

Has God Spoken?

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**“DID GOD REALLY SAY?”**

**Can We *REALLY*  
Trust the Bible?**

**Biblical Claims**

**vs.**

**The Devil's Disciples**



**Gen. 3:1**, “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’”

**Gen. 3:2**, “And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

**Gen. 3:3**, “ ‘but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.” ’ ”

**Gen. 3:4, “Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.’ ”**

**Gen. 3:5, “ ‘For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ ”**

**Gen. 3:6, “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”**

**Who is this GOD?**

# ESSENCE OF GOD

## HOLY

**Sovereign/Creator**

**Omniscient**

**Righteousness**

**Omnipresent**

**Justice**

**Omnipotent**

**Love**

**Veracity**

**Eternal Life**

**Immutability**

**God's Holiness: He is one of a kind, distinct, unique. He alone is God.**

**Deut. 32:39, “Now see that I, even I, am He, and there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor is there any who can deliver from My hand.”**

# What Does the Bible Claim for Itself?



**1. The Bible claims to be the objective communication of God to man.**

**It does not claim the *ideas* are inspired ...**

**It does not claim that the Scripture *contains* the Word of God. It *is* the Word of God.**

**It does not claim that it *becomes* the Word of God when you *have a religious experience* with the Bible.**

**It claims to *record the exact words* of God.**

**“God said” is used 46 × in the Bible;**

**“God spoke” 12 ×**

**Ex. 34:10, “Then **God said**, ‘Behold, I am going to make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform miracles which have not been produced in all the earth, nor among any of the nations; and all the people among whom you live will see the working of the LORD, for it is a fearful thing that I am going to perform with you.’ ”**

**Deut. 6:25, “Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the LORD our God, as **He has commanded us.**”**

## Claims that the Bible precisely quotes God:

“the Lord said” 233×;

“the Lord spoke” 133×;

“says the Lord” 502×

Isa. 1:18, “ ‘Come now, and let us reason together,’  
***says the LORD,*** ‘Though your sins are as scarlet,  
they will be as white as snow; Though they are red  
like crimson, they will be like wool.’ ”

**So the Bible claims that God objectively communicates something to man well over 2,671× (Old Testament), 306× (God), 62× (Holy Spirit), 93× [Jesus (Acts–Rev.)], 1,607× (Gospels) (New Testament), based on Logos search query.**

**Heb. 1:1, “God, after **He spoke** long ago to the fathers by the prophets in different times and in different ways,**

**Heb. 1:2, “in these last days **has spoken** to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the universe.”**

## **2. The Bible claims to be a unique inspired revelation from God.**

**2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is **God-breathed** and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God [any believer] may be well prepared, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” ~RD**

**2 Pet. 1:20, “knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,**

**2 Pet. 1:21, “for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”**

**Literally: Every prophecy of Scripture does not come about from his [the human prophet’s] own explanation/interpretation.**

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**Zech. 7:12, “And they made their hearts like flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent **by His Spirit** through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.”**

**1 Cor. 2:13, “which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those **taught by the Spirit**, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.”**

**3. Thus inspiration includes the minute details of Scripture. Inspiration extends to the grammar and the details of the words.**

**Matt. 5:18, “For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.”**

**Matt. 22:29, “But Jesus answered and said to them, ‘You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures, or the power of God.’ ”**

**Matt. 5:17, “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.**

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**“Jot” = ’ *yodh*, the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet**

**tough, touch, though**

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**Fun, Pun, Run, Bun**

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**Gen. 22:17**, “blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your **descendants [seed]** as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your **descendants [seed]** shall possess the gate of **their [His]** enemies.

**Gen. 22:18**, “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” ~NKJV

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**4. Thus the Bible makes a claim to be absolute Truth. Not merely truth that is the result of human observation, but a universal truth that goes beyond all other truth. A truth by which all other standards may be evaluated.**

**Num. 23:19, “God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has **He said,** and will He not do it? Or has **He spoken,** and will He not make it good?”**

**John 17:17, “Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word  
is truth.”**

**Deut. 4:2, “You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”**

**5. As Absolute Truth the Bible has everlasting value.**

**Isa. 40:8, “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands **forever.**”**

**Matt. 24:35, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but  
My words shall not pass away.”**

**6. As Absolute Truth it is the source of guidance and direction.**

**Psa. 119:105, “Thy word is **a lamp** to my feet, and **a light** to my path.”**

**נְתִיבָה (*n<sup>e</sup>tivâ*) path, pathway, traveler**

**Judg. 5:6, “In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were deserted, and the travelers walked along the byways.”**

**Matt. 4:4, “But He answered and said, ‘It is written,  
“Man shall not live on bread alone, but on **every**  
**word** that proceeds **out of the mouth** of God.” ’ ”**

**Psa. 36:9,**

**“For with You is the fountain of life;**

**In Your light we see light.”**

**7. Inspiration extends to the individual words and the forms of the words. This is known as *verbal* inspiration. That it extends to the whole of Scripture is known as *plenary*.**

**Plenary: complete in every respect, full, absolute, unqualified.**

**Verbal: refers to every word.**

***verbal, plenary inspiration***

**Ex. 4:15, “Now you shall speak to him and put the **words** in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do.**

**Ex. 4:16, “So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God.” ~NKJV**

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**Ex. 7:1, “So the Lord said to Moses: ‘See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.**

**Ex. 7:2, “You **shall speak all that I command you.** And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land.” ~NKJV**

2 Sam. 23:2, “The **Spirit of the Lord spoke by me,**  
and His word was on my tongue.”

2 Sam. 23:3,

“The **God of Israel said,**

The **Rock of Israel spoke to me:**

‘He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the  
fear of God.’ ” ~NKJV

**Isa. 59:21, “ ‘As for Me,’ says the Lord, ‘this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and **My words** which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,’ says the Lord, ‘from this time and forevermore.’ ” ~NKJV**

**8. The Scripture is given by the (OT) prophets and (NT) apostles (1 Pet. 1:20–21; Eph. 2:20).**

**The Nature of a Prophet**

- (1) a “man of God” (1 Kings 12:22), meaning that he was chosen by God;**
- (2) a “servant of the Lord” (1 Kings 14:18), indicating that he was faithful to God;**
- (3) a “messenger of the Lord” (Isa. 42:19), showing that he was sent by God;**
- (4) a “seer” (*Ro'eh*) or “beholder” (*Hozeah*) (Isa. 30:9–10), revealing that his insight was from God;**
- (5) a “man of the Spirit” (Hos. 9:7 rsv; cf., Mic. 3:8), telling that he spoke by the Spirit of the Lord.**

- (6) a “watchman” (Ezek. 3:17), reflecting his alertness for God; and**
- (7) a “prophet” (by which he is most commonly called), marking him as a spokesperson and representative for God. The prophet often functioned as the prosecuting attorney for God against rebellious Israel or Gentiles.**

**Amos 3:8, “A lion has roared! Who will not fear?  
The **Lord GOD has spoken!** Who can but  
prophecy?”**

**Deut. 4:2, “You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”**

**Rev. 22:9, “Then he said to me, ‘See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who **keep the words of this book.** Worship God.’ ”**

**Zech. 7:12, “Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.”**

**Amos 7:14, “Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah: ‘I was no prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet, but I was a sheepbreeder and a tender of sycamore fig trees.’”**

**1 Sam. 19:20, “Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and **they also prophesied.**”**

**Amos 7:15, “Then the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to My people Israel.’ ”**

**Eph. 2:20, “having been built on the foundation of the (NT) apostles and (OT) prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,”**

**2 Chron. 34:14, “Now when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord given by Moses.” ~NKJV**

**Zech. 7:12, “Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent **by His Spirit through the former prophets.** Thus great wrath came from the Lord of hosts.” ~NKJV**

**Matt. 22:43, “He said to them, ‘How then does David **by the Spirit** call Him “Lord,” saying:**

**Matt. 22:44, “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “*Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool?*” ’ ” [Psa. 110:1] ~NKJV**

**Acts 4:24**, “So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: ‘Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

**Acts 4:25**, “ **‘who by the mouth of Your servant David** have said: “*Why did the nations rage, and the people plot vain things?*

**Acts 4:26**, “ ‘ “*The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ.*” ’ ” (Psa. 2:1–2)

~NKJV

**Heb. 4:7, “again He designates a certain day, saying **by David,** ‘*Today,*’ after such a long time, as it has been said: ‘*Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.*’ ” (Psa. 95:7–8)**

**~NKJV**

**2 Pet. 3:15, “and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, **has written to you,****

**2 Pet. 3:16, “as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also **the rest of the Scriptures.**” ~NKJV**

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**Deut. 25:4**, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” ~NKJV

**Matt. 10:10**, “nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for **a worker is worthy of his food.**” ~NKJV

**1 Cor. 2:10, “But God has **revealed them to us through His Spirit.** For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.”**

**1 Cor. 2:13, “These things we also speak, not in **words** which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual **words.**”**

**1 Cor. 14:37, “If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you **are the commandments of the Lord.**”**

**Gal. 1:12, “For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but **it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.**”**

# **Conclusion**

- **The Bible claims to be absolute truth.**
- **The Bible claims to be from God and not originating with humans.**
- **The Bible claims to be the specific words revealed by God through human authors.**

The Bible Claims:  
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from God,  
not originating with humans

True

False

Does it bear the marks of a fraud?  
*If a fraud, it's the most devilish, evil fraud of history.*  
Have demonstrable errors been demonstrated? *No. It is either what it claims to be or it is a fraud.*

# What Evidence Supports the Claim?



# **The Beliefs of the Devil's Disciples**

- **No Creation**
- **No Flood**
- **No Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob**
- **No Moses**
- **No Exodus**
- **No Meeting with God at Mt. Sinai**
- **No Law from God**
- **No Miracles**
- **No Virgin Birth**
- **No Resurrection**

# **The Presupposition of Liberal Theology and the Rationalistic Left:**

- **God cannot speak to man**
- **Nothing in the Bible is acceptable or can be believed without first corroborating it from history or archaeology. If this can't happen, then whatever the Bible says is pure fabrication.**

**“the familiar intercourse of the divinity with the patriarchs constitutes for me one of the determining considerations against the historical character of the narratives.”**

**~German Scholar A. Kuenen**

**“the acts the Hebrews believed God might have done and the words he might have said had he done and said them—but of course we recognize he did not.”**

**~Langdon B. Gilkey, at the University of Chicago, writes concerning the Exodus–Sinai account**

**“The historical method includes the presupposition that history is a unity in the sense of a closed continuum of effect . . . This closedness means that the continuum of historical happenings cannot be rent by the interference of supernatural, transcendent powers and that therefore there is no ‘miracle’ in this sense of the word.”**

**~Rudolph Bultmann, a world-renowned New Testament scholar, but probably not a believer**

**“an historical fact which involves a resurrection from the dead is utterly inconceivable.”**

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**1. We do not say “prove” because proof can take different avenues. But in constructing a proof, one appeals to “higher laws” or a higher authority. Yet, if the Bible is the Word of God as it claims it be, then what could conceivably be a higher authority?**

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**John 3:12, “If I have told you earthly things and  
you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell  
you heavenly things?”**

**Mark 2:5, “When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven you.’**

**Mark 2:6, “And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,**

**Mark 2:7, “ ‘Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ ”**