

Our Issues – God’s Answers

Is The Bible Really Reliable?

INTRO: When someone wants to attest to the authority of a book on a particular subject, they call it “the bible on mechanics” or “the bible on donuts” or “the bible on hunting.” It means that book is truly reliable. The Bible by its nature has become the standard. But is it really reliable?

I. THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE BIBLE

1. The Sources
2. The Shovel

II. THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE BIBLE

1. Its Continuity – 1500 Yrs., 40 Authors, 1 Message
2. Its Universality – Acts 1:8
3. Its Indestructibility – Mt. 5:17-18
4. Its Capability – Jn. 7:17
 - (1) To Bring Conviction – 2 Tm. 3:16
 - (2) To Bring Regeneration – 1 Pt. 1:22-25
 - (3) To Bring Sanctification – Jn. 17:17
5. Its Prophecy
 - (1) The Multitudinous Prophecies – e.g. Ezk. 26:1-14
 - (2) The Messianic Prophecies – e.g. Is 7:14; Mi. 5:2; Ps. 22
 - (3) The Matchless Prophecy – Mt. 28:6

III. THE ASSERTIONS OF THE BIBLE

1. As To Its Substance – Ps. 19:7-11
2. As To Its Source – 2 Tm. 3:16; 2 Pt. 1:20-21

IV. THE AFFIRMATIONS OF THE BIBLE

1. By David – Ps. 19 & 119
2. By Stephen – Acts 7:2-53
3. By Peter – 2 Pt. 1:20-21; 2 Pt. 3:2; 3:15-16; Acts 2:14-36
4. By Paul – 1 Th. 2:13; Ro. 16:25-26
5. By Jesus – Mt. 22:31-32; 15:3-9; Lk. 16:17; 18:31; 24:44

V. THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE – Mt. 28:18; 4:4; Jn. 14:15

CONCL: We should plan as if we will live another 100 years, but live as if today is the last day. All of us have a sure appointment (Hebrews 9:27) with either the undertaker or the Upper-taker. Indeed the Latter could be coming today!

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How Can I Thwart Temptation?

INTRO: There is coming a moment after which we will never again be tempted. That moment is when we see Jesus face to face. Until then, the battle is on!! But God has not left us to struggle, to fail, to fall. He has given us a vast array of weaponry to fight the good fight until Jesus comes (2 Timothy 4:7).

I. THE ANATOMY OF OUR TEMPTATIONS – Ja. 1:13-15

1. Stage #1 – Lust Offered
2. Stage #2 – Lust Owned
3. Stage #3 – Lust Obeyed

II. THE ATTACKERS IN OUR TEMPTATIONS

1. The Sin Nature – Ro. 6:12; Ga. 5:16
2. The Societal System – 1 Jn. 2:16
3. The Satanic Forces – Jn. 8:44

III. THE ARMAMENT FOR OUR TEMPTATIONS

1. Precepts – Ps. 119:9-16
2. Prayer – He. 4:16; Ep. 6:18
3. Power – Pp. 2:13; 4:13; Ga. 5:16
4. Provision – 1 Co. 10:13

IV. THE AVOIDANCE OF OUR TEMPTATIONS

1. The Sin Nature Avoidance – Ga. 5:16; Ro. 13:14; 2 Tm. 2:21-23; Ro. 6: 1-13
2. The Societal System Avoidance – 1 Jn. 2:15-17; Titus 2:12; 1 Co. 7:31; 2 Co. 6:14; 1 Jn. 5:4 (Ro. 10:17)
3. The Satanic Forces Avoidance – 1 Pt. 5:6-8; Ja. 4:6-7; Ep. 6:10-18
4. The Supreme Avoidance – Lk. 9:23; Ro. 12:1-2

V. THE ANTIDOTE TO OUR TEMPTATIONS – 1 Jn. 1:9; 2 Co. 7:10-11

CONCL: What a wonderful blessing to know that the battle is not ours, but the Lord’s. We DO NOT need to yield to temptation. Rather we can battle and resist temptation for God’s glory and our good. Draw your sword brothers and sisters!!

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