



What the Bible teaches concerning itself

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In this day with so many different teachings and beliefs coming from so many various sources it is of utmost importance to go to the only reliable source for the correct answer. The Word of God (The King James Bible).

Without establishing the final and complete authority of God's word we cannot trust in anything that God's word says. All of our doctrines and beliefs depend upon the word of God being true and trustworthy. If God's word were not perfect, it could not be trusted, and we would have no solid foundation upon which to build our faith.

First and foremost we must establish that the Bible is GOD'S Word. Many today claim it to be a work of men so how do we know this book is truly the Word of God? To satisfy those critical of the Scriptures we will start with several extraBiblical evidences that the Bible is God's Word before we examine what Scripture says concerning itself.

The Scriptures antiquity.

The Bible reaches back further than any other historical account ever has. Tertullian once said "That which is of greatest antiquity is to be received as most sacred and authentic".

The Scriptures preservation.

Throughout time man has tried again and again to destroy the scriptures. In the time of the Reformation the Catholic Church declared it to be a death penalty offense for a common man to own a copy of God's Word, Many dictators throughout the ages have banned and burned the Bible. In more modern times men have tried to change or alter the Bible to fit their own beliefs. Through it all the scriptures have been preserved uncorrupted in the King James Bible.

The Scriptures content.

The hands of 40 men penned the Bible. This was accomplished over many centuries yet it is as constant and sure as the God that breathed it, upon thorough study there are no contradictions in doctrine or teaching at all.

The Scriptures predictions.

Isaiah 7:14 a virgin shall conceive. **Daniel 9:26** the messiah shall be cut off. **Exodus 12:41** the exact time that the Egyptian bondage would end. Over and over throughout the scriptures predictions of the future (prophecies) are made and every single one of them came to pass as the scriptures said; sometimes thousands of years later!

The Scriptures full disclosure of the lives of it's penmen.

Moses mistakes in the wilderness and the consequences for them, King David's adultery, the Apostle Peter denying Christ, Jonah's disobedience to God... if men wrote the Bible then why include your own greatest failures? All of human history and human nature has taught us that when

given the opportunity we tend to paint ourselves in the best light possible yet God's Word reveals the failures of its greatest heroes.

The Scriptures power and effect on the souls of men.

2nd Corinthians 5:17 it creates new creatures. **Romans 10:17** it produces faith in faithless hearts. **Romans 15:4, Lamentations 3:31, 1st Corinthians 1:17, Psalm 119:50**

Beyond all these extra-Biblical evidences of the Scriptures being the Word of God we now turn to what God's Word says concerning itself.

1. It is the very Word of God, **2nd Peter 1:19-21**, the first recorded words of Satan are an attempt to get mankind to doubt God's Word, **Genesis 3:1** "...Yea, hath God said,..." he still tries today.
2. It is of greatest importance! **Psalm 138:2**
3. It is whole and complete, **Galatians 1:8, Revelation 22:18-19**
4. It is eternal, **Matthew 24:35** "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."
5. It is preserved to all generations, **Psalm 12:6-7**
6. It is pure and without error, **Proverbs 30:5**
7. It is the means by which salvation is known, **Romans 10:17, 1st Peter 1:23**
8. It is to be our final authority and guide, **2nd Timothy 2:15** "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
9. It reveals sin in our lives, **Hebrews 4:12**
10. It is what every man will be judged by in the final judgement, **John 12:47-48** "And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. [48] He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

Some notes to consider concerning our King James Bible stance:

To say that only the original manuscripts were the pure word of God is to say that God can't adequately translate His word, into the languages that He created, **Genesis 11:7-9**

People claim purity is lost in translation between the original Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic to English but interestingly enough every use of the word translate in the Bible is an improving of the former, not a diluting. **2nd Samuel 3:10, Hebrews 11:5, Colossians 1:13** God preserves His Word.

God does not mess up! If you were to say that there are more than one "versions" of His Word in ONE LANGUAGE and that BOTH are the word of God you are saying that God was wrong the first time and had to change (**Malachi 3:6**) how He wanted His word translated. You cannot have two different messages, worded two different ways, and claim that they are the same exact thing. "If something is different it is not the same." – Pastor M. Adam Summers

Final thought: For those who disagree concerning versions and perhaps believe there are little or unimportant differences I strongly encourage you to take a King James Bible and whatever other version you'd like and read them side by side. Note each difference and study what the change effects. You will find that key doctrines are attacked or omitted, whole verses removed and more.