

"Thy Word is a . . ."

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GOD is FAITHFUL! The Psalmist wrote,

⁹⁷ How I love Your Law!

It is my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸ Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies,

For they are ever mine.

⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers,
For Your testimonies are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ I understand more than those who are old,
Because I have complied with Your precepts.

¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way,
So that I may keep Your word.

¹⁰² I have not turned aside from Your judgments,
For You Yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste!
Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ From Your precepts I get understanding;
Therefore I hate every false way.

We recognize the psalmist has experienced the full treasure of the Word of God - circle the words he uses to describe it!

Today, we are considering "God's Word", His Law, His historical narratives, His poetry, His prophecy, Jesus' teachings, the teachings of the Apostles and the 1st century church documents. It is a whole package! It is His Word and if any of it is false, then God's is _____ and is a no-_____ liar.

Consider the simplistic handout of "How We Got the Bible."

When we look at the historicity of the Bible, the Word of God, we must wrestle with information that is uncomfortable in "what" we have been taught from a variety of sources.

THESE do not negate the truth of what we have seen today and the many supporting facts when one does a thorough study of the Word of God.

1. Inspired - 2 Timothy 3:16,17; Hebrews 4:12-13

2. Uniqueness

3. Internal continuity

4. Compared with other historical documents/writings

5. Survival

6. And, much more

What is "the Bible"?

Books (or letters) OT; New Testament
Canonized in AD at Council of Nicea; affirmed in ___ &
___ AD by councils of _____ & _____.

In addition to being inspired, the Word itself tells us:
2 Peter 1:20-21

1 Corinthians 2:10-13

2 Peter 3:15-16

2 Peter 2:1-4

Therefore, we believe and hold that the Word of God and its teachings are our only authority for life and godliness. The believer is to study and know Scripture, the Holy Spirit being the best teacher, and then is accountable to practice - live out in a growing way - the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles.

A QUESTION TO PONDER:

Does a person have to believe in the inspiration of the Word and that it is authoritative in their life and accept all of its teachings in order to be a believer?

What part of this passage "caught your attention"?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?