

The Truth of God III

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In our last article we asked how do we know if what we believe is true or not. And how do we know if what we believe goes with the teachings of Scripture? The answer was by looking at Scripture itself. There is no way around that. We **MUST** study the Word of God for ourselves so that we will not be deceived.

But even though the truth of God is in His Word, people are not too quick to open up the Word for themselves. Unfortunately quite too often they are so prone to believe anything they hear about God because it sounds so spiritual and so beautiful. And they say things like, 'how could that not be true? That must be true because it sounds like it is true.' But unfortunately many time's its not.

If a person wants to know if what his religion is teaching him is true or not, they need to study the Bible for themselves. Why commit their eternal destiny in something that someone is telling them from the pulpit or from the altar? Quite too often man fails us with many things that they are capable of doing. And since man is sinful (Romans 3:23), why would anyone hand over their eternal destiny to man's opinions on spiritual issues? Pastor's, Priest's, Rabbi's and other forms of spiritual teachers are all sinners and are all subject to error. So why trust what they say without reading the Scriptures to see if what they say is true or not?

In order for us to see the that the truth of God is in the Word of God, let us see the various ways that God spoke in the Bible. First we will see how God spoke in the Old Testament, after which we will see how He spoke in the New Testament.

Hebrews 1:1 says that; "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets." We believe this. God spoke many times through various ways to the fathers by the prophets. That in itself is referring to the Old Testament. God spoke to them through 39 books that were written over a period of time of 2000 years. He spoke to them in various ways, that is, through vision's, symbol's, parables, and through an audible voice, like that of Moses. Isaiah wrote in 1:24 "Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts" (Isaiah 3:15, 7:7, Jeremiah 1:2, 15, Ezekiel 6:1, Hosea 1:1).

God did speak to the fathers by the prophets as they claimed. This is called the inspiration of Scripture. This is under attack today and has been since the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1). Man is so quick to say that the Bible is not the Word of God. And unfortunately, so many are also so quick to believe what these deceivers say. That is the main point. Man is so quick to believe what others say about the Bible, but fail to believe what God says about His Word. Jesus believed in the inspiration of Scripture. That is why He quoted from it over and over again. The Apostles believed in the inspiration of Scripture.

2 Peter 1:19-21; "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; wherunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and

the day star arise in your hearts; Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God sake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost". 2Timothy 3:15-17 also says; "And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

God spoke in the Bible. The Bible is the Word of God. And if we truly believe in the LORD, we should also believe in His Word. And if we believe in His Word, we will study it for ourselves to see if what others say about the Bible is true or not.

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