

Foundations of the Faith 101 The Inerrancy of Scripture

Introductory Sermon

- **John 20:30**—Only a sample of what Jesus did.
- Illus.—Ballgame
 - Description of what actually happened, but isn't exactly what happened.
 - This is filtered through a man, which includes his perception of the reality which is impacted by his personal preferences and presuppositions.
 - Therefore, the record of what actually happened is full of opinion and interpretation.
 - It could include errors in it, and therefore it isn't intrinsically authoritative.
 - No more important than another's interpretation of the events.
 - So we as the reader, must interpret and weed out the personal prejudices and preferences of the original authors.
 - The things that are unfiltered are what need to be highlighted.—Like the words of Jesus.
 - We have become more enlightened concerning science and social issues, which allows us to take the principles and apply them more accurately than a first century interpreter could.
 - For example, the first century Jew was very homophobic, but know that homosexual believers can have relationships that are just as faithful to the Bible as heterosexual believers
- Prove me wrong.—15 Minutes
- Biblical Argument
 - The Bible is God's Word.
 - General Revelation
 - Psalms 19—no screen
 - Romans 1—no screen
 - Specific Revelation
 - Psalms 19—no screen
 - **Hebrews 1:1-2**
 - **2 Tim. 3:16**—God breathed
 - **2 Peter 1: 19-21**—Not man's interpretation
 - God's Word is tied to God's Character.
 - Faithful—**Numbers 23:19, 1 Thess. 5:24, 2 Thess. 3:3, Hebrews 10:23, 1 John 1:9, Rev. 19:11**
 - Truthful—**Titus 1:2, Hebrews 6:18, Psalm 12:6, Jesus—John 14:6**
 - Omniscience—**Job 37:16, 1 John 3:20, Psalm 139, Hebrews 4:13, Isaiah 46:9-10, Matthew 6:8, Matthew 10:30**
 - Since God is faithful, truthful, and omniscient, then his Word reflects those Characteristics and means the Bible is true.
- Practical arguments, next time.

Conclusion

- Thomas Jefferson tore out the passages he didn't agree with.
- We do not make the Bible fit around our beliefs, we make our beliefs form around the Bible.

Hebrews 1:1 Long ago God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways.² In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed him heir of all things and made the universe through him. (Heb. 1:1 CSB17)

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, (2 Tim. 3:16 CSB17)

2 Peter 1:19 We also have the prophetic word strongly confirmed, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.²⁰ Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet's own interpretation,²¹ because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Pet. 1:19 CSB17)

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he might lie, or a son of man, that he might change his mind. Does he speak and not act, or promise and not fulfill? (Num. 23:19 CSB17)

1 Thessalonians 5:24 He who calls you is faithful; he will do it. (1 Thess. 5:24 CSB17)

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen and guard you from the evil one. (2 Thess. 3:3 CSB17)

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. (Heb. 10:23 CSB17)

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 Jn. 1:9 CSB17)

Revelation 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war with justice. (Rev. 19:11 CSB17)

Titus 1:2 in the hope of eternal life that God, who cannot lie, promised before time began. (Tit. 1:2 CSB17)

Hebrews 6:18 so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. (Heb. 6:18 CSB17)

Psalms 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in an earthen furnace, purified seven times. (Ps. 12:6 CSB17)

John 14:6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (Jn. 14:6 CSB17)

Job 37:16 Do you understand how the clouds float, those wonderful works of him who has perfect knowledge? (Job 37:16 CSB17)

1 John 3:20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows all things. (1 Jn. 3:20 CSB17)

Hebrews 4:13 No creature is hidden from him, but all things are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account. (Heb. 4:13 CSB17)

Isaiah 46:9 Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and no one is like me. ¹⁰ I declare the end from the beginning, and from long ago what is not yet done, saying: my plan will take place, and I will do all my will. (Isa. 46:9 CSB17)

Matthew 6:8 Don't be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask him. (Matt. 6:8 CSB17)

Matthew 10:30 But even the hairs of your head have all been counted. (Matt. 10:30 CSB17)