

BIBLIOLOGY (17)

1. The actual words and letters of the Scriptures have a lasting and eternal value in the mind and thinking of Jesus Christ:

- 1) "smallest letter"- Literally in the original text the Greek word is "iota" (ἰώτα). This letter is the smallest letter of the Greek alphabet - (ι). The smallest letter of the Hebrew alphabet is "yodh"- (י). In the KJV, the word "jot" is used. Webster says this word referred to the smallest letter of the alphabet, but since generally it is not used in that context today, it is best to translate it "smallest letter."
- 2) "stroke"- Literally in the original text the Greek word is "keraia" (κεραία). This word refers to the little "point or extremity which distinguishes some Hebrew letters from others." (G. Abbott-Smith, Greek Lexicon, p.245) To state it simply, a stroke is the small difference between Hebrew letters. The KJV refers to this as a "tittle". A good illustration of a "stroke" can be seen by comparing the Hebrew letters "He" (ה) and "Het" (ח). The only difference between these two letters is a small gap in the upper corner. According to Jesus Christ, the Scriptures are not only inspired to the very words and letters, but to the very differences between the letters.

There is no other book in the universe that can make such a claim. Either this book is making the most remarkable false claim or it is truly eternal. Jesus Christ believed it was truly eternal, right to the very letters.

(Remarkable Claim #7) - Romans 10:17

Here again is a remarkable claim. The claim is that faith is produced by hearing the Word of God. Frederic Godet summed it up well when he wrote: "...faith is born of hearing ...hearing is wrought by the word preached." (Romans, p.387) There are many books that desire to be the object of one's faith, but there is **only** one that desires to be the source of one's faith. This claim is absolutely remarkable- that this book has the power to produce faith.

(Remarkable Claim #8) - Isaiah 55:11

Look at the claims here:

- 1) It is God's word, not man's word (notice verse 8).
- 2) It is a word that will not return to God empty. The word in Hebrew is one which means that God's word will always accomplish its purpose. When the Word of God is given out, it will **never** come back empty handed (Gesenius, p.768).
- 3) It is a word that will **always** accomplish what God desires.
- 4) It is a word that will **always** succeed in the way God wants it to succeed.

The claims are amazing- any time the Word of God is given, it will accomplish its intended purpose, even if it goes forth from people who are not right with God (Phil.1:15-18).

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(Remarkable Claim #9) – Proverbs 2:1

In this context the receiving and treasuring of God's word can produce two amazing results:

1. It will bring a person to a point where they have a true "fear of the LORD." 2:1a
2. It will bring a person to a point where they discover "the knowledge of God." 2:5b

There are many books that claim they can help you understand the Bible, however, there is only one that claims it can actually give you the knowledge of God and produce a true fear of the LORD and that book is the Bible.

(Remarkable Claim #10) – Revelation 22:18-19

Although John particularly makes this statement in the context of the book of Revelation, there is ample and solid evidence that this particular concluding statement also has reference to the **whole Bible** (Prov.30:5-6; Mt.5:17-18; II Pet.3:16).

The implications in these verses are staggering:

1. Hearing the words of the Bible brings accountability.
2. Adding words to the Bible brings judgment.
3. Subtracting words from the Bible brings judgment.
4. The specific words "which are written in this book" (22:18c, 19c) are not in any way to be tampered with.
5. These statements make it very clear that we must be about carefully understanding precisely what God has written in the Bible and we must take great caution "to see that we are not adding to it or subtracting from it."

Even the skeptic would be forced to acknowledge that if these statements are true, there is a tremendous weight of responsibility in the way one handles the Bible. It would be **the** ultimate book which would need to be carefully read, studied, understood and applied.

(Remarkable Claim #11) – II Peter 3:15-16

This is a very unique text in the Bible which makes some profound points and assumptions:

1. The **written** word, which is able to bring one to the point of having a peaceful, spotless, blameless relationship with God, has been written. (3:14,15c)
2. The thing that is able to produce salvation and give one God's wisdom is the written word. (3:15)
3. The Apostle Peter had specific knowledge of the writings of Paul and of the content of his letters. (3:15)
4. The Apostle Peter classifies Paul's writings as being "Scriptures". (3:16)
5. The Apostle Peter classifies Paul's writings as being very deep and "hard to understand." The written word is not some simple document for simplistic group discussions or forums.
6. The Apostle Peter says distorting the Scriptures leads to destruction. (3:16)

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(Remarkable Claim #12) - John 5:39

Again, the claims here are unusual:

1. Jesus Christ states that He is the theme of the Scriptures.
2. Jesus Christ dies allude to the fact that the Scriptures have the power to give eternal life.
3. Jesus Christ states that the Scriptures are in written form. (5:46,47)
4. Jesus Christ states that the writings of Moses were predictive writings concerning Himself. (5:46)

(Remarkable Claim #13) - Matthew 21:42

1. Jesus Christ identifies Psalm 118:22 as being Scripture.
2. Jesus Christ applies these Scriptures to Himself.

(Remarkable Claim #14) - Galatians 3:8

1. Paul identifies Genesis 12:3 as being Scripture.
2. Paul connects Genesis 12:3 to the doctrine of "justification by faith."

(Remarkable Claim #15) - I Timothy 5:18

1. Paul says that Deuteronomy 25:4 is Scripture.
2. Paul states that this O.T. principle is to be applied in the N.T. age.

These are just some of the remarkable claims that the Bible makes within its own pages. When we examine these internal claims, we must admit that these statements are very unique and very powerful. No other book makes these kinds of remarkable claims about itself and the truth is, no other book can make such statements about itself. As many have concluded, these statements are true and they absolutely prove that the Bible is the eternal and inspired written word of God.

QUESTION #8 - What are the external proofs that the Bible is truly the Word of God?

There are a series of evidences that, although based on statements from the Bible, combine themselves with other facts to prove the Bible is what it claims to be. This is called the external evidence that the Bible is the Word of God. When this evidence is carefully considered, one must admit that the Bible is like no other book that has ever been written. Under the heading of external evidence that the Bible is the Word of God, we may observe twelve proofs that truly do establish that the Bible is the Word of God:

(External Proof #1) - The attitude given to Jesus Christ in the Old Testament and the New Testament is one of respect and honor to the ultimate level, which no other person in any other book has ever had.