

Evidence that The Bible is The Infallible Word of God

~ Ten Reasons to Believe ~

Lesson #10

• Reasons to Believe #9 •

“The Wonder of Its Teaching”

• H A N D O U T •

► We now leave the Bible's Intellectual Integrity and continue with our series: “Reasons to Believe the Bible is the Infallible Word of God” by looking at Reason #9: “The Wonder of Its Teaching.”

Books – both fiction and non-fiction – almost without exception – reflect both the culture and mindset of the author's generation. Even science fiction futuristic writings find its roots in the author's cultural ideas; his imaginings are still grounded in his experiences. This was driven home to me recently when I watched a rerun of a very popular TV series from the 1970s. Even though that's only a little more than one generation in the past, the hairstyles and clothing made me laugh. Then there were the plot details, which seemed stiff and implausible compared to the current fare being presented today. Unfortunately, I laughed in all the wrong places.

But this is not true with the teachings of the Bible. In fact, the Bible does not reflect the religious environment of the time of its authors. In fact, many of the teachings were contrary to their contemporary religious concepts of their day. The Bible records these differences and the temptations that were created for God's Covenant people, but never do we find the Bible compromising its standards, as set for by God Himself. This is the focus of Reason #9 – the Wonder of Its Teaching.

Q: What are some of the ways that God's Word would be considered wondrous?

Q: The Bible refers to God as a “God of Wonders.” There are two Hebrew words of “wonder:” Mopheth & Pala. What understanding can we draw from these two words?

Mopheth means _____

Pala refers to _____

Q: What are some of the Biblical examples which can be given for Mopheth & Pala?

For Mopheth:

For Pala:

Q: What has been the two greatest struggles for God's Covenant people? Struggles that required God's people to walk contrary to their culture's expectations?

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Q: How does the struggle of the ancient people of God compare to the struggle of God's people today?

Q: What does the Bible say about this current state of affairs?

► 2 Timothy 4:1a, 2-4 • I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus ... preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.
For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

Q: What is the bottom line for the Bible:

Q: Using the scripture below, from Isaiah, how is God's identity revealed in the Bible?

Isaiah 43:10-11, 13 • "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I Am He. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. Yes, and from ancient days I am He. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"

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Q: What is the most prevalent opinion held by the world today regarding the veracity of the scripture? This includes even some churches today.

Q: What is the single most powerful action we find being undertaken in the church today – the action that has the potential to destroy us, as God's people?

Q: This is not a new problem. What example[s] can be given to show that there was a similar problem for Israel in both the O.T. and N.T.?

Q: What is the Christian's responsibility when the teachings of the Bible begin to erode?

Q: When we stand our ground, what is a typical response Christian's are likely to get for their righteous stand for God and the Bible?

Q: God knows it is impossible for us to keep His law, so why did He give us the Law I the first place?

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Ephesians 2:8-9 · For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

Q: In the end, will God be lenient with us, since He knows we can't keep what He gave?

Numbers 14:8 · ‘The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in loving devotion, forgiving iniquity and transgression. Yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished;

Q: It has been said multiple times that it is all a matter of sincere faith. If you believe what you believe sincerely, God will honor your sincerity. Is that true?

John 14:6 · I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except thru Me.”

Romans 1:17b-20 · But the righteous man shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Q: What concluding advice does the Bible give us to enable us to walk in the Wonder of His Word?

2 Timothy 4:2, 5 · Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. ...be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.



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Its Life-Transforming Power

