

# Hebrews 4

***-The Word of God***

***-The Inspiration and Authority  
of Scripture* by Rene Pache**

***-The Canon of Scripture* by F.F.  
Bruce**

**-Dr. Voddie Baucham's lecture  
on YouTube titled *Why I  
Choose to Believe the Bible***

**-Dr. James White—particularly  
*The King James Controversy***

**-Dr. Michael Kruger—anything!**

**-*The Orthodoxy of Heresy* by  
Dr. Michael Kruger and Dr.  
Andreas Kostenberger**

**-What is the Word of God?**

**-Embodied in the Son of God  
Himself, Jesus**

**-John 1:1 (ESV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**-John 1:14 (ESV) And the Word  
became flesh and dwelt among  
us...**

**-John 17:17 (ESV) Sanctify  
them in the truth; *your word is  
truth.***

**-John 14:9 (ESV) Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”**

**-Oral form when it is spoken**

**-1 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV) And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.**

**-Written form such as the  
Bibles we have in our hands:**

**-King Josiah: 2 Chronicles 34:21  
(ESV) “Go, inquire of the LORD for  
me and for those who are left in Israel  
and in Judah, concerning the words  
of the book that has been found. For  
great is the wrath of the LORD that is  
poured out on us, because our  
fathers have not kept *the word of the  
LORD*, to do according to all that is  
*written in this book.*”**

**-Canon = Standard/Rule**

**-According to Pache, there at least 295 quotations or direct references to the OT in the NT with evidently another 478 allusions to the OT. While all of the OT books are at least alluded to, absolutely zero of the apocryphal books are alluded to in the NT.**

**-Prayers for the dead (II  
Maccabees 12:44)**

**-The repeated expiatory sacrifice that would eventually become known as the mass (II Maccabees 12:39-46)**

**-Almsgiving/charitable giving  
with expiatory (atoning) value  
also leading to the deliverance  
from death (Tobit 12:9; 4:10)**

**-Invocation and intercession of  
the saints (II Maccabees 15:14;  
Baruch 3:4)**

**-The worship of angels (Tobit  
12:12)**

**-Purgatory and the redemption  
of souls after death (II  
Maccabees 12:42, 46)**

**-How did anyone 300 yrs  
before Christ know that Isaiah  
and any other OT book were  
Scripture?**

**-Bruce Metzger- “...the church did not create the canon but came to recognize, accept, affirm and confirm the self-authenticating quality of certain documents that imposed themselves as such on the church.”**

**-The Synod of Hippo in 397**

**-In the Muratorian Fragment of the second century, ... In other words, the author of the fragment reflects the conviction that early Christians were not willing to accept books written in the second century or later but had restricted themselves to books from the apostolic time period. They seemed to have understood that the apostolic phase of redemptive history was uniquely the time when canonical books were produced.**

**-Paul dealt with the Judaizers in Acts and in his letters to the churches, most glaringly in the book of Galatians.**

**-John dealt with proto-Gnosticism in 1 John—a category of heretics that would produce what we now know as the Gnostic Gospels centuries after that.**

**-Jesus dealt with heretical teachings within the churches in the book of Revelation.**

**-2 Peter 3:15-16 (ESV) 15 And count the  
patience of our Lord as salvation, just as  
our beloved brother Paul also wrote to  
you according to the wisdom given him,  
16 as he does in all his letters when he  
speaks in them of these matters. There  
are some things in them that are hard to  
understand, which the ignorant and  
unstable twist to their own destruction,  
as they do the other Scriptures.**

**-Colossians 4:16 (ESV) And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea.**

**-Aristotle's *Poetics*: > a dozen  
copies dating ~1000 yrs later**

**-Julius Caesar's *Gallic Wars*: >  
a dozen copies more than 1000  
yrs later**

**-Homer's *Iliad*: a few hundred manuscripts earliest of which date 2100 yrs after the original**

**-OT authors claim to be transmitting the very words of God no less than 3,808 times.**

**-1 Clement ~AD 95-96 “You have gazed into the holy and true Scriptures that were given by the Holy Spirit. And you realize there is nothing untrue or counterfeit written in them.”**

**-Justin Martyr ~AD 160 “I am  
entirely convinced that no  
Scripture contradicts another  
Scripture.”**

**-Irenaus ~180 “All Scripture, which has been given to us by God, shall be found by us perfectly consistent. And though though the many diverse utterances of Scripture there shall be heard one harmonious melody.”**

**-Theophilus of Antioch ~AD 180**

**“How much more than shall we know the truth who are instructed by the holy prophets, who themselves were possessed by the Holy Spirit of God?...On this account, all the prophets spoke harmoniously, in agreement with one another.”**

**-Tertullian ~AD 200 “Here I might now make my stand and contend that a work ought not to be recognized that exhibits no consistency.”**

**-John 10:27 (ESV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.**

**-1 Corinthians 2:12-14 (ESV) 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.**

**-Hebrews 4:12 (ESV) For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**