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WHY I BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS TRUE!
II TIMOTHY 3:16

Open in your bible to II Timothy 3:16

The book you now hold is unlike any other in the world. 'All scripture is given by inspiration of god...'

God tells us this revelation, this inspired book is the very breath of god. Theopneustos is the word in greek that stands behind the english words...

Pasa(all)graphe(scripture)theo(god)pneustos(breathed)

In 1941 an english scholar named j.b. Phillips began a new translation of an old piece of literature. He got much more than he planned on when he connected with the new testament for war torn england. His testimony is in the preface to the phillips new testament :

"first, i was continually struck by the living quality of the material i worked on. Some will no doubt consider it superstrious reverence for the "holy writ", yet again and again i felt rather like an electrician rewiring an ancient house without being able to'turn the mains off". I feel this fact is worth recording. Secondly, i was struck by the extraordinary unanimity of the letrers. In different ways from their different angles they are talking about the same thing. In conclusion, maybe if we believed what they did it would effect us!"

There are 3,000 pages of material printed every 60 seconds in the USA. In that mountain of information only one book is:

"God -breathed"

All the Scripture are God breathed

This morning, look with me at the two points of this text and let the truth that the Bible you hold in your hand is:

The scriptures are god-breathed. Unique in the world. The very mind of god revealed for you. Only things god can know, and he shared them with you...

Open to Job 38:1-4

God asks a question of job that you need to answer nes morning.

Were you there?

If not, who are you going to trust? Either the only perfectly honest Witness there ever will be or a lie.

There are some extraordinary moments recorded flawlessly in the Word of god. Have you ever realized what it means that these words

Were god-breathed? Only he was there to record them...

- How about your origin? Creation="no one but god" Genesis 1-2
- How about coming judgment? Flood = "eight in a billion" gen 6-8; 7:23.
- How about current middle east tensions? Call of abram="the man from ur"
- Gen 11-12:1

- How about your struggle with some secret sin? Temptation of Joseph = "from inside of Potiphar's house" Genesis 37,39:11
- How about your fear of the future or death? Jacob's testimony="Israel's last words" Genesis 48:15-49.
- How about worries about accidents? Death of Ahab, "A bow at random" 1 Kings 22:34-38 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded. 35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot. 36 And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country. 37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria. 38 And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of the LORD which he spake. (KJV)
- How about fears about sin and the occult? The Temptation of Christ, "Defeating the Devil" Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. (KJV)

Why I Believe the BIBLE!

- I. There are 66 books:
 - A. The Old Testament has 39 books with 939 chapters and different Hebrew words
 - B. The New Testament has 27 books with 250 chapters and different Greek words
 - C. This translates into just over 6,000 different English words
- II. There are 7 reasons why I believe the Bible is true:
 - A. Because our Lord Jesus Christ said so! He believed in:
 1. Verbal (every word) Inspiration [Matthew 5:18]
 2. Inerrancy [John 10:35; 17:17]
 3. Historical Reliability of Scripture as in Adam and Eve (Mt. 19:4-5); Noah and flood (Mt. 24:37); Abraham (John 8:56); Jonah (Mt. 12:40-41); etc. (FOF)
 - B. Because all the writers said so
 - C. Because of its incredible unity (illustration - Criswell)
 - D. Because of its fulfilled prophecy (illustration - Logos Esch.)
 - E. Because of its scientific accuracy (Mac)
 - F. Because of its archaeological verification (Criswell)
 - G. Because of its endurance through the ages (Criswell)
- III. Seven Reasons to Study God's Word are because it is a:
 - A. REVEALER -- It discovers and convicts us of sin in our lives (John 16:7-10)
 - B. REMOVER -- Through it God's Spirit cleanses us from sin (John 17:17; Hebrew 9:14; 10:22)
 - C. RESTORER -- It imparts strength to our spiritual

- man (Jer. 15:16)
 - D. REMINDER -- It instructs us in going God's way (Rom. 15:4)
 - E. RESISTOR -- It provides us a sword for victory over sin and temptations (Eph. 6:17)
 - F. REFINER -- It shapes us into a life that glorifies Him (1 Peter 1:7; 2 Cor. 3:18)
 - G. REVIVER -- It drives us to prayerful dependence (John 15:7-8)
- IV. The Bible is the Source of (Mac):
- A. TRUTH: John 17:17
 - B. HAPPINESS: Jer. 15:16 "They are the joy of my heart"
 - C. GROWTH: 1 Peter 2:2
 - D. POWER: Hebrews 4:12
 - E. GUIDANCE: Psalm 119:105
 - F. COMFORT: Romans 15:4
 - G. MATURITY (Completeness): 2 Tim. 3:16-17
 - H. VICTORY: Eph. 6:17
- V. God's Word defines itself as:
- A. **Infallible** in totality: Psalm 19:7 "Law of Lord is perfect"
 - B. **Inerrant** in part: Prov. 30:5-6 "Every Word of God is pure"
 - C. **Completed** by God: Rev. 22:18-19; Ps. 19:7-10; Deut. 4:2 "Ye shall not add"
 - D. **Authoritative**: Isaiah 1:2 "The Lord hath spoken"
 - E. **Sufficient**: 2 Tim. 3:16-17 "That (ye) may be perfect"
 - F. **Divine**: 2 Peter 1:21 "Spoke as they were moved"
 - G. **Determiner** of the destiny of all: John 8:31; John 5:24; John 11:25-26; Mark 8:34-38
 - H. **Purely preserved**: Psalm 12:6-7; 119:89,140
 - I. **Supernatural** in its origin: 2 Timothy 3:16 - "God breathed"
 - J. **The source** of faith: Rom. 10:17 "Faith cometh by hearing"
 - K. **Effective**: Isaiah 55:6-7,11 "Seek . . . while He is near"