



WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

It is the Instruction Manual from God.

Lesson 8 - HOW CAN I KNOW GOD'S WORD IS RELIABLE?

This subject is very important if we want our reading of the Bible to be productive. However, it is too large a topic to cover in this short Bible-study series.

Let's hit some of the highlights.

- *The word "rely" means "to fasten on to something that has proven dependability."*

Hebrews 10:22-24 - Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

1. Yes No If sinful man can go into God's holy presence (in prayer), God sounds reliable here.
2. If God can lead me from a rotten life (sin) to a life that pleases Him, that God sounds reliable. fake.
3. 1 Corinthians 1:9 - "God is _____".

Psalms 145:18 - The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

4. Why would God create us, love us, and stay near us, and then give us some fake book of cute sayings (Bible) that have no lasting, life-changing meaning for us? I don't believe that. It has crossed my mind.

Romans 1:20 - For since the creation of the world, God's invisible nature is clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made: we are actually without excuse.

5. Before languages and written documents existed, God loved us so much that He wanted to communicate with us, He wanted us to know He loved us & wanted for us a productive, eternal, Godly life. If that is so important to God, why would He allow His very words & thoughts (Bible) to be man-made, untruthful, temporary, unreliable, and "a fairy-tale"?

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6. If sharing His Word, thoughts, and actions with mankind was not important, why did He use Moses, and Jeremiah, and Elijah, and Noah, and many others to get the 'Word' out. Over & over the text says "and the word of the Lord came to" When you repeat yourself, you have an urgent thing to say. A lie will wear out (ask any kid); the truth lasts & will prove to be true FOREVER. Explain this to me.

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7. Look at these guys: Moses, Joshua, Samuel, Ezra, Nehemiah, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Jonah, Micah, Zechariah, Solomon, Amos, Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Haggai, Malachi, Zephaniah, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, James, Peter, Jude (This numbers 30 authors; there are about 10 more less-known Biblical characters.) SOME KNEW EACH OTHER; MOST DID NOT. How could 40 authors, covering 1500 years, with different towns and different jobs and different backgrounds and different personalities and different opinions ALL teach about a loving God, a coming Messiah, and not contradict each other?

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8. John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His one-and-only Son, so that anyone who believes & accepts Him will not perish (separated from God forever) but have eternal life (together with God). WHY WOULD GOD ENTRUST THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS EVER WRITTEN TO A BUNCH OF "NO-BODIES" ROAMING AROUND ISRAEL? Would He not protect His "Word" so that we could hear it?
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