

Ask the Pastor:

“Pastor, is the Bible really the word of God?”

I always like to answer this type of question by not going into some long academic or theological explanation but allow the Bible to speak about itself, or how it should be seen. Psalm 18: 1-6, Proverbs 4:1-5, John 21:25, 2 Timothy 1: 8-15, Rev 22: 18-20 all speak in one way or another to what the Bible is and should be. In all references, the point is made that what we have today, the Bible, regardless of the subtle differences of English translation is the best, most accurate, and only true revelation of what God is and His plan for all creation. Not only that but its wisdom, guidance, admonition is both worthy and true, and can answer in one way or another, any question or issue, one may have.

So if the Bible itself says certain things about itself, are we in any position to say anything else? Or try to make the Bible something it just is not? Again, the Bible is not a Novel, in the modern literary sense; it is not a book of chemistry, nor a cookbook, nor a guide on used car buying. However, it is God’s word to humanity and all His creation. An in it we will find wisdom and grace, for everything from baking a cake, buying a car, and maybe even some counsel on diet and nutrition. In it we find the Holy plan of God from Genesis to Revelation, we will find the plan of God for our forgiveness, redemption, and life eternal with our Lord.

The real danger of saying the Bible is not the word of God, and then by both reason and logic something else just may be. Is the Book of Mormon the real word of God, the Holy Quran, is the latest Steven King novel the word of God? The danger is that as soon as one says the Bible is not the complete and true revelation of God then maybe that revelation exists in some one or something else. Would that be Buddha, Mohammad, would that be your pet dog or cat?

The Bible is living document that covers not only the story of a chosen people from Abraham to Jesus Christ, but all of creation, all of the Universe, from “in the beginning” to the New Jerusalem, and “Amen, come Lord Jesus”. From dust to glory. That is quite a story, quite a revelation, and quite a promise from God to you. That is not to say that the Bible is always an easy read, or makes sense to us at all times, and there maybe some things we read that may confuse and trouble us. However, it has story to tell, and a plan for you, Want to know the Lord, and faith. Pick up the Bible, open to any page, you will find the answers.

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