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The Bible in Focus

John 17:17 Your word is truth

THE CASE FOR THE RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE

- 1. THE BIBLE CLAIMS TO BE THE TRUE REVELATION OF GOD**
2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...*
- 2. THE BIBLE MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR RELIABLE HISTORY**
 - Are there any written accounts of what happened?
 - Were the accounts written or authorized by eyewitnesses?
 - Is each account internally consistent?
 - If there are several accounts, can they reasonably be harmonized?
 - Were the accounts written fairly soon after the events they record?
 - Do we have the original autographs? If not, do we have good copies?
 - Is there any external corroboration? Are there secondary sources?
 - Is there any archaeological evidence to support the accounts?
- 3. THE SCRIPTURES WERE VIEWED BY JESUS AS AUTHORITATIVE**
Matthew 5:18 *For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*
Matthew 26:56 *But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”*
John 10:35 *...Scripture cannot be broken...*
- 4. THE BIBLE HAS EXHIBITED AMAZING INDESTRUCTIBILITY**
Isaiah 40:8 *The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.*

- 5. THE BIBLE IS FURTHER VALIDATED BY FULFILLED PROPHECY**
Isaiah 42:8 *“I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.*
- 6. THE BIBLE’S CLAIM IS SUPPORTED BY ITS SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY**
“One of the most arresting evidences for the inspiration of the Bible is the great number of scientific truths that have lain hidden within its pages for thirty centuries or more, only to be discovered by man’s enterprise within the last few centuries or even [last few] years.” *Dr. Henry Morris*
- 7. THE BIBLE POSSESSES LIFE-GIVING, LIFE-TRANSFORMING POWER**
Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active...*
John 6:63 *[Jesus said] The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.*
1 Peter 1:23 *For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*

THE BIBLE IS GOD’S WORD! So what? READ THE BIBLE!

REPENT

RETURN

RECEIVE

REPLACE

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Mom and Dad, read Ephesians 6:4 together and discuss this question:
Dad, what is your plan to obey this verse?

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Proverbs 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Proverbs 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Proverbs 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Proverbs 26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Proverbs 23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Proverbs 27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Proverbs 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Proverbs 28 |

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