

Question: What are some good reasons for believing the Bible is from God? (#2)

We pick up today with the second in a series of articles meant to give logical reasons for believing that the Bible is THE one and only book of God. Last week we noted its honesty in depiction of characters, and its power of preservation. Today we present two more “good reasons” for believing the Bible is God’s book.

3) Its Claims For Itself:

It is important to know what the Bible says about itself. If the authors of Scripture, numbering approximately forty, had not claimed to speak for God it would be presumptuous for us to make that claim for them. But in fact they did claim to speak for God and He enabled them to prove this claim in two ways: 1) by accurately accounting future events; 2) by performing miracles (Cf. Deut 18:20-22; Js 5:17 – Exo 7-11; He 3:2-4).

God spoke to the Old Testament prophets through dreams and visions (Num 12:6). For example, Isaiah begins his prophecy by saying, “The vision of Isaiah the son of Amos...Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the Lord has spoken...” (Isa 1:1,2). God said of Moses, who wrote the first five books of the Bible, “I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings” (Num 12:8). When God caused the utterance of prophecy by these men, prophecy that we know was fulfilled, we can know of a certainty that God was the author.

Today, God speaks to us through His Son (He 1:2). This does not mean that Jesus speaks personally to everyone, but that He speaks to us through the inspired writers of the New Testament. Their writings constitute “all truth,” and Jesus said His father’s word “is truth,” therefore the New Testament books were authored by men who were speaking for God (Cf. Jn 16:13; 17:17; 2Ti 3:16-17).

4) Its Miracles:

The ten plagues that fell upon the Egyptians and Israel's subsequent exodus from Egypt provide a historical basis for believing that God revealed Himself to Moses and thus to Israel (Exo 3:13-15). If Egypt was never overcome with frogs, lice, flies, etc., and if the Red Sea did not part, allowing the Israelites to pass through it on dry ground, as Moses recorded, then the Old Testament loses its authority to speak in behalf of God.

The New Testament is just as dependent upon miracles. If Jesus did not rise bodily from the dead, the apostle Paul admits that the Christian's faith is based on a lie (1 Cor 15:14-17). To show the credibility of the Lord’s resurrection, the New Testament identifies witnesses to that event, and did so within a time frame that enabled those claims to be tested (1Cor 15:1-8). Many of those witnesses were put to death for testifying to having seen Jesus alive after His death. Many have died for what they believed to be the truth, but people do not die for what they know to be a lie. Martyrdom is not unusual, but the basis on which these people gave their lives is the real message here. They actually saw evidence of the miracle of resurrection; a miracle that we can only read about in the Bible, the Book of God.

Thanks for reading today. Next week we will present some additional reasons for believing the Bible is from God. If you would like to enroll in a Bible correspondence course by mail, then notify us at the address above or at our web site.