The Evidence of God's Word

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Today's teaching is called *The Evidence of God's Word*. Last week Rev. Doug Seed asked a great question: What proof is there that the Bible is true? What makes it God's Word? That challenge struck me, and this morning I want to share a clear look at the evidence that the Bible is, indeed, God's Word. Because if the Bible is really God's Word, then it is the ultimate authority for truth and life.

Many people base their decision to believe about "what is truth" and "which way to go," by their own experiences. This is a big mistake, because experiences are no guarantee for truth, as we shall see a little later on. God's Word speaks of it's own genuineness throughout the Bible. So, what makes the Bible God's Word?

2 Peter 1:20 — K<u>nowing this</u> f<u>irst</u>, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Our experiences may shift, but God's Word is unchanging. The Bible is not subject to man's opinion — it stands as THE final authority. These verses are the first verification of where the Word of God came from: holy men of God wrote it down as God told them to write. In our quest for truth, and to gain further understanding, let us start with some basic established standards. The first one is *that a person who truly is in search of truth, will find the truth.* This is an established standard. We don't have to concern ourselves with the man from Borneo, or Siberia hearing God's Word. If he hungers and thirsts for truth, God will make sure he hears it. Then he must make up his own mind.

Matt 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

The words, "...shall be filled," This is the Greek word, *chortazō*, which means, "filled to satisfaction," or "filled according to appetite," or "filled according to fulfilled desire." One person may have a hunger for the truth, but it is very limited hunger. Another person may have an appetite that seems almost insatiable. The truth is that any person who hungers for truth, will get the truth according to his appetite, as stated here in Matthew 5:6.

The next established standard is that without first accepting the Lord Jesus Christ, and believing that God raised him from the dead (Rom 10:9), salvation will not be available to him.

I Corinth 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they [things of the Spirit of God] are spiritually discerned.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him:* for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

These two verses expose the great truth that there are some essential requirements from God to man that must be understood. First of all, that a natural man, meaning a person who has not accepted Jesus Christ, and has not received holy spirit, cannot know anything about the things of God, because the Spirit from God is REQUIRED to be within that person, **FIRST**. Then the NEXT precedent that is set forth is, **that <u>no one</u> can please the one true God without BELIEVING**. Believing is the foundation for receiving anything from God. This includes, wisdom, understanding, or anything explaining answers to any of the big questions in life. The new birth is vital to start off with. Jesus explained this great truth to a man named Nicodemus.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water [physical birth] and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh;

and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Thus remains the question; How does a person get born again? For that, we go to Romans 10.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

When a person accepts Jesus Christ as their personal lord and savior, they receive the gift of holy spirit from God. That means that they can now begin to see the big picture. The things of God can now be spiritually discerned. They can begin to get answers. We, as God's children, have the joy and privilege to work God's Word and see some great things. And then we have the right to share them.

The Bible was written over a long span of time. Over Forty writers, fifteen centuries, yet *ONE* storyline: *God's plan of redemption through His Son*. That completeness, that unity of purpose is impossible unless the **Author is God Himself**. These writers came from many walks of life — kings, shepherds, prophets, tax collectors, doctors, fishermen. They lived in different cultures, spoke in different languages, and came from different times in history. Again, the Bible speaks with one unified voice about God's plan of redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ. This kind of unity is unheard of in human, or "*natural man*" writings. No group of men, separated by centuries of time and culture, could produce such a consistent compilation of revelation that is without contradiction — unless **God Himself was its Author**.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 — All scripture is given by inspiration of God [God-breathed], and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

This is now the second verification that we've seen in God's Word about where the Bible came from. It was all "God-breathed." From Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21, it is all THE GOD-BREATHED WORD, therefore, it all has to fit together. It has to have congruence with one verse upon another. Furthermore, it cannot contradict itself. It all has to fit together, like a jigsaw puzzle fits together perfectly, beautifully. And the Word does just that. It fits like a hand in a glove. It states in Psalm 18:30 As for God, his way is perfect [flawless]: the word of the LORD is tried [proven]: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

The Bible contains hundreds of prophecies, many of which were fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It also tells of future events that are yet to occur. No other book in history has foretold future events with absolute accuracy. We can look at Old Testament prophecies and see their fulfillment many years later. For example, the prophecy of the coming of the Messiah.

Jesus' Birth at Bethlehem

 Micah 5:2 — But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

This is fulfilled when Christ was born in Bethlehem: (Matthew 2:1). "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem."

Jesus' Entrance to Jerusalem

 Zechariah 9:9 — Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

This was fulfilled when Jesus entered Jerusalem: (Matthew 21:4-5). 4 All this was done, that it might be

fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, 5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

The Vying for Christ's Garments

 Psalm 22:16–18 — For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

Fulfilled at the time of his incarceration and subsequent crucifixion: (John 19:23–24). Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. 24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

Significance of His Death & Wounded Body

Isaiah 53:5–6 — "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

This prophecy was fulfilled in Christ's suffering and sacrificial death as well: (1 Peter 2:24–25). Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Jesus himself declared this: Luke 24:44 — "And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me."

The Prophecies fulfilled from the Old Testament are not coincidence — they are the exacting evidence that God authored the Word and brought it to pass.

ARCHEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE: If time and space would permit, we could spend many hours going through the Word of God and seeing how it all fits together, and verifies itself to the believer, and to the harshest critic. There is also historical and archeological findings that substantiate various records in the Old Testament. I once met with a man named Ron Wyatt. His archeological discoveries were phenomenal. One of them was at the site of Sodom and Gomorrah. After our ministry in Colorado went to the site, brimstone was brought back from the site. It was miniscule part of millions of sulfur balls — proof of what happened to those cities on the plain, just east of the Dead Sea, just as God's Word had declared.

These discoveries can remind us: the Bible is not myth, it is historically accurate. Even so, it is not necessary to prove anything in the Word of God, but God showed Wyatt these things, but the Word is its own proof and stands by itself as truth.

The final affirmation that I wanted to cover is the one experience that is solid evidence, and that is the manifestations of holy spirit, mentioned in I Corinthians. More specifically, SPEAKING IN TONGUES.

I Corinthians 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.

Many Christians today try to *RATIONALIZE* why they do not speak in tongues. Some say it died with the apostles. Some say that it's not that important. If that were true, God would not spend an entire chapter in the New Testament regarding speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues and prophesy. Chapter 14 does just that, but I want to look at some very important verses that discuss speaking in tongues.

I Corinthians 14: 2 For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries [divine secrets]. 5 I would that ye all spake with tongues...

Speaking in tongues is the proof in the senses world of the internal reality of the presence of Christ within.

I Corinthians 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

"Speaking by the Spirit of God" is to speak in tongues. This proves that you have made Jesus lord in your life. No one can speak in tongues unless they have received the gift of holy spirit from God. This follows the path that we see in the book of Acts. When people believed on Jesus Christ, they received the gift, they got born again, born from above, and they operated that spirit within them immediately by speaking in tongues.

Acts 10:44–46 — "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God."

Speaking in tongues is the decisive, unquestionable, and ultimate evidence given as part of the other manifestations of holy spirit. It is your own evidence, your own proof that you have holy spirit abiding within. Speaking in tongues is also perfect prayer — beyond our own limited understanding.

Romans 8:26–27(WT) ²⁶ Likewise, the spirit also jointly helps *us* with our weakness. Moreover, we do not know what we should pray for as necessary, but the spirit itself makes intercession with inexpressible groanings. ²⁷ He Who searches the hearts knows what the thinking of the spirit *is*, because it makes intercession for the holy [sanctified] ones in accordance with God.

From the perfect prophecies in the Old Testament, to personal proof of speaking in tongues, it shows us beyond any doubt that **the Bible is GOD's Word**, and it fits together like hand in a glove, and works with exact precision in our lives today, as we believe. To close we look at the epistle of I John.

1 John 5:13 — "These things have I written unto you that ¹believe on the name of the Son of God; ²that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and ³that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

These three things mentioned here are the end result of what John stated he was writing them for. This is the final evidence that the Bible is God's Word. It's ours to enjoy.

God Bless You.