

# THE BIBLE IS FROM GOD

\*\*Note: all the classes I will prepare are based off of the King James Version of the Bible. Students will thus be best served by using said version.\*\*

## Introductory Matters

**1 Pet. 3:15** teaches that Christians are to be ready to give an answer to those who ask them about the hope they have. **1 Pet. 3:15** can apply to many different aspects of the one faith (**Eph. 4:5**).

The lesson we are about to study will help us be ready to give an answer to all those who ask us about whether or not the Bible came from God (inspired by God).

## How can we know that the Bible is from God (inspired)?

1. If the Bible came from God (is an inspired book), then we would expect it to plainly say so. Does scripture, itself, claim that it is from God (inspired)? Let's read **2 Tim. 3:16-17**; **2 Pet. 1:20-21**; **1 Cor. 14:37** and **1 Th. 2:13** then answer the question.
2. Let's read **1 Cor. 14:33**. This text teaches us that God is not the author of \_\_\_\_\_. This being true, shouldn't the writings that claim to come from Him be perfectly harmonious? Are the scriptures a work of perfect harmony? Yes.
3. The Bible is perpetually relevant. Still today the Bible is as fresh and up-to-date as when it came from the pens of the inspired writers. See **Jer. 5:1-30**.
4. In the Bible we find a literary style that far surpasses any human endeavor.
5. The Bible appeals to many different types of people. Books written by humans do not do so. Law books appeal to lawyers; medical books appeal to doctors; but the Bible appeals to everyone who is not unjustly biased against it. The Bible is read in "high power" offices by CEO's. It is read in the mansions of Beverly Hills. It is read in the homes of people in middle-class America. It is read by those who live in community housing projects. It is read by people of all races and colors. It is just a fact that the Bible appeals to all sorts of people regardless of color, economic level or societal standing. The Bible has the power to grip every capable human heart. What book written by man can say the same?
6. If the Bible was written by men then it would seem to follow that man, as he often does, would portray himself greater than he really is. Yet, if the Bible is from God, then one would expect to see a realistic portrayal of man. Which do we see in scripture? **2 Sam 11:1ff**; **Mt. 26:31-35, 36-75**; **Gal. 2:11-14**.
7. If the Bible were a mere work of men, seeing that it has so many enemies, it should have been able to have been destroyed long ago. Many have tried to destroy the scriptures (**Jer. 36:20-23**, Emperor Diocletian, etc.); however, the Bible is still here. **Lk. 21:33**; **1 Pet. 1:22-25**.
8. If the scriptures are from God (who is wholly good) (**Js. 1:13**; **1 Jn. 1:5**), then one must reasonably conclude that the Bible would be an influence for good everywhere it is honestly and willingly adhered to. Is such the case? Yes. The influence of the Bible is seen from steaming jungles to frozen wastelands. The Bible, when properly applied, always helps society, it never hurts it. Think about how the message of the Bible has changed you, or has it!?
9. The Bible contains information that was not known to the various writers when they wrote. **Lev. 17:11**; **Dt. 23:12-13**; **Isa. 40:22**; **Job 26:7**; **38:16**; **Ps. 8:8**.
10. The Bible predicted many things were to come true many years before they did; e.g. **Isa. 2** - the kingdom to begin at Jerusalem; **Dan. 2** - in the days of Roman kings; **Joel 2** - begin with power from the Holy Spirit. Did these guys just get lucky? There are many such like prophecies in scripture – all came to pass.