

Can I Really Trust the Bible?

A ONE-PAGE REFERENCE GUIDE TO THE RELIABILITY OF GOD'S WORD · QUESTION 2 OF 7

Scripture Reference:

2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV) "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,"

The Foundational Answer:

Yes, the Bible is trustworthy: The reliability of the Bible rests first on the character of the God who cannot lie and who revealed His truth through human authors (Numbers 23:19; Titus 1:2).

Inspiration: The Greek word theopneustos means "God-breathed." Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, God communicated with the writers so that Scripture records His Words while reflecting their individual vocabulary, background, and style.

Authority: Because Scripture comes from God, it is the final standard for what Christians believe and how they live. Trusting the Bible is ultimately trusting the God who speaks through it.

Why is Trust Reasonable?

A unified message: Written by many authors across centuries and in varied settings, Scripture tells one consistent story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration centered in Jesus Christ.

Faithful transmission: No other book from the ancient world is this well documented. Thousands of manuscripts, plus countless quotations preserved in early letters and sermons, give scholars an enormous body of evidence to compare. That comparison is not a threat to Scripture. It is the reason we can say with confidence that the words in your hands are the words that were written.

Historical grounding: The Bible names real rulers, nations, cities, customs, and events. Archaeology and ancient sources repeatedly confirm its historical setting, although archaeology does not serve as the Bible's ultimate authority.

Prophecy and fulfillment: Scripture records prophecies given before their fulfillment, especially those concerning the Messiah. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection stand at the center of the Bible's fulfilled redemptive hope.

<u>1 GOD SPEAKS</u> Scripture is God-breathed 2 Timothy 3:16	<u>2 GOD PRESERVES</u> His Word stands forever Isaiah 40:8	<u>3 CHRIST AFFIRMS</u> Scripture cannot be broken John 10:35
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How Did Jesus Treat Scripture?

As True: Jesus declared, "Your Word is truth" and treated Old Testament people and events as real (John 17:17; Matthew 19:4-5; 24:37-39).

As Authoritative: Jesus answered temptation with "It is written" and submitted every argument to the written Word (Matthew 4:1-11).

As Enduring and Fulfilled: Jesus said Scripture cannot be broken and that its words pointed ultimately to Him (John 10:35; Luke 24:27, 44).

Reference	Connection
Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2	The God who speaks does not lie.
Psalms 119:160, John 17:17	God's Word is true in its entirety.
Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 24:35	God's Word remains when everything else passes away.
2 Peter 1:20-21	Holy men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
Luke 24:27, 44	Jesus taught that the Scriptures point to and are fulfilled in Him.
Acts 17:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:21	Believers should examine Scriptures carefully rather than accept blind claims.

THE ENDURING LESSON: Biblical faith is not blind faith. We trust Scripture because we trust its truthful Author, recognize the evidence of His faithful revelation, and see its message fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Read it carefully, interpret it responsibly, and obey it confidently.



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