

WEEK 5

Can We Really Trust the Bible?

2 PETER 1:16-21

Seven Reasons We Can Trust the Bible:

1. The God Reason.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”
(2 Timothy 3:16)

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”
(Matthew 5:17-18)

2. The Eyewitness Reason.

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it.”
(1 John 1:1-2)

3. The History Reason.

“It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference. Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or exact detail historical statements in the Bible.”⁵
(NELSON GLUECK)

4. The Manuscript Reason.

“In the variety and fullness of the evidence on which it rests,

the text of the New Testament stands absolutely and unapproachably alone among ancient prose writings.”⁶
(F.J.A. HORT)

5. The Science Reason.

6. The Prophecy Reason.

7. The Personal Reason.

“The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

Make it personal.

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”
(Matthew 7:24)

Discussion Starters:

- What did you think about the message?
- Which of the seven reasons for trusting the Bible did you find most helpful? Why?
- Have you read much of the Bible? What was your experience?
- Has something stopped you from opening the Bible in the past or even now?
- Do you think science and the Bible are friends or enemies?
- Do you think the Bible can change your life? In what ways?

Book Recommendation:

- ESV Study Bible
- Reliable Truth (RICHARD E. SIMMONS III)