY it.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the uniqueness of the Bible and why you think it is the best-selling book of all times.
2. Why is it hard for you to trust in the Bible? What questions do you have regarding the Bible's authenticity or reliability? (be honest)
3. Which point from this message helped you trust the Bible more?
4. If someone asked you to defend the Bible, what would you say?
5. How has the Bible made a difference in your life?

Next week: God's Word Leads To Freedom