

Daily Devotional



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■ day one { contending for the Faith: Jude 1:3-4 }

What would you answer someone who said, “I don’t believe that everything in the Bible is true.”? Would you quickly change the subject? Would you say, “You might be right, I’d have to check on that.”? Or would you boldly say, I believe the Bible is without error. If you stand for the truth of the Bible, how would you go about proving it? Do you know the Bible well enough to answer the questions of today’s society? Read today’s Scripture. How would you “contend for the faith” in the presence of those who would use the grace of God as a license for immorality?

■ day two { God or Man?: 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21 }

How do you explain the Bible is truly the Word of God? Read 2 Tim. 3:16-17. What does “God-breathed” mean? Do you believe that God dictated the Bible or that He supervised the writing of it? How were the men who wrote the various books of the Bible involved? Read 2 Peter 1:20-21. How is it possible to use the Bible to explain the Bible? One explanation is the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. There are about 450 OT prophecies. Do you know how many have been fulfilled? What about those that have not yet been fulfilled? Can you think of any archeological evidence that would prove the inerrancy of the Bible? Did you know that of the hundreds of thousands of artifacts found by archeologists, not one contradicts the Word of God?

■ day three { the Prophets & the Scribes: Deut. 18:20-22; 2 Peter 1:16 }

How easy is it to make up fictitious events about your own life? Do you think you could get away with it for very long? Probably not, because there would always be somebody; a family member or friend or neighbor, who could prove you wrong. The NT books were written by Jesus' disciples in their own lifetime and in the lifetime of those who could prove them wrong if what they wrote were lies. But no such opposition existed. Well, what about the scribes who copied the scrolls by hand – didn't they ever make a mistake? They had been thoroughly trained and each word was counted & recounted; copied and visually confirmed & studied for accuracy by other scribes. There was no room for error. God's word is true.

■ day four { other evidences }

How does believing the truth of the Bible hold you accountable for your actions? To accept the Bible as truth is to admit that there is a holy and just God. But we have to look at all the evidences. The criteria used to test ancient literature; fulfilled prophecies, archeology and bibliographical testing of age and number of manuscripts have been met by the Bible. If it is not all true, how do we pick and choose which part we are to believe? And if we believe it all, we are accountable. No wonder those who chose to reject it attack it and attempt to disprove it. Where do you stand?

■ day five { unreliable sources }

What do you do about those books that some claim were not included but should be part of the Biblical record? Do you know what questions to ask to test whether they are true or not? Do you know the errors they contain? How do you know whether they are forgeries or simply excluded from the Biblical record? Pray and determine how you can know for yourself that the Bible is true; that you can trust it and that you can base your life and future on it.

■ a word from the writers

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