

Authenticity of the Bible

D. Simpson

The Bible stands upon four immovable pillars. These four grand arguments for the truth of the Bible are:

The miracles it records. The miracles flow from Divine power.

The prophecies it contains. Its prophecies prove its origins are from Divine understanding.

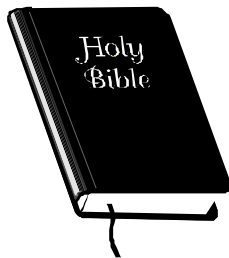
The goodness of the Divine doctrines

The moral character of the Divine author

Forgotten Treasure

Dr. Edmond

A man once entered a home in Germany, and found it very wretched — no fire, no furniture, no food. Everything bore the appearance of utter poverty. Glancing around, he saw, in a neglected corner, a copy of the Bible, and when he went away, he said to the poor tenants, "There is a treasure in this house



"Books inform, but only the Bible transforms!"

that would make you all rich."

After he had gone, the people began to search the house for what they thought must be a jewel or a pot of gold, and finding nothing, they went to dig up the floor, in hopes of discovering the hidden store of wealth. Their labors were all in vain. One day, the mother lifted up the old Bible, and found written on the flyleaf of it, taken from its own pages, these words, "The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver." (Ps. 119:72)

"Ah!" she said, "can this be the treasure the stranger spoke of?" So, she told her thought to the rest of the family. They began to read the Bible and became changed in character, and the blessings of God came in to stay with them.

The stranger came back to find poverty gone, contentment and peace in its place, and a hearty Christian welcome. With grateful joy, the family told him, "We found the treasure, and it has proved all that you said to us it would."

"A man may read the numbers on a sundial, but he cannot tell the time of day unless the sun shines on the dial. We may read the Bible over and over, but we cannot learn its purpose or words until the Spirit of God shine into our hearts." — T. Watson

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In One Ear and Out into the Fire

Bill Brinkworth

God gave His Word to the prophet Jeremiah (*Jeremiah 36*). It was given in hopes that the people of Israel, when they heard how their sin would be judged and punished by God, would repent and stop their wickedness. That is always the first desire of God. He does not want any to perish (*II Peter 3:9*).

Baruch, Jeremiah's scribe, heard the Words from Jeremiah and recorded them on a scroll. For an unspecified reason, the prophet was not allowed in the Temple. Jeremiah commanded Baruch to read it, in his place, to an array of princes. Fear struck the listeners and immediately they wanted the king to hear God's judgment by hearing the Words from God. "Surely, as they were touched and convicted, so will the king be", they must have thought.

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Destruction of the Bible

Dr. Payson (1871)

Destroy this volume, as the enemies of human happiness have vainly endeavored to do, and you render us profoundly ignorant of our Creator, of the formation of the world which we inhabit, of the origin and progenitors of our race, of our present day and future destination, and consign us through life to the dominion of fancy, doubt, and conjecture.

Destroy this volume, and you deprive us of religion, with all the animating consolations, hopes, and prospects which it affords, and leave us nothing but the miserable alternative between the cheerless gloom of infidelity and the monstrous shadows of paganism.

Destroy this volume, and you keep others from heaven; restore to the king of terrors his fatal sting; bury hope in the same grave which receives our bodies; consign all who have died before us to eternal sleep or endless misery (it is the Bible that tells us

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Jehudi was selected to read the prophetic words to the king. Instead of being grieved and burdened as he heard a few pages read, the king took them, cut them up with his penknife, and threw them into the fire. As more were read to him, he did likewise. Soon all the Words given to Jeremiah were destroyed.

Just ignoring the Words, however, did not lessen his responsibility to deal with the warnings. As for the Word, it was simply rewritten, and today we have all the same Words that Jeremiah was given, plus some additional truths Jeremiah added. God could preserve His Words then, and He is still doing it today in the preserved King James Bible, despite all that man is trying to do to dilute His truths.

What is interesting is to see how these men handled what was heard. The prophet heard, knew their source, and knew they were valuable to share with others so they could divert a terrible fate. He knew how many would react, but he still made sure others had the opportunity to hear God's Words as he had. Today's Christians should have a similar burden to want others to hear the truths as taught in God's Word. If we do not tell others, who will?

The princes heard the same

words, and were afraid of what was prophesied to happen. They too wanted another to hear it. I am sure they were hoping their leader would help change the situation, so their nation would not be judged by God.

The king reacted like so many do today. He heard the words, was not convicted or disturbed, and burnt them up. He did not do with the Truths as God had given him an opportunity to do.

Destroying or ignoring the truths from the Bible is certainly going on today. God's Word is ridiculed and demeaned. We hear all the "arguments", which include:

📖 "Only the weak believe it." However, are we not all "weak"? Most do not recognize their weakness – yet! I heard this defense from a man that was on his fifth marriage, and he is a young man. He just does not see where he is failing, perhaps because he is comparing himself to other "weak" persons around him, and does not seem as "bad" as others. If he, and others, would compare themselves to what the Bible says about their condition, actions, and sins, they might see a truly different picture of themselves.

📖 "It is filled with errors." People often say that, but most cannot give an example of an "error". The majority that have

really given the Bible open-minded study have concluded that there are no errors.

One web site, years ago, gave a reward of many thousands of dollars to anyone that could find any mistakes. They never gave one cent of reward, because none could find one mistake. None of the big talk about contradictions and errors proved true, when they were challenged. I have found that many that claim this excuse, have never really read it for themselves, or have formed an opinion before they even read some of it.

📖 "It's too hard to understand." Actually, the majority of the King James Bible is at fifth grade level. The difficulty in reading and understanding it depends on whether or not the Holy Spirit of God is in the reader's heart. God's Spirit is the only One that can allow anyone of us to understand it.

📖 "It's not important." This is the excuse many use for not even attempting to read it. It is shocking to know how few have read it at all, and even fewer that have read it from cover to cover — even amongst Christians!

📖 They do not want to hear it. They have already purposed in their heart not to obey the highest Authority. This was the case of the king in Jeremiah 36. He, like so many others, had his own plans as to how he wanted to live his life, and did not want any authority telling him how to live

it. It is when people get to the point that they see their way does not work, that they turn to God's way and allow Him to lead them the right way.

How are you handling the Word of God? Is it so precious to you that you are burdened to share it with others no matter what it costs you in popularity, friendships, and others' opinions about you? Are you believing every Word, and trusting its Author even though you may not initially understand it all? Are you asking and allowing the Spirit of God to help you understand His Word? Are the truths within the pages of God's Word so important to you that you are making the effort to read and obey them; or are you allowing it to go in one ear and out into the fire as the king did, and not letting God's Word influence and direct your life?

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otherwise); and allow us to expect nothing at death but a similar fate.

In a word, destroy this volume, and you take from us everything which prevents existence from becoming of all curses the greatest. You will blot out the sun, dry up the ocean, take away the atmosphere of the moral world, and degrade man to a situation from which he may look up with envy to that of the brutish animals that perish.

"The Holy Spirit makes God's Word personal!"