

God's Word

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I. Introduction.

- A. Satan uses doubt to attack believers.
- B. In the beginning Satan casted doubt upon the Word of God by asserting God said something that He did not. (Genesis 3)
- C. People try to attack the Bible in the same way today by assuming the Bible says or teaches something that it does not
- D. Most people cannot reproduce the errors they claim are in the Bible.
- E. The speaker finds little use today for reasons for believing God exists and that the Bible is the Word of God.
- F. Too many are thrown off by those who do not believe the Bible.
 - 1. Having a PhD in something outside of the Bible does not qualify someone to pass judgment against it.
 - 2. Having someone not want you to quote the Bible to him does not make it God's Word any less.
 - 3. The believer should at least encourage the nonbeliever to see what it says.

II. God's Word.

- A. A word from God is necessary.
 - 1. Because of man's insufficiency: human depravity, human suffering and death. God's thoughts totally surpass men's - they could never discover them alone and could never have knowledge of redemption otherwise. (Isaiah 55)
 - 2. The Bible claims to be God's Word. (Matthew 24:35, 2 Timothy 3:15)
 - a. Its scope is great with time, authorship, etc.
 - b. Despite its great scope it is unified.
 - c. The detailed fulfillment of Bible prophecy is astounding.
 - d. The Person of Jesus is entirely unique in history, and He gave testimony to the whole Bible. (Luke 22:47)

e. The original manuscripts are not extant, but if they were they would be worshipped. Also, with more manuscripts the church is in a better position to have untampered evidence.

3. If it were not for God's Word, we would not be born into the Word of God. (1 Peter 1:21)

4. The Word is spiritual food to the believer. (Isaiah 55)

a. The Bible reveals God to us. (1 Samuel 3:21)

b. God speaks to us through the Bible.

c. The Bible is God's love letter telling us what He wants us to know.

5. The Word is a weapon for the battle, stability for life and prosperity. (Jeremiah 15:16, Proverbs 2:1-5)

B. The Bible is up to date with today's newspaper.

C. The Bible is the last word for everything.

D. Since the Bible is the ultimate authority we need to incline our ear and apply our hearts to it. (Ephesians 6:4)

1. Saturating one's life with the Word brings about the fear of the Lord

2. The only way to get to know this book is by spending time in it.

III. Conclusion.

Application questions

1. How should one react in an evangelistic situation when the person says he does not believe in the Word of God and does not want to hear it.

2. Why is the Word of God necessary?

3. What is your plan for getting into God's Word on a consistent basis. Set three goals for this week that will begin to form a lifelong habit.
