

The Word Series - The Credibility and Genuineness Of Scriptures -5

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- Father, teach us your word. Holy Spirit, take what belongs to Jesus and give it to us as we study and as we hear your word.
- Heal the sick as your word is taught. Bring direction to the confused as your word is taught. Let us all hear the death, death, say the Lord as your word is taught.
- Let clarity come. Infuse and impact yourself into us. I pray and submit myself and now your influence. Holy Spirit, let it be known by you. Speaking through me.
- [1 : 15] Take over my thoughts pattern. Take over my words and influence it by your word. I pray that let me come under strong inspiration, strong, strong illumination in the name of Jesus Christ.
- That your people will be edified and your name alone will be glorified. We thank you in Jesus' name. And someone shout a living amen. Amen. Shout a living amen.
- Amen. In the book of Psalm 19. Thank you, Jesus. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah. I like the way Papa Putsi said, you are not safe until you are saved.
- You are not safe until you are saved. And Psalm 19 verse 7 says that the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the souls. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
- The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoice in the heart. The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever.
- [2 : 19] The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired a day than money. We must live our lives according to God's word, okay?
- That's where it starts from. So in our previous teachings, I spoke about the fact that the Bible is inspired. In 2 Timothy chapter 3 verse 16, it said, I like that text so much, I feel we should all read it out loud.
- That text is so loaded. Can't you see it? It's so loaded. It's heavy weight. I like affliction. It's working for us a far more eternal weight of glory.
- But I'm telling you, the scripture is weightier than anything you can think about. He says, that's already, that's really a lot from the screen. Let's go. All scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.
- Let's already, one more time. All scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

- [3 : 25] How many scripture? All. How many scripture? All. So I taught you some of the false theories of inspiration. Partial inspiration, mechanical inspiration, thought inspiration, and all kinds of inspiration.
- Okay, God wrote it and people put it in. He said, all scripture is given by inspiration. I can't stop saying it. I will keep saying that the Greek word theopnoston. All right?
- Theopnoston, that's God breath. All scripture is God breath. Now, he's not talking about some people wrote it and God breathed into it. He's saying that the actual thing, it was given by God.
- God practically breathed it out. He breathed it out. Serious. All scripture. So, this does not contain the words of God.
- It is the word of God. Two different things. It's not the words of God. Where bad day? Where bad day? The words of God. It's where boom day, the word.
- [4 : 22] Word of God. This is the word of God. This is the word of God. All right? And we got it through inspiration. And I explained how it is plenary verbal.
- That means that every bit of it is inspired by God. Every bit of everything you see in God's word is inspired by God.
- As far as even the cross on the little t, small t, the cross on it is inspired by God. Matthew chapter 5 verse 18.
- Jesus said that until heaven and earth passes away, not one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from God from the law until it's fulfilled.
- All is fulfilled. So, every bit of it is inspired. Serious, isn't it? Serious. All scripture is inspired.
- [5 : 23] Praise the Lord. And so, as I said, Bible says in 2 Peter chapter 1 verse 21, how holy men of God were moved. All right?
- No prophecies of any private interpretation or prophecies came to us as holy men of God were moved, were carried by the Spirit of God. Now, because the scriptures, all scripture is inspired, it means that the results of inspiration, it means that it is genuine.
- It's genuineness, okay? It points to it's genuineness. The Bible is genuine. What does that mean for us to say the Bible is genuine? In other words, everything he says, the names he mentions, everything he says, for instance, if he says that it went up, it meant it went up.
- It's actually whatever, it's genuine. It's not like, okay, Peter James said that we saw Jesus, meanwhile they didn't see Jesus. All right? So, everything he says is genuine.
- The genuineness of God's word. And because it's inspired, it has credibility. You can bank on it. Because it's inspired, it has credibility.
- [6 : 32] So, because it's inspired, it's genuine. Because it's inspired, it has credibility. You can bank on it. You can run with it. You can depend your life on it.
- It has credibility. Is it all scripture? Is it both Old Testament and New Testament? Both Old Testament and New Testament has credibility. To the extent that, you know, why do we say, ask me, because one of the reasons why the Bible is true is because the Bible says it's God's word.
- Number two, Jesus said it. No, but you are telling us Jesus said it. And all we know about Jesus is what the Bible is telling us about Jesus. Do you understand that?
- So, people say, well, that's not good enough. But even if you take Jesus, Jesus, the historical Jesus. Listen to this.
- Jesus is a historical figure. You can't deny it. Right? Books. History books. Historical records of Jesus are there. So, no one can say.

[7 : 37] So, Islam cannot even deny its existence. It can't deny. All they have to find it, it didn't die, and it's not the sign of God. But you can't deny its existence. And now, anyone who knew that Jesus existed can also attest to the fact that there was no fault in him.

He's a great teacher. He taught things that were impeccable, which were amazing. Yes, he did. You know, like Mahatma Gandhi or Confucius. They are great people who lived. They taught amazing things.

And some of their teachings, for instance, Mahatma Gandhi and Confucius and some of those aristotuses, some of the things they taught were very seriously credible. So, before you even question what if Mahatma Gandhi tells you that the Bible is true, you are likely to believe it, aren't you?

Am I making sense? Now, Jesus, in the ranking of great teachers, great impeccable teachers, leaders who have ever lived, he stands above all of them. And he says that the word of God is true. If you can find fault with any other thing he said, then you probably will say that this thing too he said is likely to be.

But if every other thing he has said, according to historical record, is authentic and is credible and is true, then he stands to imply by inference that when he said the Bible is God's word, it is God's word.

[8 : 50] Jesus puts his endorsement on the Old Testament by saying that the Old Testament is God's word. In John chapter 10, verse 32, 33, 34, 35, it talks about how the word of God came to them, 34 and 35, and they said the scriptures cannot be broken.

If you call them God, to whom the word of God came, and the scriptures cannot be broken. So, Jesus made references to the scriptures. Jesus was actually making references to Moses. He made references to Moses.

Look at Matthew chapter 12. Matthew chapter 12, verse 39, 40. He says that, Do you realize Jesus was making reference to Jonah?

Where did he know about Jonah in the Old Testament? Go to the next verse, verse 40. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish.

Didn't the Old Testament tell us? Jesus was quoting the Old Testament. In other words, for him to quote, He wasn't saying that maybe they said, He was quoting that that's the fact. He puts his endorsement on the Old Testament.

[10 : 04] In Matthew chapter 4, In Matthew chapter 4, verse 4, When Satan tempted him, He said, Man must not live by bread alone, But by every word of the Lord. By saying that, He was quoting from Deuteronomy.

Jesus quoted from Matthew. Genesis. Exodus. It may reference to Leviticus. May reference to Numbers. May reference to Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy. He may reference to Psalms.

He may reference to Isaiah several times. And Jonah. I mean, several times will not permit us to go into details. But the Pharisees came to him. They came to him to test him with a question regarding marriage.

In Matthew chapter 19, from verse 1. And then verse 4. Jesus took them to the altar. Genesis. Took them to Genesis. Where it started. About marriage. Being the first institution God created.

Creator God made. The first institution. No business. Marriage. So don't spoil your marriage because you are pursuing business.

[11 : 03] Don't sacrifice your marriage on the altar of business. Praise the Lord. One great man said, it's not worth being a public success if it means being a domestic failure.

Matthew chapter 19. But let's look at it quickly. Verse 4 and 5. Jesus told them that when they're asking about the question of marriage, when we go to heaven, who's wife will be?

You see, how funny unbelievers or skeptics who try to pick on the word of God sometimes, how absurd they come across. Because they think they are very wise.

But in their demonstration of wisdom, they actually display their ignorance. And fool. The Sadducees don't believe in angels. They don't believe in the supernatural. They don't believe in the resurrection of the dead.

So they came to him. They were saying that is there a resurrection? Or if you are saying there's a resurrection of the dead. According to the law, if a man marries and he dies without a child, his brother must marry the wife and produce children on the dead brother's behalf.

[12:19] So they came to him. They said that there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and he died without a child. So the second one has to marry her. He married her, died without a child.

So the third one had to marry her. And the same to the seventh one married her and then died. Do you know the question they were asking? They thought they were so wise.

They came to Jesus. At the resurrection, Matthew 22, 23. So at the resurrection, whose wife will she be? Because now we have all resurrected. But all of us were married to her at the point in time.

And you know the answer Jesus gave them? Jesus answered them and said that. You are mistaken. Not knowing the scriptures, not the power of God.

You are missing. You see, you thought you were so wise. Okay, let's see. And he said at the resurrection, we don't marry. There will not be marriage. You see, so they think resurrection is a host.

[13:16] And so they want to pick on the resurrection. But the problem is they don't understand the resurrection. But the thing they do. Many people don't understand the Bible. They don't understand the scriptures. But the thing they do.

And they pick one thing. Okay, if the Bible is in. And you look at them in their imbecility. You can tell this is foolishness displayed. Ignorance. Ignorance.

So many people who try. I mean, this book has survived. Has the test of time. And parents have decided to destroy it. And they have been destroyed. One of the things maybe if I get a chance.

I'll talk about. It's the preservation of the Bible. Proves you that it's God's word. Over the generations. People who have vowed that this Bible will be annihilated. Or removed.

Or go into extinction. They have gone into extinction. And the Bible is rather multiplied. Yeah. Yeah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. A very sick.

[14:17] You know. How can you say things like. The Bible is a creation of the white man. To control the black man. You know. You know. They say things like this. And you can tell that. And some of them seem to be intelligent.

They seem to be intelligent. It's like a professional baker. Who has done PhD on baking. Who wants to teach as a neurologist. How to operate on the brains.

A PhD holder in baking. Doesn't mean you know squat about. The human and otter. Let alone the brains. So they think.

Oh. I've got you now. That's why they came to Jesus. You're here. Because you don't understand the scriptures. You don't know the scriptures. Anyway. Let's go back to Matthew after 19. Matthew after 19. So they came to Jesus. To tell him that.

Is it okay to divorce? And Jesus said. In verse 4 and verse 5. Jesus said. He answered. Have you not read that. He who made them at the beginning. Made them male.

[15:17] Why is he referring to? Genesis. Genesis chapter 2 verse 24. He said. Have you not read? Jesus was quoting Genesis. He said.

Have you not read? He made them male and female. Not female. Female. Female. Bible said in the beginning. He made them male and female.

In the beginning.

He made them male and female. Verse 5. For this reason. A man shall leave his father and mother. And be joined to his wife. And the two shall become one flesh. Genesis chapter 2 verse 24. Just flip to that place on the screen quickly.

Genesis chapter 2 verse 24. Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother. And be joined to his wife. And the. Did you see that? So Jesus put his endorsement on the book of Genesis. Quoting from the Old Testament.

[16:14] That tells us that the Old Testament is true. In Luke chapter 17 verse 26 to 30. Very interesting one. Luke chapter 17 verse 26 downwards to 30. It talks about how in the days of Noah.

Say Noah. Why did he know that from? The Old Testament. It was quote in the days of Noah. And then verse 27, 28, 29. It's not just the days of Noah he spoke about.

Look at verse 28. Likewise in the days of Lot. Did you see that? He spoke about the days of Lot. He spoke about the days of Noah. He put his endorsement on the Old Testament.

Now there are so many references. Time will not permit us to go into it. In Mark chapter 12 verse 26. And verse 29. In Mark 12 verse 26. It says that. But concerning the dead. That day rise.

Have you not read in the book of Moses? Did you see what Jesus said? He was referred to the book of Moses. No, the book of Moses is called the Pentateuch. All right. The five books of Moses.

[17:10] Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers. That is what the Jews referred to as the books of Moses. And he said, have you not read in the book of Moses? What was Jesus doing? He was putting his endorsement on it. That scripture.

Am I communicating something to somebody? The apostles also put their endorsement on the Old Testament. In Acts chapter 1 verse 16. And Acts chapter 3 verse 18. The apostles made reference.

I like Acts chapter 1 verse 16. Men and brethren. This scripture had to be fulfilled. Which the Holy Spirit spoke by the mouth of David concerning Judas. Who became a guide to those who arrested him.

So, now they were quoting what David said in the Old Testament. So, the apostles put their endorsement on the Old Testament. Acts chapter 3 verse 18.

But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all his prophets. Did you see that? All his prophets. That Christ would suffer. He has fulfilled. So, they put the emphasis.

[18:08] They put their... So, because the Bible is credible. Listen. Because it's inspired. You count on its genuineness. You can count on its credibility. And its credibility. Jesus Christ pointed or endorsed the Old Testament.

The apostles endorsed the Old Testament. And went as far as saying that all scripture. 2 Timothy chapter 3 verse 16. All scripture is given by the inspiration of God. All scripture. And I made it very clear.

That all scripture is not only pointing to the Old Testament. But the New Testament as well. All right. So, Peter referred to Paul's writings as scripture. Paul said in 1 Corinthians chapter 11 verse 23.

He said, I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you. And then in 2 Thessalonians chapter 4 verse 15. It talks about how 1 Thessalonians chapter 4 verse 15. Before he just said that we shall not all sleep.

He says that for this we say to you by the word of the Lord. They were making it clear or plain. That what we are writing is not our own words. It's God's word. All right. And then in 1 Thessalonians I think chapter 2 verse 13.

[19 : 12] Or so. When it talks about when you receive God's word. You did not receive it as the word of men. But you receive it as the word of God. And in 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 2, 3. For remember Paul verse 3 particularly.

He said that which I received. Okay. For I deliver to you first of all. That which I also received. All right. So these things were given to them. So they are making it clear that it's not from their own whims.

Or their own assumptions and projections. It's from God. And then. So Jesus put his endorsement on the Old Testament. The apostles put their endorsement on the Old Testament.

And actually historical records of the Old Testament are very amazing. There are names that were mentioned in the Old Testament. That Gaza still exists.

Jerusalem is still there. Nineveh. Can you imagine? And then Ephesus. Damascus. Syria. You know. Damascus. Syria. All these names are still there. And many, many more.

[20 : 11] Years. Years. I'm talking about. I'm talking about over 400 years of record. We still have Hebron. Abraham went to Hebron. In Africa. Ethiopia. And Libya. And Egypt.

These names are there. And in the New Testament. It talks about the Idiotic Sea. The Asia. Asia Minor. All these things are in the scriptures. Historical endeavor. Or pursuit. Can authenticate what the Bible says.

So longer history. It talks about Pontius Pilate. It talks about Nero. All these people. They really existed. All right. And then the archaeological records as well.

So I'm talking about the endorsement of Jesus. The apostles. Historical records. And then archaeological records. Archaeology. Excavations upon excavations. Are discovering that what the Bible has always been saying is true.

Praise the Lord. And then the New Testament is equally infallible. All right. The New Testament is equally reliable. But let me leave the rest.

[21 : 11] So it's genuine. It's credible. And then I want to really go on the last two points. Because the Bible is inspired. Watch this. It has credibility. Because the Bible is inspired.

It has genuine. It's credibility. It's great. The last two points I really want to make. Which I told you in the previous teachings that I'm going to talk about. Is the infallibility of God's word.

The scriptures are infallible. How do you understand the word fallible? Can be faulty. Can be faulty. Faulty.

So infallible. Faultless. The Bible is all about one person. Jesus. Say one shout. Hallelujah. So.

Can be faulty. So you say the Bible contradicts itself. You see. Can I show you one of the things that people normally. I mean there's so many things that people pick on. And they're contradicting. I don't think our time will permit me to explain it.

[22 : 09] But. All right. Let me. Quickly. Okay. Let me quickly give you a scripture. That seems like an apparent contradiction. All right. In Romans chapter 3 verse 28.

Romans chapter 3 verse 28. It looks like it's a contradiction. Let's all read it out loud. Let's go. Therefore we conclude that I am not to justify my faith.

Apart from the deeds of the Lord. So. We conclude that. That a man is justified by faith. Apart from the deeds of the Lord. So. Without. What does that mean? Without the deeds of the Lord.

Okay. You don't need the deeds of the Lord to be justified by faith. James chapter 2 verse 24. Let's read it out.

James chapter 2 verse 24. Let's read it out. Let's go. See then. That a man is justified by works. And not by faith alone. Only. Only. Only. Only. Not by faith only.

[23 : 06] Okay. So he said. But. Romans said. A man is justified without any other works. But this one is also saying that. A man is justified by works. And not by faith only.

Yeah. I see. The Bible is going to try to see himself. He looks like an apostle. I remember when I was in secondary school. My literature lecturer. Who had just finished university.

He'll be boasting. He said that. Okay. You Christians. You say that. The Bible is true. Jesus said. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven. Yet. He went.

In his flesh. In his blood. You see. You see. Something as trivial. Which can be explained. Easily.

Okay. All right. God created Adam and Eve. And then when Cain killed Abel. And Cain was punished. Banished out. And he went. And God married.

[24 : 01] Who did he get married to? There must be some people somewhere. So you see. The Bible is not a clean record. In 1 Samuel chapter 15 verse 11.

It says that. I greatly regret. This is God talking. You know. I greatly regret that. I have set up Saul as king. And he has turned from following me.

And has not performed my commandment. And he grieved Samuel. And he cried out to the Lord all night. That's God. What did God say? I regret it. All right.

17 verses downwards. So that means that verse what? 27. Look at verse 27. Let's look at verse 27. And Samuel turned around and turned around to go.

Saul sees the edge of his robe and tore it. Verse 28. So Samuel said to him. The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today. And has given it to a neighbor of yours who is better than you.

[25 : 02] Verse 29. Look at verse 29. And also the strength of Israel will not lie nor relent. For he is not a man that he should relent. Now when you read King James.

Put the King James on the screen. Verse 29. King James. For that he should repent. Right? Did you see that? It says that. And also the strength of Israel will not.

That's the strength of talking about God. That's why the strength is capital S. God is the strength of. The strength. God will not repent. But verse 11 says God said I repent. You see what I'm saying?

You see. So they pick on this. But it's semantics. It depends on the meaning of the words. The composition of the text. What it actually means. So people pick it out of context.

And say yes I've got it. I've got it. The whole Bible is wrong. Because I've seen contradiction. There's no one contradiction. That's why I was waiting to go on the unity of the voice of the scriptures. It speaks one language.

[26 : 01] One message. One message of salvation. Have you ever seen Bible saying that God created man from the dust? Another place saying that God drew man from heaven. Or God treated three people at the same time.

The basic things. There's never anywhere you can see any conflict. The same. The plan of salvation. The plan of redemption. The same. One plan of salvation. Praise God.

So and then quickly. To throw more light on this matter of infallibility. Bible talks about from the rising of the sun. To the going down of the same. The name of the Lord shall be praised.

They say ha. You see. The Bible is. Because if it was God who wrote the Bible. He must know that the sun does not rise. Because the sun doesn't move. It's rather the rotation of the earth.

That makes us. It appears that it rises. So you see. God didn't know. Just God. There are errors in the Bible. And then they say.

[27 : 03] That all in Capernaum came to Jesus. What do you mean by all? Everyone in Capernaum came to Jesus. And another. Another favorite one. They like saying. Jesus said that. The master's seat.

Is the smallest of all seats. Jesus said it. I mean. That's big for most of them. The skeptics. Very big. Because. Even there are Christian theologians. Who said the Bible is not really everything.

Correct. Because Jesus got it wrong at that time. Because the smallest seat. Is not the master's seat. If he was really God. He must have known it. Because the smallest seat.

Is not the master's seat. There are seats. There are seats. That are smaller than. So why did Jesus say. This is the smallest seat. When you are interpreting the Bible.

Hermeneutics. You have to understand the culture. Under which. When it was written. The Bible. As I said. The Bible employs. Figures of speech. Like metaphor. Similes. So when they say.

[28 : 01] The whole of Capernaum came to a simile. When they say. That from the rising of the sun. To the going down of the sim. It's an anthropomorphic language. As it appears to the naked eye.

That's how we see it. So why don't you go to BBC. And tell them. The meteorologist is wrong. You are wrong. You said to the sunrise. And said that you are wrong. BBC is wrong. It's not credible. Why don't you say that.

Before you come and tell us. It's anthropomorphic language. In other words. As it appears to the naked eye.

As it appears. So it's just. A figure of speech. It's not. A scientific statement. When I say not. You understand what I mean. By not a scientific statement. And so there are so many.

Metaphores in the scriptures. Unlearned and unskillful. In fact. Peter said in 2nd Peter chapter. 3 verse. 15 and 16. Also in all his epistles. Speaking of them. Of things that.

[28 : 59] Who is watching. Of things. In which. Are some hard things to understand. This is. Talking about Paul. Okay. Hard things to understand. Which. Untought and unstable people.

Twist to their own distraction. People who are untought. They are unstable. They take the scripture. And twist it to their own distraction. Because. They don't.

See how Jesus told them. Jesus said. You err. Because you don't know the scriptures. Yes. That's why. The greatest assignment. Of every pastor. Is to teach. Not to pray for people.

Those of you. Who have made. Prayer warriors. Out of pastors. The pastor is supposed to pray for the people. But then.

That's. That's fundamental. That's not. The primary role. Of the pastor. Is equip the saints. And when you equip the Greek word. Katakizo. Which can we get the word.

[29 : 56] Katakizo. From. To teach. Break down. Katakizo. To mend the believers. So the job of a pastor. In fact. He says that. He must be able to teach. In first. Timothy. When you are talking about.

The responsibilities of a pastor. He must be able to teach. A pastor who can teach. Is not. Supposed to be. Doing that job. Because. In chapter 4. Verse 11.

He said. And he himself. Gave some to be apostles. Some to be prophets. Some to be evangelists. Number 3. Is that not number 3? Number 1. Let's get to the apostles. 1. Some to be prophets. 2. Some to be evangelists.

3. And some to be. Pastors. Pastors. 4. Watch that. Watch this. Actually. It's fourfold. But sometimes. It's good to leave it 5. Many people.

Think it's. Pastors. And some to be teachers. No. In fact. In Amplified. Or something. It says. Teaching pastors. Pastors. And. It's pastor teachers.

[30 : 50] In the original. Pastor teachers. So it's not. Pastors. And some to be. By yourself. And some to be. And some to be. Pastors and teachers. That means. Pastor teachers.

Or teaching pastors. The job of a pastor. Is to teach. Not teach biology. Not teach chemistry. Not teach philosophy. Teach God's word. Teach God's pastor.

Teach God's word. If you don't know it. Get off the pulpit. Go see somewhere. Study God's word. Have an encounter with God. In his word. And not coming. What is the business.

What is the man preaching. If you can't quote. Make reference to the scriptures. And you are quoting from Warren Buffett. Quoting from Shakespeare. Quoting from anybody. But the Bible. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I may not know what Aristotle has said. Fine. I may not know what Winston Churchill has said. Fine. I may not know what the Benjamin is saying. Fine. But I don't have a business with the pulpit.

[31 : 48] If I don't know what God is saying. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Do you receive something at all?

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