

LESSON 4 – WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT THE BIBLE IS GOD’S WORD?

1. What is meant by “verbal inspiration”?

- a.)
- b.)
- c.)

} Verbal Inspiration:

2. Because the Bible was written by God (the Holy Spirit) that means...

- a.)
- b.)
- c.)

3. God has preserved his Word through time

a.) In his wisdom God has not preserved any of the original writings of the Apostles, but he has preserved countless copies.

b.) We can see God’s guiding hand at work in the uniformity of these copies (99.5% the same!) and the sheer number of them (nearly 400x more than any book in antiquity!) Besides the sheer number of copies is their proximity to the original events of Jesus’ and the apostles’ lives. Objectively no other book in ancient history can even be considered in the same ballpark as the Bible!

c.) The majority of differences being:

- The translation of people or place names
- Changing the order of words (i.e. “our Lord Jesus Christ” vs. “Jesus Christ our Lord”)
- NONE of the .5% differences have to do with ANY doctrinal passages of the Bible!

d.) So don’t get alarmed when you hear reports of the Bible being “changed” or “full of inaccuracies” in the course of copying. God’s promise and all the evidence we have proves the contrary!

4. Because the Bible is God’s Word how will we handle it?

- a.)
- b.)

5. What are some “reasons” people give for changing what God’s Word says?



6. Why are any and all such changes dangerous?