

BELIEVING GOD'S WORD

I. THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

The Bible is a heavenly book, a spiritual book, the most important book in the world. The Bible is the only book that claims to be God's word and is God's word.

II. BELIEVING GOD'S WORD MEANS BELIEVING GOD HIMSELF

When we talk about believing the words of the Bible, we are talking about believing in the One who wrote these words. Believing in God's word is a spiritual issue, a heart issue and a relational issue. Psalm 1:2-3, John 5:39-40

III. BELIEVING GOD'S WORD IS A TRUTH ISSUE

The Bible is our source of spiritual truth. You need to see the Bible as a book of truth, and the only real book of truth you need. It is the only book you can really trust, and that it is because it is from God Himself. Psalm 119:142, 160

IV. BELIEVING GOD'S WORD IS AN AUTHORITY ISSUE

God is to have authority over our lives. One of the main ways He has authority over our lives is through His word. The Bible is not just another book; it's an authoritative book, and you need to submit to it. Deuteronomy 5:1, 10, 27, 29-33; Matthew 4:4

V. BELIEVING IN GOD'S WORD IS A SPIRITUAL ISSUE

It is not by your own ability that you can believe God's word. It is by the Spirit of God and the grace of God that you can believe God's word. Mark 9:24, Acts 3:16, Eph. 2:8-9

VI. BELIEVING IN GOD'S WORD IS A PERSONAL ISSUE

Believing God's word is between you and God. You need to believe God's word, for no one else can do it for you. Believe that God is speaking to you. Psalm 119

VII. BELIEVING GOD'S WORD RELATES TO HEARING THE WORD

To believe God's word, to have faith, you need to hear God's word; you need to read it and think about it. Romans 10:17, Colossians 3:16

VIII. BELIEVING GOD'S WORD RELATES TO OBEDIENCE

You need to believe God's commands if you are going to obey them. Believing God's word is the basis for obeying God's word. Psalm 119:86

IX. BELIEVING GOD'S WORD IS A CHURCH ISSUE

The pastors and the people in the church need to believe God's word. This is a critical issue, for the life, health and growth of a church depends on the church as a whole believing God's word. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

X. BELIEVING GOD'S WORD RELATES TO TRIALS

God oftentimes afflicts us with a trial, so as to turn us to His word, which is a means to turn us back to Himself. When you are going through a trial, learn what truths God wants you to believe and / or obey. James 1:2; Psalm 119:67, 71

XI. BELIEVING GOD'S WORD RELATES TO FAMILIES

For families to be strong and godly, they need to believe God's word. Parents need to set the example in believing God's word. Husbands are to wash their wives with the word of God. Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Ephesians 5:25-26

XII. BELIEVING GOD'S WORD MEANS YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

To believe God's word means you have to believe that the Bible was written by God. The fact that you believe the Bible is God's word is a work of God in your heart.

XIII. SOME REASONS THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

- A. The Bible says it is the word of God. Jeremiah 1:9
- B. There are no errors, no real contradictions in the Bible. Psalm 19:7-8
- C. The Bible, consisting of 66 books, agrees with itself. There is an overall unity in it.
- D. The Bible clearly identifies man's problem as sin, and then gives the answer, Christ.
- E. People have testified that the Bible has changed their lives. 1 Thessalonians 1:4-8
- F. The Bible, like no other book, gives comfort, peace, hope and wisdom. Psalm 19:7-14
- G. The Bible is proven true by archaeology.
- H. The Bible is historical, and there is much evidence saying it is historically accurate.
- I. Hundreds of Bible prophecies have come true. Isaiah 7:14, 9:6; Micah 5:2
- J. There are a vast number of ancient manuscripts of portions of the Bible.

XIV. BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS TRUE

2 Corinthians 5:21, Psalm 23:6, Psalm 32:8, Romans 8:28, Ephesians 1:4, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Thessalonians 4:17, John 5:24, John 14:3, John 14:6, Psalm 98:9

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT, RESTORING THE SOUL.
THE TESTIMONY OF THE LORD IS SURE, MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE.
Psalm 19:7