

SERMON NOTES

THE REASON FOR GOD “CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?”

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“Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another – showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.” [II Timothy 3:16-17]

“Our dear brother Paul ... writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.” [2 Peter 3:15-16]

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“In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar-when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene- during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert.” [Luke 3:1-2]

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” [Genesis 1:1]

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“Eye for and eye and a tooth for a tooth.” [Deuteronomy 19:21]

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you . . . love your enemies.” [Matthew 5:38]

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“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”[Hebrews 4:12]

For further reading:
Tim Keller, *The Reason for God*, Chapter 7 ‘You Can’t Take the Bible Literally’
N.T Wright, *Scripture and the Authority of God*