



CBF Discipleship 1.0 – Lesson 7 – God’s Word

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The Protestant Bible is comprised of

- 40 writers from different education levels, different customs, and different experiences
- Written over of 1500 years (1400 B.C. to 100 A.D.) across Europe and Asia
- Written in 3 languages (mainly in Hebrew and Greek, with some in Aramaic in Daniel)
- And covers hundreds of topics in literature with many styles of writing across 66 books (39 Old Testament, 27 New Testament).
- YET, it is a book inspired by one ultimate author, God, with amazing unity that tells a uniform message of God’s plan of salvation by grace to deal with man’s sin through the central figure, Jesus Christ.
- And this message has been translated into over 2000 languages and 90% of the world has access to a Bible in their language.

With the Bible, God is the author, not man (unlike all the other false religions where a person is the ultimate author). 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16-17 tells us: **All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

God used men to physically write the bible, but who inspired all of it? \_\_\_\_\_ (v16)

What is God’s word (Scripture) profitable for? (v16)

- \_\_\_\_\_ – a set of established truths from of God’s Word
- \_\_\_\_\_ – to disprove or refute wrong teaching going against doctrine
- \_\_\_\_\_ - to make right or rectify bringing it to the standard of truth, God’s Word
- \_\_\_\_\_ – to teach according to doctrine, God’s Word

Here are some additional truths about God’s Word, please read each verse

- God’s Word is inerrant and cannot be broken - John 10:35
- God does not change and neither does His doctrine - Malachi 3:6, Mathew 24:35
- The Word of God is the essence of God’s character - John 1:1
- God’s Word is not chained by the world’s system. It does not die, despite many efforts to chain the Word. - 2 Timothy 2:9

**Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

The Word of God is also:

- Living and Powerful– it is not dead but alive and powerful. It changes lives.
- Sharper than any 2 edged sword – a 2 edged sword refers to a surgical instrument, it cuts both ways. It efficiently and meticulously divides issues within a person, whether it’s from their spirit or soul, whether it’s from God or not.
- Is a discerner – the Word of God is not fooled by what we think or do. When we read God’s Word and allow it to penetrate, it will identify our true intentions, whether good or evil.

Jesus even claimed and spoke authoritatively using the Word of God while on earth. ‘It is written’ – was used many times by Jesus, especially during temptation – see Luke 24:44.

Ultimately, why do we believe the Bible to be true? Because of our faith in a God that does not lie (in actions or word) and the use of God’s Word by Christ while He was here on earth. We also have faith because of what God has already done and promises to do in His Word. You can only accept the Bible if you accept the author.

We have to remember that we are finite, but God is infinite. Given we are not infinite, He is unknowable, but there are things we can know about Him. Just because someone does not believe the Bible or God, that does not mean it will not happen.

**Matt 5:18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.**

- His Word will happen even down to the jot or tittle (apostrophe, comma, etc..)
- His Word is truthful and will happen down to the comma! He guarantees it!!

Summary from today?

Questions to reflect on?	Answer
What truths have you learned today?	
Given what you have learned and/or decided, are there any areas you need to take to the Holy Spirit in prayer?	
What actions should you take in your life to demonstrate what you have learned and committed to?	